

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2020**  
**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 January 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Muller.

### INVOCATION

Director Don Sedgwick offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hatch 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  
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove  
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel  
Michele Steggell, La Palma  
Tri Ta, Westminster  
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana

Letitia Clark, Tustin  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Anthony Kuo, Irvine  
Joseph Muller, Dana Point  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills  
Vince Rossini, Villa Park  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park  
Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest  
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

**Absent:** Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente

Dave Shawver, Stanton

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy  
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey  
General Counsel David Kendig  
Assistant Chief Nina Collins  
Communications Director Colleen Windsor

Assistant Chief Randy Black  
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez  
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane  
Assistant Chief Lori Smith  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

No items.

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

Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz administrated the Oath of Office and welcomed newly appointed Directors Anthony Kuo of Irvine and Mark Tetteimer of Lake Forest.

### **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 Committee Chair Shelley Hasselbrink reported at the January 8, 2020, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the Organizational Service Level Assessment Update and approved to send the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for approval of the recommended actions. The Committee voted unanimously to send the Next Generation Aerial Operations Pilot Program Budget Adjustment, Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Mid-Year Financial Report, and Annual Grant Priorities for 2020 to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions. Following extensive discussion, the Committee voted to direct staff to provide additional information and continue the Options to Mitigate Escalating Charges to Contract Cities Beginning FY 2020/21 item to the February, Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Director Villegas arrived at this point (6:07 p.m.).

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

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy spoke of the Promotional Ceremony held earlier in the day, thanking Director Hernandez for being present. He announced the recent promotions of Mark Pokey Sanchez to Deputy Chief, Emergency Operations Bureau, and Kenny Dossey to Assistant Chief, Field Operations Department. He reported on the Second Quarter Goals and Objectives; the Urban Search and Rescue deployment to Puerto Rico thanking Battalion Chief Steve Dohman, Reserve Firefighter Mike Boyle, and Fire Apparatus Engineer Jonathan Keesee for their service following the 6.5 magnitude earthquake, that occurred January 7; reminded all of the Best and Bravest Event Friday, February 7; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Girls Empowerment Camp March 7-8.

Fire Chief Fennessy invited Chair Muller to join him at the podium as he recognized the following team from K-Wave Radio Station, Santa Ana, Lance Emma, Matt Johnson, Joanna Esqueda, Manny Esqueda, and Jordan Taylor. These individuals worked closely with the OCFA Community Educators to distribute toys for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive in December.

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

## **2. MINUTES**

### **A. Minutes from the November 21, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (11.06)**

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director O'Neill, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the November 21, 2019, Minutes as submitted. Directors Hernandez, Muller, Sedgwick, and Ta were recorded as abstentions due to their absence from the November 21, 2019, meeting.

## **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. Next Generation Aerial Operations Pilot Program Budget Adjustment (F: 18.09D)**

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to authorize and approve the following proposed budget adjustment to recognize the donation from Southern California Edison, increasing revenues by \$880,000 and expenditures by \$1,115,522 in the FY 2019/20 General Fund (121).

### **B. FY 2019/2020 Mid-Year Financial Report (F: 15.04)**

On motion of Director Ta and second by Director Hernandez, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to direct staff to return to the Board of Directors in March 2020, for approval of the proposed budget adjustments for the FY 2019/2020 budget.

### **C. Annual Grant Priorities for 2020 (F:11.10G)**

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

1. Approve OCFA's Annual Grant Priorities for 2020.
2. Approve non-substantive "housekeeping" revisions to the OCFA Grant Policy.
3. Approve Resolution 2020-01 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AMENDING THE ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES/ AUTHORITIES MATRIX for revisions for grant acceptance.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

## **5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **A. Quarterly Status Report Placentia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (F: 10.03)**

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy presented the Quarterly Status Report Placentia Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Hugh Wood, resident of Placentia, addressed concerns over the points raised by OCFA staff regarding the auto and mutual aid aspect of Placentia's proposed Fire Department.

Mr. Tim Steging, Firefighter Local 3631, addressed the impacts and effects of the creation of the Placentia Fire Department on surrounding cities.

By consensus, the Board of Directors received and filed the report as submitted.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (F: 11.02B)**

Chair Muller opened the Nominations for Chair of the Board of Directors.

Director Farias nominated Vice Chair Shelley Hasselbrink with a second by Director Hernandez.

There were no additional nominations.

The Board of Directors voted Vice Chair Hasselbrink as Chair by acclamation.

Newly appointed Chair Hasselbrink opened the Nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

Director Hernandez nominated Director Vince Rossini with a second by Director Johnson.

There were no additional nominations.

The Board of Directors voted Director Rossini as Vice Chair by acclamation.

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

Director Moore thanked former Chair Muller for his service and congratulated Chair Hasselbrink to her new position. He reported on a large fire in Seal Beach occurring last week, with a great response by Fire Stations 47, 2, 17, and Huntington Beach and Long Beach Fire Departments. He noted OCFA worked with the Red Cross to assist in finding temporary housing for those displaced.

Director Hernandez stated he was honored to stand in for Chair Muller for this evening's promotional ceremony, noting the high quality of people who were promoted.

Director Hatch offered thanks to those firefighters in the audience attending the meeting.

Director Gamble thanked former Chair Muller for his exceptional service, and congratulated newly appointed Chair Hasselbrink, and Vice Chair Rossini.

**CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)**

**CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9  
(1 Case)

**CS2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**  
Position: General Counsel  
Authority: Government Code Section 54954.5

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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, CS2, Public Employee Performance Evaluation with Legal Counsel.

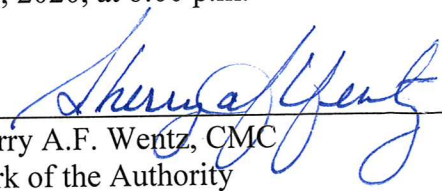
Chair Hasselbrink recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

Chair Hasselbrink reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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