

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 25, 2019  
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 July 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Muller.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Brett Peterson offered the Invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### ROLL CALL

Melissa Fox, Irvine  
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
Joseph Muller, Dana Point  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Michele Steggell, La Palma  
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana  
Tri Ta, Westminster

Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach  
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel  
Dave Shawver, Stanton  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente

**Absent:** Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano  
Vince Rossini, Villa Park  
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Letitia Clark, Tustin  
Neeki Moatazedi, Lake Forest  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy  
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz  
General Counsel David Kendig  
Communications Director Colleen Windsor

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Assistant Chief Pokey Sanchez  
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez

## 1. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Requests for Commendations and Recognitions

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

Chair Muller and Fire Chief Fennessy recognized the OCFA's Business Services Department/Finance Division as the recipient of the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. (F: 11.09B) (X: 17.10I)

Chair Muller and Fire Chief Fennessy recognized the OCFA's Business Services Department/Budget and Financial Planning as the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association Budget Award to for its Distinguished Budget Presentation. (F: 11.09B) (X: 17.10F)

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Craig Green, Placentia City Council member, apologized to the OCFA's Board of Directors for OC Weekly's inaccurate quotes attributed to him concerning the transition of fire services to the City of Placentia.

### CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

#### CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

General Counsel David Kendig reported there was no need to hold Closed Session.

## REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Hasselbrink reported at its July 10, 2019, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to approve: the Purchase of Two Used Pickup Trucks from the City of Garden Grove; the Organizational Service Level Assessment Update; and to send the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee and the Proposed Action to Reduce Extraordinary Volume of Forced Overtime to the Board of Directors with its approval.

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

Fire Chief Fennessy reported on the Girls Empowerment Camp, the Fire Explorer Academy, and the Nex Gen Air Pilot Fire Fighting press event. He thanked Chair Muller and the Board for supporting the Nex Gen endeavor, along with Southern California Edison for its donation, and state-wide fire agencies involvement in the program.

## **2. MINUTES**

### **A. Minutes from the June 27, 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 Minutes as submitted. Directors Rains and Villegas were recorded as abstaining, due to their absence from the meeting.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item No. 3C was pulled for separate consideration)**

### **A. Proclamation Declaring October 6-12, 2019, as “Fire Prevention Week” (F: 11.09A)**

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

### **B. Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding “Emergency Public Information – Should I Stay or Should I Go?” (F: 20.04A12)**

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve and authorize the Clerk of the Authority to submit the Orange County Fire Authority’s response to the Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, “Emergency Public Information – Should I Stay or Should I Go?”

### **C. Proposed Action to Reduce Extraordinary Volume of Forced Overtime (F: 15.11)**

Director Sachs pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. He thanked Deputy Chief Zeller for her extensive report on the volume of forced overtime.

On motion of Director Sachs and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to increase appropriations in the FY 2019/20 General Fund (121) Budget by \$1,721,846 to fund a third firefighter academy this fiscal year, specifically, an eight-week firefighter/paramedic academy to run from September 13 through November 8, 2019.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Seeking Orange County Board of Supervisors Support for a Three-year Ambulance Transportation Contract Term to Enhance Emergency Medical Services Delivery (F: 18.05B3)**

There was no action on this item. Staff pulled this item from the agenda.

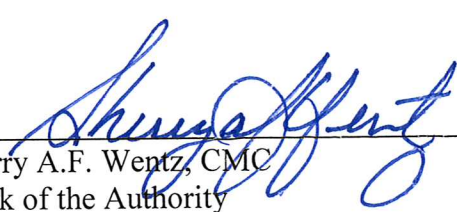
**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)**

Director Johnson reported attending the OCFA Explorers Academy's "Day in the Life" event.

Director Fox reported attending the OCFA Girls Empowerment Camp, commending Fire Chief Fennessy's role in encouraging women in the fire service.

Chair Muller commended Fire Chief Fennessy in his outreach to engage more women in fire service, and the Chief's vision to work with Coulson to bring the Nex Generation Pilot Program to the OCFA.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Muller adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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