

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 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 August 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Muller.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Emily McColl offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Neeki Moatazedi, Lake Forest
Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana
Kathy Ward, San Clemente

Melissa Fox, Irvine
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Robert Johnson, Cypress
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
Tri Ta, Westminster
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Absent: Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo
Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Letitia Clark, Tustin
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Pokey Sanchez
Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Communications Director Colleen Windsor

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE (F: 11.02C)

Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member John R. O'Neill from the City of Garden Grove. Director O'Neill introduced his wife, Garden Grove Council Members, and Garden Grove City Manager who were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Chair Muller opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Muller closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments from the general public.

Director Wagner arrived at this point (6:10 p.m.).

REPORTS

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

As the August Budget and Finance Committee meeting was cancelled, there was no report.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy provided an overview of the 4th Quarter Report on 2018/19 Performance Goals, draft 2019/20 Performance Goals, and the Garden Grove Transition Update.

BOARD RECESS

The Board of Directors recessed at 6:10 p.m. to ceremonial unveil the Garden Grove city seal window.

BOARD RECONVENE

The Board of Directors reconvened at 6:22 p.m., with all prior members present.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the July 25, 2019, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)

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

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. SoCal/OCFA Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System Pilot Program (F: 18.09D)

Fire Chief Fennessy introduced Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt who reported that since an additional recommended action had been added to this item after the posting of the agenda, the Board should vote on the inclusion of the proposed additional action as an urgency item.

Chair Muller entertained a motion to consider the additional recommendation as an urgency item.

On motion of Director Wagner and second by Director Hatch, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to entertain the additional Recommended Action No. 6 to the staff report for discussion.

Fire Chief Fennessy presented a PowerPoint presentation of the SoCal/OCFA Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System Pilot Program. He introduced Assistance Chief Robert Cortez who presented the funding resources of the pilot program.

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

1. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Office of Emergency Services Pilot Program Grant Funds Transfer Agreement between the County of Orange and the Orange County Fire Authority for the acceptance of \$4,500,000 in State funding for the Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System Pilot Program.
2. Approve and authorize a budget adjustment to recognize the State funding allocation, increasing revenues by \$4,500,000 and appropriating equal funds to the FY 2019/20 General Fund Budget (121) to fund the Pilot Program.
3. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Courtney Aviation, substantially in the form proposed, utilizing the special procurement provision in the Purchasing Ordinance for the provision of aircraft and other related services in an amount not to exceed \$3,508,000.
4. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with UCSD/WIFIRE, substantially in the form proposed, using the sole source provision of the Purchasing Ordinance for the provision of enhanced situational awareness/fire modeling and other related services in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
5. Approve and authorize an increase to the aggregate total amount for the professional

services agreement for Air Tactical Group Supervisors by \$250,000 for a new aggregate total not to exceed \$500,000; the not to exceed amount for each individual agreement will remain unchanged.

6. Authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement acceptable to the Fire Chief and in a form approved by General Counsel providing for the use of the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base by OCFA and its contractors to store aircraft and conduct air operations (including take offs and landings) from the facility.

B. Updated Cost Reimbursement Rates (F: 15.2) (X: 18.09D)

Assistant Chief Cortez presented the Updated Cost Reimbursement Rates.

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Fox, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to review the proposed agenda item and approve the updated Cost Reimbursement Rate schedules to be effective August 23, 2019.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Ward reported on the use of air operations to extinguish a wildfire in San Clemente.

Director Hernandez reported attending this evening's OCFA promotional ceremony.


Director O'Neill thanked the Board of Directors for the warm welcome to OCFA's Board of Directors.

Chair Muller reported attending "Call Before You Dig 8-1-1" - Dig Alert event at the OCFA. He commended Chief Fennessy for his success in bringing the heavy lift tankers to the OCFA, and thanked 74th Assembly District Representative Cottie Petrie-Norris for her instrumental support on the project.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt reported there was no need for Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Muller adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



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