

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 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 October 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Muller.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jim Gwaltney offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Steggell 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
Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Michele Steggell, La Palma
Tri Ta, Westminster
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Letitia Clark, Tustin
Melissa Fox, Irvine
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove
Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Dave Shawver, Stanton
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente

Absent: Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

Neeki Moatazedi, Lake Forest

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Nina Collins

Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Communications Director Colleen Windsor
General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (F: 17.10I) (X: 11.09B)

On motion of Director Shawver and second by Director Rossini, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the request as submitted and make the presentation to the of OCFA's Purchasing Division as recipient of the National Procurement Institute's 2019 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

Directors Rains and Wagner were absent for the vote.

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.

REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Chair Shelley Hasselbrink reported at the October 9, 2019, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to send the Monthly Investment Reports, and Citygate Service Level Assessment Update and Adjustment to Purchase Orders to the Executive Committee for its approval; the 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program Agreement to Transfer Property or Funds, Acceptance of FY 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks, and 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Acceptance of Funds to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions.

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

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy provided an update on the current fires occurring in northern California, and current fire conditions throughout the state. He summarized the successful OCFA Open House, as well the Open Houses held at 32 fire stations and noted OCFA demonstrated the Bell 412 Helicopter and Helitanker S61 at the Great Pacific Air Show in Huntington Beach.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the September 26, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director Shawver and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the minutes as submitted. Directors Clark, Farias, Fox, Hasselbrink, Johnson, Rains, Sachs, Villegas, and Ward, were recorded as abstentions, due to their absence from the September 26, 2019, meeting

Director Rains was absent for the vote.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program Agreement to Transfer Property or Funds (F: 16.02H1)

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

1. Accept the 2018 Urban Area Security Initiative Sub-Recipient Transfer Agreement.
2. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary agreement(s).

Director Rains was absent for the vote.

B. Acceptance of FY 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (F: 16.02B8)

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

1. Accept the FY 2016 United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Program.
2. Approve a Budget Adjustment in Fund 121 to increase revenue and expenditures by \$35,189 for the grant program award.
3. Approve and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary agreement(s).

Director Rains was absent for the vote.

C. 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Acceptance of Funds (F: 16.02B5)

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

1. Amend the Master Position Control List to add one limited-term Battalion Chief to serve as Grant Program Manager among other related duties.
2. Approve a Budget Adjustment in the General Fund (121) increasing revenues by \$1,323,986 and expenditures by \$1,522,584 for the Fire Ground Survival training.
3. Approve and authorize the Board Chair and/or Fire Chief and/or their designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant award.

Director Rains was absent for the vote.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Hernandez reported attending the 30th Annual Spurgeon Award Luncheon, where Assistant Chief of Field Operations Mark Sanchez was honored.

Director Swift thanked Division Chief Shane Sherwood for his service to the City of Buena Park, and she welcomed Division Chief Jeff Hoey who is returning to serve the city.

Director Moore noted OCFA provided a risk reduction for brush clearance recently to the City of Seal Beach's nature park, and thanked Division Chief Roberts and the OCFA crew.

Director Sachs commended the purchasing staff for its recognition this evening.

Director Johnson reported attending the Open House at Fire Station 17 (Cypress), and thanked Division Chief Shane Sherwood for his service to the City of Cypress, including his assistance with the city's emergency preparedness plan.

Director Shawver thanked Division Chief Sherwood for his service to the City of Stanton.

Director Fox welcomed Division Chief Sherwood in his new role serving the City of Irvine, and commended fire crews on their swift actions taken on the recent 241 freeway fire.

Chair Muller thanked Fire Chief Fennessy for his collaboration with Coulson Aviation securing the firefighting helicopters. He encouraged everyone to send their thoughts and prayers to the first responders during the fire season. Chair Muller reminded the Directors that the November Board meeting would be held one week early, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

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

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9
(1 Case)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors would convene to Closed Session to consider the matter on the agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and CS2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

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Chair Muller recessed the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Director Rains arrived at this point (7:05 p.m.).

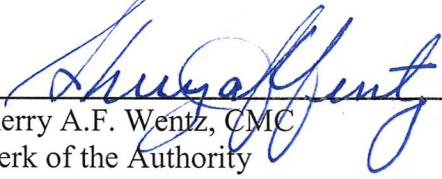
Director Fox left at this point (8:00 p.m.).

Chair Muller reconvened the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Muller adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m., in memory of OCFA’s General Counsel David Kendig’s mother Florence “Bobbi” Kendig, who passed away on October 23, 2019. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



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