

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2019
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 February 28, 2019, at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Muller.

INVOCATION

Senior Chaplain Dave Keehn offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Robert Johnson, Cypress
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Steve Swartz, San Clemente
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

Letitia Clark, Tustin
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Neeki Moatazedi, Lake Forest
Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
Tri Ta, Westminster

Absent: Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brien Fennessy	Deputy Chief Dave Anderson
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller	Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	General Counsel David Kendig
Assistant Chief Pokey Sanchez	Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz	Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Communications Director Colleen Windsor	Human Resources Director Brigette Gibb

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW MEMBERS (F: 11.02C)

Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz administrated the Oath of Office. Chair Muller welcomed newly appointed Director Thomas Moore of Seal Beach.

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (F: 11.09)

Chair Muller deferred the recognition of former Chair Sachs to a future meeting as Director Sachs was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed private vs. public ambulance service, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability, and the 401(a) Deferred Compensation plan.

Director Harrington arrived at this point (6:14 p.m.).

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(5) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

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CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(c) – Initiation of Litigation (1 case)

CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Negotiators: Lori Zeller, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau;
Brigette Gibb, Director of Human Resources; and Peter Brown,
Liebert Cassidy and Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,
Local 3631

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Negotiators: Lori Zeller, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau

Employee Organizations: Unrepresented employees: Director of Human Resources and
Director of Corporate Communications

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would convene to Closed Session to consider the matters on the agenda identified as CS1 through CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, and CS4 and CS5, Conference with Labor Negotiator.

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

Chair Sachs reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

REPORTS

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

Human Resources Committee Chair Johnson reported at its February 5, 2019, meeting, the Committee received and filed updates on the following: California Employment Laws, Lexipol, Professional Standards, and Recruiting Diversity, and voted unanimously to send the Implementation of 401(a) Deferred Compensation Plan for Executive Management, and the Amendment to Personnel and Salary Resolution to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions. The Committee held elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, electing unanimously Vince Rossini as Vice Chair, and himself as Chair for the ensuing term.

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

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Hasselbrink reported at its February 13, 2019, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to send the Monthly Investment Reports and Second Quarter Financial Newsletter to the Executive Committee for approval, and the Approval of Limited-Term Positions to Increase Vehicle Outfitting Capacity to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions. The Committee held elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, electing unanimously Don Sedgwick as Vice Chair and herself as Chair for the ensuing term.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy deferred recognizing the retiring division chiefs, and the introduction of those newly appointed for a future meeting. He introduced Legislative Analyst Jay Barkman who reported Chief Fennessy has been asked to testify in Sacramento before the Joint State Assembly and Senate Committee on Governmental Organization relative to public safety issues and emerging wildfire technologies.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the January 24, 2019, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the January 24, 2019, Minutes as submitted.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item No. 3B was pulled for separate consideration)

A. Implementation of 401(a) Deferred Compensation Plan for Executive Management (F: 17.09)

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to adopt Resolution No. 2019-01 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING A 401(a) GOVERNMENTAL DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

B. Amendment to Personnel and Salary Resolution (F: 17.02)

Deputy Chief Zeller requested the item be pulled from the Consent Calendar to defer it to a future meeting.

C. Approval of Limited-Term Positions to Increase Vehicle Outfitting Capacity (F: 17.20) (X: 17.10H1)

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

1. Authorize additions to the Master Position Control:
Additional Limited-term Fire Apparatus Parts Specialist: Five full-time; Four part-time
Additional Limited-term Fire Delivery Driver positions: Two full-time; One part-time
2. Approve a budget adjustment increasing expenditures in the FY 2018/19 General Fund (121) budget by \$277,400 to fund the proposed positions for the remainder of this fiscal year.
3. Direct staff to provide annual reports to the Budget and Finance Committee regarding the status of vehicle outfitting capacity and associated staffing needs.

D. Reject all Bids for the Purchase and Installation of Modular Classrooms (F: 19.07)

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to reject all bids submitted in response to Invitation for Bid RO2348 for the purchase and installation of two new modular classrooms.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Johnson reported attending the 11th Annual Best and Bravest Awards Ceremony, commenting that it was a great event.

Director Bartlett noted attending the Best and Bravest Awards Ceremony. She presented concerns raised by several Homeowners Associations (located within her Supervisorial District) in their efforts to comply with OCFA's fuel mitigation requests.

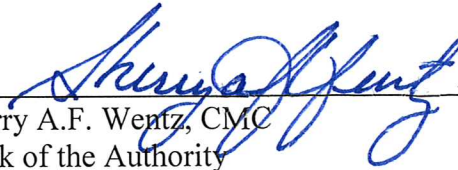
Director Hernandez noted attending the Best and Bravest Awards Ceremony.

Director Rains noted her participation and appreciation for those involved in the Board Orientation.

Chair Muller thanked staff for hosting the Board Orientation, welcomed newly appointed Seal Beach Director Moore to the Board, and thanked the many OCFA Directors that were in attendance at the Best and Bravest Awards Ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT (F: 11.18)

Chair Muller stated this evening's Board meeting will be adjourned in memory of the passing of Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Shultz. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



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