



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AGENDA

Claims Settlement Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Room AE117
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, California 92602

Ed Sachs, Board Chair
Joe Muller, Board Vice Chair
Shelley Hasselbrink, Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chair
Rob Johnson, Human Resources Vice Chair
Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief
Brigette Gibb, Human Resources Director

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following Agenda. Unless legally privileged, all supporting documents, including staff reports, and any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Claims Settlement Committee after the posting of this agenda are available for review at the Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA 92602 or you may contact the Clerk of the Authority, at (714) 573-6040 Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available online at <http://www.ocfa.org>

If you wish to speak before the Claims Settlement Committee, please complete a Speaker Form identifying which item(s) you wish to address. Please return the completed form to the Clerk of the Authority. Speaker Forms are available on the counter noted in the meeting room.



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the Clerk of the Authority at (714) 573-6040. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Committee on items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Committee as a whole, and do not engage in dialogue with individual Committee Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

MINUTES**1. Minutes for the August 23, 2018, Claims Settlement Committee Regular Meeting**
Submitted by: Sherry Wentz, Clerk of the AuthorityRecommended Action:

Approve as submitted.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**A. Disbanding Claims Settlement Committee and Delegation of Settlement Responsibilities**Submitted by: Lori Zeller, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support BureauRecommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and recommend that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Disband the Claims Settlement Committee.
2. Delegate authority to approve settlements of workers' compensation claims under \$250,000 and settlements of all other claims and lawsuits under \$50,000 to the Fire Chief.
3. Authorize conforming changes to Roles/Responsibilities/Authority Matrix and the Board Rules of Procedure.

4. REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**CLOSED SESSION**

No items

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Claims Settlement Committee is to be determined by Board action.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby, front gate public display case, and website of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Training and Operations Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 17th day of January 2019.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Human Resources Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 12:00 noon
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 12:00 noon
Claims Settlement Committee Meeting	To be determined by Board action
Executive Committee Meeting	Thursday, February 28, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, February 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Claims Settlement Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Room AE117
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sachs called a regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Claims Settlement Committee to order at 5:02 p.m. on August 23, 2018.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sachs led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ed Sachs, Board Chair, Mission Viejo
Joe Muller, Vice Chair, Dana Point
Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief
Brigette Gibb, Human Resources Director

Absent: Shelley Hasselbrink, Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chair, Los Alamitos
Al Murray, Human Resources Committee Chair, Tustin

Also present were OCFA General Counsel David Kendig; Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz; Risk Manager Jonathan Wilby; and Workers' Compensation Manager Rhonda Haynes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 12.02C3)

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

PRESENTATIONS

No items.

MINUTES

1. Minutes for the July 26, 2018, Claims Settlement Committee Meeting (F: 12.02C2)

On motion of Vice Chair Muller and second by Chair Sachs, the Claims Settlement Committee voted unanimously by those present to approve the July 26, 2018, Minutes as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 12.02C4)

The Committee Members offered no comments.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 12.02C5)

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: William Leverenz v. OCFA

Case No. ADJ 10897776; ADJ10794122; ADJ11082257; ADJ1190237

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Harry Trattner v. OCFA

Case No. ADJ10238940; DJ10238941

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: James Davis v. OCFA

Case No. ADJ11095150

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Claim: Edward Harrod v. OCFA

Case No. ADJ10835279

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

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General Counsel David Kendig reported the Committee would convene to Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1 through CS4, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation.

Chair Sachs recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

Chair Sachs reconvened the meeting at 5:21 p.m. with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 12.02C5)

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Sachs adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claims Settlement Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

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



Orange County Fire Authority
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Claims Settlement Committee
January 24, 2019

Agenda Item No. 3A
Discussion Calendar

**Disbanding Claims Settlement Committee and
Delegation of Settlement Responsibilities**

Contact(s) for Further Information

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Administration & Support Bureau

Sherry Wentz, Clerk of the Authority sherrywentz@ocfa.org 714.573.6041

Summary

This item is submitted for approval to disband the Claims Settlement Committee, amend the Board Rules of Procedure to reflect the disbandment, and amend the Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities Matrix concerning the settlement of claims.

Prior Board/Committee Action

On September 24, 2009, the Board approved the establishment of the Claims Settlement Committee and delegation of settlement authority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Review the proposed agenda item and recommend that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Disband the Claims Settlement Committee.
2. Delegate authority to approve settlements of workers' compensation claims under \$250,000 and settlements of all other claims and lawsuits under \$50,000 to the Fire Chief.
3. Authorize conforming changes to Roles/Responsibilities/Authority Matrix and the Board Rules of Procedure.

Impact to Cities/County

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

There would be fiscal savings with the discontinuation of the agenda/posting process, costs of legal counsel's meeting attendance, and follow-up processes associated with public meetings.

Background

The settlement of claims and lawsuits can be time sensitive and must be finalized within a specified time period. The Board of Directors has discretion to delegate authority to settle claims and litigation. Pursuant to prior direction of the Board, the Fire Chief has the authority to settle all claims and litigation up to \$50,000. In 2009, the Board created a five-member Claims Settlement Committee (CSC) with the authority to settle claims and lawsuits, including workers' compensation matters for amounts above \$50,000; not to exceed \$250,000. Settlement of all claims and lawsuits in amounts exceeding \$250,000 are administered by the Board. In the nine years of its existence, the CSC has met 59 times reviewing 131 settlement cases, with only two

cases moving on to the Board that exceeded \$250,000. The CSC also cancelled 41 of its scheduled meetings, due to a lack of business.

The Board Chair, considering these statistics, has opined that time and resources may be better utilized if the CSC is disbanded and delegate and expand the Fire Chief's authority to settle workers' compensation claims. The Board could expand the Fire Chief's role to include the authority to settle workers' compensation claims and litigation for amounts up to \$250,000.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors disband the Claims Settlement Committee, maintain the Fire Chief's authority to approve settlement of workers' compensation claims below \$250,000 in addition to his authority to settle all other claims and litigation below \$50,000, and retain for itself the authority to settle workers' compensation claims in excess of \$250,000 and all other claims and lawsuits in excess of \$50,000.

Attachment(s)

1. Proposed Amended Roles/Responsibilities/Authority Matrix
2. Proposed Amended Board Rules of Procedure

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities

All authority rests with the Board of Directors unless it is delegated by statute or board action. When delegated, these authorities are further defined by contracts, resolutions, policies, or other board actions. The following chart defines OCFA's levels of authority. The Board of Directors has the authority to change these delegations within the parameters of legal and contractual restrictions.

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Levels of Service	Develop and implement programs to provide the identified "Levels of Service."		Approve temporary changes in "Levels of Service."	Approve "Levels of Service" for the Authority.
Resource Deployment	Establish policy/deployment that maintains the approved "Levels of Service."			
Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements	Fire Chief authorized to execute and renew Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid Agreements as necessary.			
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and General Orders (GOs)	Develop and implement SOPs and GOs consistent with Board policies.			
Budget Adoption	Develop the budget.		Budget & Finance Committee - Review the budget; make recommendations.	Approve the budget prior to June 30 each year (JPA Agreement, Article IV.1)
Budget Execution	Authorize expenditures within approved budget appropriations (JPA Agreement, Article IV.2)			

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Budget: Intra- and inter-fund transfer; increases and decreases to appropriation.	Approve intra-fund transfers within adopted budgets			Approve inter-fund transfers between budgets; Approve increases and decreases to appropriations.
Fire Station 41, Air Operations Maintenance Facility - Leases	Negotiate, approve and execute leases and/or lease amendments for Hangers Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4			
Fund Balance - Assigned	Assign amounts for workers' compensation and the capital improvement program within requirements of the <i>Assigned Fund Balance Policy</i>		Budget & Finance Committee – Review calculations used to determine assignments for workers' compensation and the capital improvement program for consistency with <i>Assigned Fund Balance Policy</i>	Assign and un-assign fund balance for any specific purposes other than workers' compensation and the capital improvement program, within the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 54
Fund Balance – Committed				Commit and un-commit fund balance via minutes action, within the guidelines of GASB Statement No. 54
Contingency Planning and funding	Develop plan; administer budget in a manner consistent with plan and policies.		Budget & Finance Committee - Review contingencies and spending for compliance with plan and policies.	Establish plan and policies. Transfer of Appropriation for Contingencies requires prior approval of the Chair or the Vice Chair, in the absence of the Chair, and must be reported to the Board immediately in writing.

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities**

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Debt obligation	Develop and recommend financing plans.		Budget & Finance Committee – Review of recommended financing plans.	Approve all debt obligations. (Note: long-term bonded indebtedness requires approval by 2/3 rd vote of the members.)
Commodity purchases (materials, equipment & supplies) Ord. 8, Sec. 1-3(18)	Approve purchase of commodities (Ord. 8, per Art. III selection process or Art. X cooperative purchasing) for annual contract amount less than \$250,000. Approve any increase to commodity term contracts provided the annual contract amount remains less than \$250,000.		Approve purchase of commodities with an annual contract amount greater than \$250,000. Approved increase to commodity contracts if the increase results in the annual contract being greater than \$250,000.	..
Fixed asset purchases	Approve purchase of fixed assets with unit cost less than \$100,000.		Approve purchase of fixed assets with a unit cost greater than \$100,000.	

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	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Service Contracts - <i>includes professional services, facilities & equipment services, and consulting.</i>	<p>Approve all service contracts (selection process per Ord. 8, Art. III, or Art. X) for annual contract amount less than \$100,000.</p> <p>Approve multi-year contracts so long as the annual amount is less than \$100,000, and the total contract amount does not exceed \$500,000.</p>		<p>Approve all service contracts in which the annual contract amount exceeds \$100,000 or multi-year contract exceeds \$500,000 when future years are taken into consideration.</p> <p>Contract extensions beyond the initial contract term and allowable contract extensions will require Executive Committee approval prior to contract extension.</p>	
Change Orders/ Modifications Service Contract Amendments <i>(Non Public Projects)</i>	<p>For service contracts within the limits delegated herein to Authority Management, approve change orders in any amount so long as the revised amount remains within the delegated limits.</p> <p>For contracts originally approved by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, approve change orders within the original scope of work, less than 15% but not to exceed a total value of \$50,000.</p>		<p>Approve change order/modifications to any contracts with original or revised values that exceed those amounts delegated herein to Authority Management.</p>	

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities**

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Emergency Purchases/Contracts	Approve emergency purchases, as defined in Ord. 8, Sec. 1-3(14) & Sec. 1-22, up to \$100,000.		Purchases in excess of \$100,000 require prior approval of Chair or Vice Chair and must be reported at the next Executive Committee meeting.	
Sole Source Contracts	Approve any sole source contracts less than \$50,000, so long as acceptable justification is provided by the using agency per the requirements in Ord. 8, Sec. 1-21.		Approve any sole source contracts when aggregate amount exceeds \$50,000. <i>Sole source justification form is a required attachment to the staff report.</i>	
Special Procurement Contracts – <i>utilized when it is in the best interest of OCFA to award a contract without bidding requirements and the procurement does not meet the definition of a sole source.</i>	Approve any special procurement contract less than \$50,000, so long as acceptable justification is provided by the using agency per the requirements in Ord. 8, Sec. 1-23.		Approve any special procurement contract when the aggregate amount exceeds \$50,000. <i>Special procurement justification form is a required attachment to the staff report.</i>	
Public Projects	Approve all informal public projects in amounts up to the statutory limits authorized by Public Contract Code Section 22032 (Currently projects under \$175,000).			Approve all formal public works contracts in amounts at or above the statutory limits authorized by Public Contract Code Section 22032 (Currently projects over \$175,000).

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	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Public Projects - Change Orders/ Modifications for formal and informal Public Projects as set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22032	Approve Change Order/modifications for formal and informal Public Projects up to 10% of original contract amount, but less than a total value of \$17,500.		Approve Change Order/modifications for informal Public Projects over 10% of original contract amount, or exceeding a total value of \$17,500.	Approve Change Order/modification on formal Public Projects over 10% of original contract amount, or exceeding a total value of \$50,000 which ever is less.
Public Projects – Emergency as defined in Public Contract Code Sections 22035 and 22050 (Ord. 8, Sec. 1-53)	Fire Chief or designee has authority to declare an emergency and authorize procurement of equipment, services, construction services and supplies without the competitive bidding requirements when it is impracticable to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors prior to addressing the emergency needs.			Authorize exemption from procurement requirements by four-fifths vote (at next scheduled meeting) as required per Public Contract Code Sections 22035 and 22050.
Investment Practices	Provide financial data to Budget & Finance Committee, Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Develop draft policy.		Budget & Finance Committee - Review Treasury/Investment actions to insure compliance with policy. Executive Committee – review monthly reports.	Adopt investment and Treasury policies.
Setting of salaries/benefits and other terms and conditions of employment	Identify issues, recommend negotiations approach; negotiate with labor organizations as approved by the Board of Directors.		Review management recommendations; make recommendations to the Board of Directors.	Provide direction to chief negotiator on negotiations; adopt resulting MOUs and changes in the PSR.

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities**

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Grievances	Administer procedures pursuant to MOU and PSR provisions.		....	....
Disciplinary Actions	Implement disciplinary actions within legal and MOU requirements.		....	..
Hire/Terminate	Hire/terminate Authority staff.		Make recommendations to the Board of Directors on General Counsel legal services contract and Fire Chief employment contract, and compensation of General Counsel and the Fire Chief.	Hire/terminate Fire Chief and General Counsel. Approve service contract for General Counsel. Approve employment contract for Fire Chief.
Appointments	..		..	Appointment of clerk, auditor, and treasurer (JPA Agreement Articles II.9 and II.13)
Classification and Salary Ranges	Administer classification system within existing classes and budget.		Adopt and approve new or modified classes and corresponding salary ranges.	..
Settlement of Employee Complaints and Grievances	Approve settlements up to \$10,000 within existing PSR parameters.		Approve settlements up to \$50,000.	Approve settlements over \$50,000.
File Legal Action	..		..	Authorize filing of legal action.
Respond to Legal Action	..		..	Authorize response to legal action.

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities**

	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Settlement of Claims and Litigation	Approve settlements of claims and litigation up to \$50,000. in accordance with Board of Directors Rules of Procedure and workers' compensation claims under \$250,000.	Approve settlements of claims and litigation over \$50,000 not to exceed \$250,000. in accordance with Board of Directors Rules of Procedure.		Approve settlements of claims and litigation <u>in excess of \$50,000 and workers' compensation claim above</u> over \$250,000.
Level of risk/coverage/exposure	Recommend risk management policies; administer risk management program within established Board of Directors and legal requirements.		..	Establish policies.
Write-Off for Uncollectible Accounts	Approve write-off of uncollectible accounts up to \$15,000.		Approve write-off of uncollectible accounts over \$15,000. Budget and Finance Committee review annual report of uncollectibles and make a recommendation to Executive Committee for final decision.	
Accept Real Property Interests	Accept interest in real property if the Board of Directors or Executive Committee has previously approved.			Approve Purchase Agreements for the acquisition of real property.
Secured Fire Protection Agreements	Approve Secured Fire Protection Agreements, using the standard form agreement previously approved by the Board of Directors, and approved as to form by General Counsel.			Approve Secured Fire Protection Agreements that contain material differences from the standard form approved by the Board of Directors.

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
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	Authority Management	Claims Settlement Committee	Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Utility licenses and easements	Execute licenses and easements for utilities necessary to implement construction projects approved by the Board or Executive Committee		Approve licenses and easements for utilities where no prior approval of construction projects has occurred	
Accept Grants	Accept all grants except: (1) when the grantor requires approval by the governing body, or; (2) when an adjustment is immediately needed to appropriations to expend the grant, or; (3) when a contract award is needed, requiring approval by the Executive Committee or Board.		Accept all grants in which the grantor requires approval by the governing body.	

OCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RULES OF PROCEDURE
(Last Revision: ~~01/25/18~~01/24/19)**

- Rule 1 Time and Place of Meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee
- Rule 2 Agendas/Minutes for Meetings of the Board of Directors
- Rule 3 Order of Business for Meetings of the Board of Directors
- Rule 4 Motions During Meetings of the Board of Directors
- Rule 5 Decorum for Public Meetings
- Rule 6 Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors/
Absence of Presiding Officer
- Rule 7 Retention of Exhibits and Documentary Material received in Hearings Before the Board of Directors
- Rule 8 Ceremonial Functions and Proclamations
- Rule 9 The Executive Committee
- Rule 10 The Standing Committees
- Rule 11 Designated Labor Negotiators
- Rule 12 Provision of Requested Materials by Board Members
- Rule 14 Disclosure of Closed Session Information
- Rule 15 Amendment of Rules of Procedure

RULE 1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Rule or by Resolution of the Board, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each odd-numbered month, commencing at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, Regional Fire Operation and Training Center (RFOTC), One Fire Authority Road, Irvine. The meeting for the month of November shall be scheduled for the third Thursday, commencing at the hour of 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, RFOTC, One Fire Authority Road, Irvine. Special meetings may occur on other dates, times, and/or locations as noticed.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Rule, a regular meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of December, commencing at the hour of 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, RFOTC, One Fire Authority Road, Irvine. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the

regular November Executive Committee meeting business will be combined with the Board of Director's meeting. Special meetings may occur on other dates, times, and/or locations as noticed.

- (c) The Clerk of the Authority shall maintain the official meeting calendar, and shall post same in the display case located in the lobby of the Board Meeting Room and posting case outside main entry gate, RFOTC, One Fire Authority Road, Irvine.
- (d) Any meeting of the Board may be adjourned to any other date and time when necessary for the transaction of business. Any adjourned meeting of the Board is part of a regular meeting.
- (e) Special meetings of the Board may be called pursuant to and in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code. The Clerk shall prepare the notice and call of any special meeting. The notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered at such special meeting. A copy of the notice of the special meeting shall also be posted at the places designated in subsection (c) of Rule 1.
- (f) In the event the Board or Executive Committee, or their respective Chairs, determine it advisable to hold a regular meeting at a location other than the Board Meeting Room, RFOTC, One Fire Authority Road, Irvine, a notice specifying the location of such meeting shall be posted in the display case in the lobby of the Board Meeting Room and posting case outside main entry gate, RFOTC, One Fire Authority Road, Irvine. Additional notices shall be posted and maintained as set forth in (c) above.

RULE 2. AGENDAS/MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) Items for the agenda for any regular meeting of the Board may be included on the agenda only with the approval of the Fire Chief or the Chair of the Board.
- (b) During the Board Member Comments portion of a Board meeting, any member may request that an item be placed on a future agenda of the Board of Directors. Staff will prepare reports as appropriate and place the item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. At any other time, any Board Member may contact the Chair to request that an item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Directors. This item will be placed on the Board Discussion Calendar portion of the agenda for concurrence by the Board. No staff reports or materials will be prepared until the full Board directs that the item be placed on an agenda.
- (c) As required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, items not on the posted agenda for a meeting shall not be considered by the Board except as follows:
 - (1) Upon determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency situation exists. The determination shall be made prior to Board consideration of the emergency item. An emergency situation is limited to:
 - (a) Work stoppage or other activity which severely impairs public health, safety or both.

- (b) Crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety or both.
- (2) Upon determination by a two-thirds vote of the Board Members present, or a unanimous vote if less than two-thirds of the Members are present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need came to the attention of the Authority subsequent to the agenda being posted. The determination shall be made prior to Board consideration of the item.
- (3) The item was posted for a prior meeting occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item and at which prior meeting, the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.
- (d) The OCFA Board has adopted the use of Robert’s Rules of Order as its official guideline in the creation of minutes. All Board/Committee meeting will be documented using action-type minutes. Minutes will document the record of what actions were taken by the governing body, not what was said. The minutes will not contain personal comments or someone’s opinion about what happened.
 - (1) The minutes shall document the items identified in Rule 3 in the Board’s Order of Business.
 - (2) Public comments will identify the name of the speaker, their city of residences/or organization they represent (if provided by the speaker), and identify the subject to which their comments are being submitted. If commenting on a specific agenda item, the minutes will record the speaker’s name, their city of residences/or organization they represent (if provided), and identify if they are speaking in support or opposition of that item.
- (e) “Notwithstanding any provision in these Rules to the contrary, no Memorandum of Understanding, or amendment, codicil, side letter, or any other modification to a Memorandum of Understanding, including any such documents negotiated pursuant to a reopener clause, between the Orange County Fire Authority and any employee bargaining unit (“proposed labor agreement”), shall be heard as an item on a Board agenda until and unless, at the time of the meeting during which the matter is heard by the Board, seven days has passed since the later of the following to occur: (1) the Clerk of the Authority has published a copy of the proposed document on the OCFA public website; and (2) the members of the employee bargaining unit have ratified the proposed labor agreement.”

RULE 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) The business for regular meetings of the Board shall include:
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Presentations
 - Committee Reports
 - Fire Chief’s Report
 - Public Comments
 - Minutes

Consent Calendar

- (1) Agenda review at call of the Chair to identify those items on the Consent Calendar which a member of the Board or public requests the opportunity to discuss.
- (2) Approval at the call of the Chair of those items for which there is no request for discussion.
- (3) Discussion of items that the public has requested an opportunity to discuss shall be taken in sequential order.

Public Hearing(s)

Discussion Calendar

Closed Session

Closed Session Report

Adjournment

The Chair may alter or deviate the order of business.

- (b) 9:30 p.m. Rule: At the hour of 9:30 p.m. the meeting will take a brief moment from the agenda at hand and make a determination as to which items will be considered and those that may be continued to the next regular meeting.
- (c) 10:30 p.m. Curfew: All meetings will end business at 10:30 p.m. unless the hearing body elects to extend the curfew by a three-fifths vote of all members present.

RULE 4. MOTIONS DURING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) Action of the Board shall be taken by motion. Any action of the Board may be proposed by the motion of any Member. Such a motion, if seconded by any member, shall be on the floor and must be considered, unless a substitute motion has been made, seconded, and adopted. If a motion is not seconded, the motion fails for lack of a second, and shall be so declared by the Chair.
- (b) A motion may be withdrawn or amended by its maker at any time before adoption or rejection, with the consent of the second. Absent the consent of the second, the original motion shall remain on the floor. The second to a motion may be withdrawn by the seconder at any time before adoption or rejection of the motion. Upon withdrawal of the second, the motion will be lost for lack of a second and so declared by the Chair unless seconded by another Member.
- (c) After a motion has been seconded, any Member may discuss the subject of the motion. The Chair may, on any motion, call for the vote if it appears that further discussion will be repetitious or that a majority of the Members present concur in the call.
- (d) A motion to reconsider the vote on an agenda item may be made at the meeting at which the item was acted upon, or any adjourned session of the same meeting.

RULE 5. DECORUM FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

- (a) Members of the Board shall conduct themselves in an orderly and business-like manner to ensure that the business of the Authority shall be attended to efficiently and thoroughly and to ensure that the integrity of the deliberative process of the Board is maintained at all times. Members of the Board shall maintain a polite, respectful, and courteous manner when addressing one another, Authority staff, and members of the public during the meetings.
- (b) Subject to direction by a majority of the Board, the Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, or in their absence any other member designated by the Board, shall be responsible for resolving all procedural issues and for maintaining the orderly conduct and decorum of meetings. It shall be the duty of the Chair to ensure that the rules of decorum contained herein are observed. The Chair shall maintain control of communication among Board Members, and between Board Members and the public.
- (c) Communication by Board Members
 1. Board Members should be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
 2. A Board Member who is speaking shall remember that the purpose of the meeting is to attend to and resolve Authority business. Board Members shall avoid repetition and shall endeavor to limit their comments to the subject matter at hand. Board Members shall endeavor to express their views without engaging in lengthy debates.
 3. When one Board Member is speaking, other Board Members shall not interrupt or otherwise disturb the speaker.
- (d) Communication with members of the public addressing the Board.
 1. Board Members may question the person addressing the Board at the conclusion of the person's comments. A Board Member wishing to ask questions of a member of the public should first be recognized by the Chair.
 2. Board Members shall not engage the person addressing the Board in a dialogue, but shall confine communication to a question and answer format.
 3. If a member of the audience has addressed the Board on matters which are not on the agenda, Board Members shall refrain from extended discussions of the matter. If a Board Member so wishes, he/she may, during the Board Member Comments portion of the meeting, request that the matter be placed on a future agenda.
- (e) Authority Staff shall not engage in a dialogue with members of the public during Board meetings. When addressed by the Board, staff shall respond in a polite and respectful manner.
- (f) Members of the Audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening or abusive language, clapping, whistling, and stamping of feet or other acts which disturb, disrupt, impede or otherwise render the orderly conduct of the Board meeting unfeasible. A member of the audience engaging in any such conduct shall, at the discretion of the Chair or a majority of the Board Members, be subject to removal from that meeting.

- (g) Members of the public may address the Board of Directors during the Public Comment Period and prior to the consideration of any agenda item. Any person wishing to speak, whether during the Public Comment Period or on an agenda item, shall first complete a request to speak form slip and submit the form to the Authority Clerk prior to the calling to order of the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter.
- (h) No person shall address the Board of Directors without first being recognized by the Chair.
- (i) The purpose of addressing the Board of Directors is to formally communicate to the Board on matters relating to Authority business or citizen concerns within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Persons addressing the Board on an agenda item shall confine the subject matter of their remarks to the particular matter before the Board.
- (j) Each person addressing the Board of Directors shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not engage in any conduct, which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Board meeting. Any person, who so disrupts the meeting shall, at the discretion of the Chair or a majority of the Board Members, be subject to removal from that meeting.
- (k) Persons addressing the Board of Directors shall address the Board as a whole and shall not engage in a dialogue with individual Board Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.
- (l) A time limit of approximately three minutes per person shall be allocated to all persons addressing the Board of Directors, however, at the discretion of the Chair, an individual speaking on behalf of a group sharing common concerns or opinions may be allocated additional time to speak for the group. A total of approximately thirty minutes will be allocated at the beginning of the meeting for Public Comments, with additional time granted at the discretion of the Chair. If needed, additional time for Public Comments will be provided at the conclusion of the normal business of the Board.
- (m) Upon a violation of the rules of decorum established herein, the procedure to enforce the rules is as follows:
 - 1. Warning The Chair shall first request that a person who is violating the rules cease such conduct. If, after receiving a request from the Chair, the person persists in violating these rules, the Chair shall order a recess. Any representative of the local assigned law enforcement personnel who is present at the meeting when the violation occurred shall be authorized to warn the person that his/her conduct is violating the rules and that he/she is requested to cease such conduct. If upon resumption of the meeting the violation persists, the Chair shall order another recess, whereupon the local assigned law enforcement personnel shall have the authority to order the person removed from the meeting and/or cited in violation of Penal Code Section 403.
 - 2. Motion to Enforce If the Chair of the Board fails to enforce the rules of decorum set forth herein, any Board Member may move to require the Chair to do so, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board shall require the Chair to do so. If the Chair fails to carry out the will of the majority of the Board, the

majority may designate another Board Member to act as Chair for the limited purpose of enforcing the rules of decorum established herein.

3. Clearing the Room Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.9, in the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a person or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of the individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, by a majority vote of the Board Members the meeting room may be ordered cleared and the meeting shall continue in session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this Section 54957.9.
4. Violation of the California Penal Code A person or persons who substantially impair(s) the conduct of a Board meeting by knowingly and intentionally violating these rules of decorum may be prosecuted under Penal Code Section 403 for disturbing a public meeting. Every person who violates Penal Code Section 403 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

RULE 6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ABSENCE OF PRESIDING OFFICER

- (a) The officers of the Board are the Chair and Vice Chair.
- (b) Elections for Chair and Vice Chair shall be held at the first meeting of each calendar year.

The method of nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair will be at the discretion of the Board.

- (c) The Presiding Officer of the Board shall be the Chair, or in the Chair's absence the Vice Chair, followed by the Immediate Past Chair, then the Budget and Finance Committee Chair.

RULE 7. RETENTION OF EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL RECEIVED IN HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All exhibits, including documentary materials such as photographs, drawings, maps, letters, petitions, and other physical evidence received by the Board at hearings shall be retained by the Clerk as part of the record of the hearings. To the extent possible, the Clerk may furnish copies of such materials to persons requesting them upon payment of the fee prescribed for copies of public records.

RULE 8. CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

The Chair is authorized to represent the Authority at ceremonial functions, proclamation ceremonies, and other similar events when the Board has not otherwise designated one of its Members to represent the Authority.

RULE 9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Executive Committee shall conduct all business of the Authority, with the exception of policy issues, including labor relations, budget issues, and other matters specifically retained by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of no more than nine members of the Board of Directors. Members of the Executive Committee shall serve until a new member is seated in their stead by virtue of appointment or assumption of one of the designated positions. The Executive Committee membership is comprised of the following designated positions: the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the immediate past Chair of the Board, and the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. In addition, membership as constituted, shall include at least one member of the County Board of Supervisors. The Chair shall appoint the remaining at-large members, who shall serve subject to approval by majority vote of the Directors present at a subsequent meeting. Said members are authorized to serve pending such vote of the Board. In the selection of at-large members, appointments shall be made in such a manner as to achieve approximately the ratio of cash contract cities to total member agencies of the Authority. The Chair of the City Managers Technical Advisory Committee shall serve as the ex officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee and shall not be included in the determination of a quorum for any meeting.
- (c) The Chair shall appoint a three-member panel of structural fire fund Alternate Directors and a three-member panel of cash contract city Alternate Directors. If an at-large member of the Executive Committee notifies the Clerk of the Authority that he or she cannot attend an Executive Committee meeting, the Clerk shall call, on a rotating basis, Alternate Directors from the respective panels in an attempt to replace a structural fire fund Director with a structural fire fund Alternate and/or a cash contract city Director with a cash contract city Alternate, as the case may be.

In the absence of the member of the Executive Committee representing the County Board of Supervisors, the Alternate voting member shall be the second regular member of the Board of Directors representing the County Board of Supervisors.

In the absence of the Budget and Finance Chair, the Alternate voting member shall be the Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Should the position of Immediate Past Chair on the Executive Committee become vacant, the most recent past Chair, who is a Director and who is not currently seated on the Executive Committee, shall serve in that capacity. Should there be no prior Board Chair on the Board of Directors, the current Director with the most tenure and not currently seated as a member of the Executive Committee will be seated on the Executive Committee and shall serve in the interim until there is an Immediate Past Chair.

There shall be no Alternate Directors appointed in the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair, or immediate past Chair.

Should the Board Chair or Vice Chair be unable to officiate over a Board and/or Executive Committee meeting that the Immediate Past Chair followed by the

Budget and Finance Committee Chair assume the duty of presiding over the meeting.

RULE 10. THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- (a) Standing Committees may be established by the Board of Directors for the purpose of facilitating a thorough review of various issues before presentation to and action by the full Board. Alternate Directors shall not act as alternates for Directors on standing committees.
- (b) The Budget and Finance Committee shall be established as a standing committee. The regular meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee will be on the second Wednesday of each month, with the exception of December, at 12 noon located in Classroom 1 (Board Breakout Room) at the RFOTC. Special meetings may occur on other dates, times, and/or locations as noticed.
 - (1) The Chair shall make all appointments to the Budget and Finance Committee. Appointments to the Budget and Finance Committee shall be made in such a manner as to achieve, as close as reasonably possible, a balance between the number of members representing Structural Fire Fund and Cash Contract cities.
 - (2) At the first meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee following the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Directors assigned to the Budget and Finance Committee shall elect from their members a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.
 - (3) The Chair, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chair, of the Budget and Finance Committee shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
 - (4) Items for the agenda for any regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be included on the agenda only with the approval of the Committee Chair or the Staff Liaison.
 - (5) The Board of Directors, through the Chair, shall appoint one City Manager to the Budget and Finance Committee. The City Manager shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Budget and Finance Committee. As an ex officio member, the City Manager shall not be included in the determination of a quorum for any meeting.
- ~~(c) The Claims Settlement Committee shall be established as a standing committee. The regular meetings of the Claims Settlement Committee will be at 5:30 p.m., prior to and on the same days as the regular meetings of the Executive Committee meetings. The Committee will meet in Classroom 1 (Board Breakout Room) at the RFOTC. Special meetings may occur on other dates, times, and/or locations as noticed.~~
- ~~(1) The Claims Settlement Committee consists of the Board Chair and Vice Chair, the Budget and Finance Committee Chair, the Human Resources Committee Chair, the Fire Chief, and the Human Resources Director. The Fire Chief's designee shall, in the absence of the Fire Chief, be an alternate Committee member. The Risk Manager shall in the absence of the Human Resources Director, be an alternate Committee member. In the absence of a member of the Board of Directors, the absent member may designate in writing, filed with~~

~~the Clerk of the Authority, an alternate Committee member from the Executive Committee who may attend and participate to the full extent as the designated Committee member.~~

~~(2) Staff to the Committee will be the Risk Manager or his or her designee. Additional subject matter experts may attend Committees as necessary.~~

~~(3) The Claims Settlement Committee shall have authority to (a) settle workers' compensation claims for amounts over \$50,000, not to exceed \$250,000, exclusive of any statutorily required future medical payments; (b) settle non-workers' compensation claims for amounts over \$50,000, not to exceed \$250,000; and (c) advise and recommend to OCFA's attorney of record the settlement of any lawsuit in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.~~

~~(d)~~ (c) The Human Resources Committee shall be established as a standing committee. The regular meetings of the Human Resources Committee will be established by the Committee. The date and time selected by the Human Resources Committee is to meet on a quarterly basis on the first Tuesday during the months of February, May, August, and November at 12 noon. The Human Resources Committee will meet in Classroom 1 (Board Breakout Room) at the RFOTC. Special meetings may occur on other dates, times, and/or locations as noticed.

(1) The Human Resources Committee shall not exceed seven members of the Board of Directors. The Chair shall make all appointments to the Human Resources Committee. Appointments to the Human Resources Committee shall be made in such a manner as to achieve, as close as reasonably possible, a balance between the number of members representing Structural Fire Fund and Cash Contract cities.

(2) At the first meeting of the Human Resources Committee following the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Directors assigned to the Human Resources Committee shall elect from its members a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

(3) Staff to the Committee will be the Human Resources Director or his or her designee. Additional subject matter experts may attend Committees as necessary.

(4) The Human Resources Committee shall advise OCFA staff and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters regarding human resources policies; job class specifications, compensation programs; benefit changes and renewals; labor negotiations; staff training, development and recognition programs; succession planning; risk management and workers' compensation policies; and development of management/performance evaluation and information systems.

RULE 11. DESIGNATED LABOR NEGOTIATORS

- (a) For purposes of holding a closed session concerning compensation and benefits for the Fire Chief, the Board of Directors' designated representatives shall be the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Immediate Past Chair, and the Budget and Finance Committee Chair. Should the Board and/or Budget and Finance Committee reorganize prior to the completion of the Fire Chief's evaluation process the negotiators that began the process will complete the evaluation.
- (b) For purposes of holding a closed session concerning compensation and benefits for all other represented and unrepresented employees, the Board of Directors' designated representatives shall be the Fire Chief's designee, the Human Resources Director and any other representative so designated at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

RULE 12. PROVISION OF REQUESTED MATERIALS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- (a) Should an individual Board Member request information or materials that: (i) are not currently maintained by the OCFA in its normal course of business, and (ii) would require significant staff resources for research or analysis to create a document or to prepare or compile the information, then the requesting Board Member shall seek approval from the Board Chair who shall either approve the request or agendaize the consideration to authorize the request at the next Board meeting.
- (b) Should a Board Member or a member agency make a Public Records Act request for official business purposes, in keeping with the current fee schedule, the Board Member or its member agency will not be charged a fee for this service. This privilege is not to be used as a means for members of the public to circumvent the fees approved by the Board of Directors associated with records requests. Any records produced in response to a Board Member or member agency official business requests shall be made available to all Board Members along with a summary of the hard and soft costs involved in the provision of the requested records.
- (c) Any Board Member requesting records for purposes other than official use will be charged any applicable fees approved by the Board of Directors that are associated with the request.

RULE 13. COMPENSATION/REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES

- (a) Compensation: Members of the Board of Directors are entitled to receive \$100 per meeting per day, with a maximum of \$300 per month, for voting member attendance at OCFA publicly noticed (Brown Act compliant) meetings and the monthly Chair/Chief meeting.
- (b) Authorized Expenses: OCFA funds, equipment, supplies (including letterhead), titles, and staff time must only be used for authorized OCFA business. The following types of occurrences qualify a Board Member to receive payment and/or reimbursement of expenses relating to travel, meals, lodging, and other actual and necessary expenses, and generally constitute authorized expenses, as long as the other requirements of this policy are met:

- 1) Communicating with representatives of regional, state and national government on OCFA adopted policy positions;
- 2) Attending conferences designed to improve Board Member's expertise and information levels, including, but not limited to, ethics training required pursuant to California Government Code Section 53234;
- 3) Participating in regional, state and national organizations whose activities affect OCFA's interests;
- 4) Recognizing service to OCFA (for example, acknowledging a longtime employee with a retirement gift or celebration of nominal value and cost);
- 5) Attending OCFA events.

All other expenditures require prior approval by the OCFA Board of Directors at a public meeting. The following expenses also require prior Board of Directors' approval:

- 1) International travel;
- 2) Expenses exceeding \$2,500 per person, per trip.

Examples of personal expenses that OCFA will not reimburse include, but are not limited to:

- 1) The personal portion of any trip;
- 2) Political contributions or events;
- 3) Family expenses, including partner's expenses when accompanying a Board Member on OCFA-related business, as well as children or pet-related expenses;
- 4) Charitable contributions or events, unless the event has a direct relationship to OCFA business, (for example, acknowledging extraordinary deeds by OCFA personnel) is approved by the Fire Chief and does not exceed \$250;
- 5) Entertainment expenses, including theater, movies (either in-room or at the theater), sporting events (including gym, massage and/or golf related expenses), or other cultural events;
- 6) Non-mileage personal automobile expenses, including repairs, traffic citations, insurance or gasoline;
- 7) Personal losses incurred while on OCFA business.

Any questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense should be resolved before the expense is incurred.

- (c) Expense and Reimbursement Guidelines: To conserve OCFA resources and keep expenses within appropriate standards for public officials, expenditures, whether paid directly by OCFA or reimbursed to a Board Member, Members should adhere to the following guidelines. Unless otherwise specifically provided, reimbursement for travel, meals, lodging, and other actual and necessary expenses shall be at the Internal Revenue Service rates presently in effect as established in Publication 463 or any successor publication.

Transportation: The most economical mode and class of transportation reasonably consistent with scheduling needs and space requirements must be used, using the most direct and time-efficient route. In the event that a more expensive transportation form or route is used, the cost borne by OCFA will be limited to the cost of the most economical, direct, efficient and reasonable transportation form. Government and group rates offered by a provider of transportation services shall be used when available.

Automobile mileage is reimbursable at Internal Revenue Service rates in effect at the time of travel (see www.irs.gov). These rates are designed to compensate the driver for gasoline, insurance, maintenance, and other expenses associated with operating the vehicle. This amount does not include bridge and road tolls, which are also reimbursable.

Reasonable and necessary charges for public transportation, taxi, or shuttle service are reimbursable at actual cost with receipts.

Rental vehicles may be used during out-of-county travel and will be reimbursed at actual cost. Rental vehicles may be used when the efficient conduct of OCFA business precludes the use of other means of transportation or when car rental is the most economical mode available. Itemized original receipts must be submitted with vehicle rental claims.

Lodging: Actual lodging costs will be reimbursed or paid for when travel on official OCFA business reasonably requires an overnight stay. If such lodging is in connection with a conference or organized educational activity, lodging costs shall not exceed the group rate published by the conference or activity sponsor for the meeting in question, provided that the group rate is available at the time of booking. Government and group rates offered by a provider of lodging services shall be used when available.

Non-reimbursable lodging-related expenses include, but are not limited to, costs for an extra person staying in the room, costs related to late checkout or uncanceled reservations, in-room pay-per-view movie rentals, and non-OCFA business related phone calls. Itemized receipts must accompany claims for lodging reimbursements.

Meals: Meal expenses and associated gratuities should be moderate, taking into account community standards and the prevailing restaurant costs of the area. OCFA will pay the actual cost of the meals, but will not pay for alcohol/personal bar expenses.

Telephone/Fax/ Cellular: Board Members will be reimbursed for actual telephone and fax expenses incurred on OCFA business. Telephone bills should identify which calls were made on OCFA business. For cellular calls when the Board Member has a particular number of minutes included in the Board Member's plan, the Board Member can identify the percentage of calls made on OCFA business.

Airport Parking: Long-term parking should be used for travel exceeding 24-hours. OCFA will pay the actual cost of long-term parking.

Other: Baggage handling at then current airport baggage rates per bag and gratuities of up to 15 percent will be reimbursed.

Miscellaneous: Actual expenses for registration, tuition, and parking are reimbursable for OCFA authorized business. Miscellaneous expenses must be supported with itemized receipts.

Expenses for which Board Members receive reimbursement from another agency are not reimbursable.

- (d) Expense Report Content and Submission Deadline: Expense reports must document that the expense in question meet the requirements of the policy. For example, if the meeting is with a legislator, the Board Member should explain whose meals were purchased, what issues were discussed and how those relate to the Authority's adopted legislative positions and priorities.

Board Members must submit their expense reports within 30 days of an expense being incurred, accompanied by receipts documenting each expense. Restaurant receipts, in addition to any credit card receipts, are also part of the necessary documentation. Receipts for gratuities and tolls under \$5 are not required.

- (e) Audits of Expense Reports: All expenses are subject to verification of compliance with this policy.
- (f) Reports to Governing Board: At the following Board of Directors' meeting, each Board Member shall briefly report on meetings attended at OCFA expense. If multiple Board Members attended, a joint report may be made.
- (g) Compliance with Laws: Board Members should keep in mind that some expenditures may be subject to reporting under the Political Reform Act and other laws. All documents related to reimbursable agency expenditures are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.
- (h) Violation of this Policy: Misuse of public resources or falsifying expense reports in violation of this policy may result in any or all of the following: 1) loss of reimbursement privileges, 2) a demand for restitution to OCFA, 3) OCFA's reporting the expenses as income to the elected official to state and federal tax authorities, and 4) prosecution for misuse of public resources.

RULE 14. DISCLOSURE OF CLOSED SESSION INFORMATION

All information presented to the Board in closed session shall be confidential. However, a Board Member may disclose information obtained in a closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for the Board Member's local agency to the following individuals:

- (a) Legal counsel of the Board Member's local agency for purposes of obtaining advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for that local agency; and/or

- (b) Other members of the legislative body of the Board Member's local agency present in a closed session of that local agency.

Prior to disclosing any information obtained in a closed session to legal counsel of the Board Member's local agency or other members of the legislative body of the Board Member's local agency, the Board Member shall notify OCFA General Counsel of the intention to discuss the matter with their local agency's legal counsel or other members of the legislative body in order to afford General Counsel the opportunity to discuss with their local agency's legal counsel whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for the Board Member's local agency.

RULE 15. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

No rule of the Board shall be adopted or amended except by resolution adopted by the Board.