

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on October 25, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Sachs.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Robert Benoun offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Tim Brown, San Clemente
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Al Murray, Tustin
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Dave Shawver, Stanton
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park

Leah Basile, Lake Forest
Ellery Deaton, Seal Beach
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Joe Muller, Dana Point
Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Tri Ta, Westminster
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

Absent: Lori Davies, Laguna Niguel
Robert Johnson, Cypress

Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brien Fennessy
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Human Resources Director Brigitte Gibb
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

Deputy Chief Dave Anderson
Assistant Chief Mark Sanchez
General Counsel David Kendig

Director Gamble arrived at this point (6:04 p.m.).

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (F: 17.10I)

On motion of Director Rossini and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the request as submitted and make presentations to those present.

Directors Bartlett, Spitzer, Farias, and Brown were absent for the vote.

Chair Sachs, Fire Chief Fennessy, and Deputy Chief Lori Zeller presented the recognition to OCFA's Purchasing Division as recipient of the National Procurement Institute's 2018 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

Director Bartlett arrived at this point (6:07 p.m.).

Director Spitzer arrived at this point (6:09 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed the use of private paramedics, and his opposition to the Closed Session labor negotiations.

Director Farias arrived at this point (6:15 p.m.).

Reverend Susan Cho, addressed the application process for the OCFA Chaplains.

Director Brown arrived at this point (6:20 p.m.).

REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Chair Joe Muller reported at the October 10, 2018, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously by those present to receive and file the Orange County Employees' Retirement System Quarterly Status Update, and send the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for its approval. The Committee voted unanimously to send the Acceptance of Funds from the 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program for an Administrative Fire Captain Assigned to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, Acceptance of 2018 Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search & Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement Funding, Acceptance of 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Remote Wildfire Cameras and Meteorological Sensors, and the Acceptance of 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Invasive Tree Pest Mitigation and Fuels Reduction to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions.

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

Chair Sachs reported the October Claims Settlement Committee meeting was cancelled; the next regular meeting will be held on November 15, 2018.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy reported over 3,000 were in attendance at the RFOTC Open House Event; he along with other Executive staff by invitation, participated in the Gettysburg Leadership Staff Ride; an interactive seminar held at Gettysburg National Military Park; and thanked Vice Chair Muller and Director Basile for their support and attendance at the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force ribbon cutting ceremony.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the September 27, 2018, Regular and Special Board of Directors Meetings (F: 11.06)

The minutes were corrected to reflect Director Bartlett's absence from the meeting.

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the Minutes as amended.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item Nos. 3D, 3E, and 3F were pulled for separate consideration)

A. Acceptance of 2018 Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search & Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement Funding (F: 22.05A)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve and adopt Resolution No 2018-05 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE US&R EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF US&R EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION to accept the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Readiness Cooperative Agreement funding.
2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget increase revenues and expenditures by \$1,204,990.

B. Acceptance of Funds from the 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program for an Administrative Fire Captain Assigned to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (F: 16.02A1)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute any necessary agreement(s) to accept and administer the FY 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program.
2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget to increase revenues and expenditures by \$160,000.

C. Acceptance of 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Remote Wildfire Cameras and Meteorological Sensors (F: 16.02I1)

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Accept the 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Remote Wildfire Cameras and Meteorological Sensors.
2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget increasing revenues and expenditures by \$90,000.

D. Acceptance of 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Invasive Tree Pest Mitigation and Fuels Reduction (F: 16.02I2)

Director Spitzer pulled this item to comment to the grant funding allocation.

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

1. Accept the 2017 CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant for Invasive Tree Pest Mitigation and Fuels Reduction.
2. Approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget increasing revenues and expenditures by \$5,454,898.

E. Reserve Firefighter Program Status Update (F: 17.11A)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, pulled this item to address the use of reserve firefighters.

On motion of Director Rossini and second by Director Hatch, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to receive and file the report.

F. Specialty Pay for Accelerant Detection Canine Handler and Canine Disaster Search Specialist (F: 17.04B1)

Director Bartlett pulled this item to discuss the compensation factors and need for a matrix providing comparables from similar agencies for review.

Discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Bartlett and second by Director Swift, the Board of Directors voted by those present to establish a 5% specialty compensation for personnel that are trained, certified and assigned canine handlers by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation.

Directors Basile, Deaton, Gamble, Hernandez, Rossini, Sedgwick, Steggell, and Villegas voted in opposition.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Adoption of Revised Conflict of Interest Code (F: 20.02A1)

Deputy Chief Zeller presented the Adoption of Revised Conflict of Interest Code and introduced General Counsel Kendig who provided an overview of the recommended revisions to the Code.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition of the revised Conflict of Interest Code.

On motion of Director Hasselbrink and second by Director Basile, the Board of Directors voted by those present to:

1. Adopt the Resolution No. 2018-06 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE WHICH SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES AND AMENDMENTS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED revising the Conflict of Interest Code, and direct the Clerk of the Authority to submit the adopted Resolution to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, as the Code reviewing body, for approval.
2. Instruct the Fire Chief and General Counsel to include appropriate standard language in all contracts that will prohibit contractors from retaining or employing Authority employees or officers.

Director Spitzer voted in opposition.

B. Fourth Amendment to Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement Orange County Fire Authority (F: 10.02)

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller presented the Fourth Amendment to Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement Orange County Fire Authority.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed pension liability concerns.

On motion of Director Bartlett and second by Director Hasselbrink, the Board of Directors voted by those present to:

1. Approve the form of the Fourth Amendment to the Amended JPA Agreement.
2. Direct staff to submit the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Amended JPA Agreement to the OCFA's member agencies for consideration by each member agency's governing body.

Director Villegas voted in opposition.

C. City of Irvine Service Enhancement Seasonal Handcrew Program (F: 17.10D1)

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller presented the City of Irvine Service Enhancement Seasonal Handcrew Program.

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Lisa Bartlett, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to:

1. Authorize the addition of 10 limited-term Handcrew Firefighter positions to the Master Position Control list.
2. Approve an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Adopted Budget to increase General Fund (121) appropriations by \$350,000 for partial year funding of the Irvine Seasonal Handcrew.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Sedgwick asked Chief Fennessy to consider what role private paramedics could have to increase efficiency, and at a future meeting provide his input and knowledge on the subject.

Director Murray reported attending the ribbon cutting of the US&R facility, and thanked all who were involved with its completion.

Director Swift reported attending the October 9 Firefighters Memorial Event in Santa Ana.

Vice Chair Muller attended the US&R ribbon cutting and commended staff for their work. He suggested moving the memorial piece currently located at the RFOTC from 9/11 to the US&R facility.

Director Hatch commended the Fire Captain and Battalion Chief Academy promotion ceremony noting it a great experience to attend and be among all the family members in the audience.

Director Bartlett thanked OCFA staff who were present for the Emergency Expo held in Mission Viejo recently.

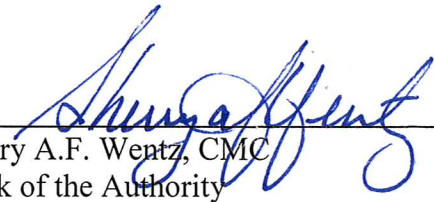
Director Shawver commented that currently there is no existing ambulance service known in this region with private paramedics.

Chair Sachs reported both he and Director Bartlett recently attended an event at the White House at the invitation of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. He met with and addressed the need for rapid transport of Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors would not be meeting in Closed Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Sachs adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for November 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.



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