

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 28, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room**  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on June 28, 2018, at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Sachs.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Harry Robinson offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hasselbrink led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ROLL CALL

Leah Basile, Lake Forest  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Al Murray, Tustin  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Dave Shawver, Stanton  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

Ellery Deaton, Seal Beach  
Craig Green, Placentia  
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
Vince Rossini, Villa Park  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills  
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange  
Tri Ta, Westminster

**Absent:** Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Laurie Davies, Laguna Niguel  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Michele Steggell, La Palma

Tim Brown, San Clemente  
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano  
Joe Muller, Dana Point

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Human Resources Director Brigette Gibb  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Dave Anderson  
General Counsel David Kendig

Chair Sachs, using his discretion as the Chair, brought forward Public Comments for both regular business and Closed Session items to the beginning of the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed the use of reserve firefighters, and Closed Session item CS1, regarding labor negotiations.

### **1. PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Sachs and Fire Chief Fennessy joined Exchange Club representative Kay Kearney who presented to OCFA Foundation Chair Doug Davert a check donation of \$1,500; proceeds from the Best and Bravest Award Banquet.

## **CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)**

### **CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Agency Designated Representative: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy and Whitmore  
Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association,  
Local 3631, Orange County Employees Association,  
Orange County Fire Authority Managers Association,  
and all unrepresented employees

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

### **CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – Significant Exposure to  
Litigation (2 cases)

### **CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – Initiation of Litigation (2 cases)

### **CS4. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES**

Authority: Government Code Section 54957(a)  
Consultation with Assistant Chief Dave Anderson

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would convene to Closed Session to consider the matters on the agenda identified as CS1 Conference with Labor Negotiator, CS2 – CS3 Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, and CS4 Threat to Public Services or Facilities.

Chair Sachs recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

Chair Sachs reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 8:50 p.m., with all prior members present.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel David Kendig stated during Closed Session the City of Placentia delivered its Notice of Withdrawal; therefore, Director Green would not be returning to the Board dais. There were no additional reportable actions.

## **REPORTS**

### **REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Human Resources Committee Chair Murray reported at the June 7, 2018, Special meeting, the Committee met in Closed Session to consider the matter identified on the agenda as Conference with Labor Negotiator. There was no reportable action.

### **REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Chair Sachs reported as there was no Budget and Finance Committee meeting there is no report.

### **REPORT FROM THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Sachs reported the Committee considered Workers' Compensation claims for claimants Terry Carson, Gregory Hosburg, Jacob Wildberger, and Robert Spiegel. There were no reportable actions.

### **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)**

Fire Chief Fennessy presented the OCFA Strategic Goals Fiscal Year 2018/19.

## **MINUTES**

### **2. Minutes from the May 24, 2018, Board of Directors Regular and Special Meeting (F: 11.06)**

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Johnson the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the May 24, 2018, Board of Directors Regular and Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. Directors Davies, Deaton, Steggell, and Spitzer were recorded as abstentions as they were absent from the meeting.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

No items.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Air Operations Program Enhancements (F: 18.09)**

Fire Chief Fennessy presented a PowerPoint Presentation of the proposed Air Operations Program Enhancements.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Director Johnson the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to staff one additional helicopter for 10 hours a day, 365 days a year, partially on an overtime basis.
2. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to add two Fire Helicopter Technician (mechanic) positions and two Staff Fire Pilot positions to the Master Position Control List.
3. Approve adoption of the revised salary ranges for the Fire Helicopter Technician (mechanic) occupational series.
4. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget increasing expenditures by \$2,107,262 to fund all actions herein.
5. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to increase the current blanket order contracts for fuel with Epic Aviation LLC from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and for helicopter parts with Rotorcraft Support, Inc. from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)**

Director Harrington commended firefighters who extinguished the Aliso Viejo fire June 2, 2018. He thanked Division Chief Jeff Adams, Battalion Chief Casario, and Captain Doty for their quick work on the fire and subsequent aerial tour of the 200-acre burn area. He suggested identifying defensible positions to prepare for future fires.

Director Deaton reported the Seal Beach Council voted to remain in the OCFA, thanked Lori Zeller and Division Chief Robert Acosta for their Council presentations on OCFA service and cost analysis, and stated Seal Beach is getting the best fire/emergency services and price from the OCFA.

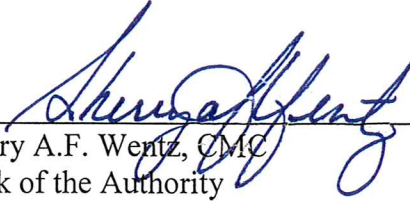
Director Hatch stated he was impressed by the rank and file of OCFA - remarkable and well run. He reported Laguna Woods had a fire last week and one of the three engines came from Irvine, demonstrating that OCFA is a regional response organization.

Director Shawver stated he is proud of this organization and complimented Fire Chief Fennessy on his interactions with the media. Addressing the public comments made this evening, he stated having a "private ambulance" service is poor advice.

Directors Swift announced the Grand Opening of Fire Station 61 (Buena Park) is scheduled for July 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Director Sachs complimented the Board of Directors for its unanimous vote on the Air Ops Program Enhancements. He noted touring the operations in Fullerton complimenting the mechanics who maintain the air equipment. He complimented the City of Mission Viejo public works department's partnership in working with OCFA Division Chief Capobianco to identify areas in Mission Viejo in need of fuel management. He thanked Director Sedgwick for joining the Budget and Finance Committee, and thanked Director Swift for her service on the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Sachs adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m. in memory of fallen Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa, killed in the line of duty on June 25, 2018. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority