

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2020
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 February 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Hasselbrink.

INVOCATION

Senior Chaplain Dave Keehn offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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| Letitia Clark, Tustin | Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano |
| Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita | Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo |
| Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos | Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods |
| Robert Johnson, Cypress | Anthony Kuo, Irvine |
| Thomas Moore, Seal Beach | Joseph Muller, Dana Point |
| John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove | Vince Rossini, Villa Park |
| Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo | Dave Shawver, Stanton |
| Michele Steggell, La Palma | Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park |
| Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest | Juan Villegas, Santa Ana |
| Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange | Kathleen Ward, San Clemente |

Absent: Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Tri Ta, Westminster

Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

Also present were:

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| Fire Chief Brian Fennessy | Deputy Chief Pokey Sanchez |
| Assistant Chief Randy Black | Deputy Chief Lori Zeller |
| Assistant Chief Robert Cortez | Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey |
| General Counsel David Kendig | Assistant Chief Lori Smith |
| Assistant Chief Nina Collins | Communications Director Colleen Windsor |
| Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz | |

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (F: 11.09)

Chair Hasselbrink announced that both former Directors Melissa Fox and Neeki Moatazedi were unable to attend, and their presentations will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Director Harrington arrived at this point (6:01 p.m.).

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Sachs, The Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the request as submitted and make presentations to those present.

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy and Chair Shelley Hasselbrink recognized and presented a plaque to former Chair Joe Muller, thanking him for his service as Board Chair.

Director Farias arrived at this point (6:04 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Doctor Claus Hecht, OCFA Emergency Medical Services Director, provided an update on the Coronavirus 19 virus, and OCFA's tactical service protocols.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Human Resources Committee Chair Rossini reported at the February 4, 2020, meeting, the Committee received oral presentation updates on the Behavioral Health Program and Cancer Awareness Prevention Program. Additionally, the Committee received and filed updates on the Recruitment & Selection Unit, and the Annual Workers' Compensation Program. Lastly, the Committee held elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, electing unanimously Michelle Steggell as Vice Chair and himself as Chair for the ensuing term.

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

Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chair Swift reported at the February 11, 2020, special meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to send the Second Quarter Financial Newsletter and Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for its approval; and voted unanimously to send the Options to Mitigate Escalating Charges to Cash Contract Cities Beginning FY 2020/21, to the Board of Directors for approval of modified recommended actions. Staff is now gathering additional input to thoroughly vet the options, and to vet details associated with the Budget & Finance Committee's modified recommended options. Upon completion, the item will be brought through the Budget & Finance Committee again, prior to forwarding the agenda item to the Board of Directors for consideration at a future date. Lastly, the Committee held elections for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, electing unanimously Gene Hernandez as Chair and herself as Vice Chair for the ensuing term.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy reported on the success of the Best and Bravest event, highlighting and congratulating all of the honorees; introduced newly promoted Division Chief Baryic Hunter, who addressed the Board; and reminded everyone of the upcoming Girls Empowerment Camp in March.

Fire Chief Fennessy and Chair Hasselbrink recognized outgoing Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz for her achievements over the course of her tenure and introduced the City Clerk Association's District 10 representative Molly Perry who presented a plaque acknowledging the Clerk Wentz's professional contributions.

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from the January 23, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Harrington, the Board of Directors voted by those present to approve the January 23, 2020, minutes as submitted. Directors Sachs, Shawver, and Ward were recorded as abstentions, due to their absence from the January 23, 2020, meeting.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Agenda Item No. 3A was pulled for separate consideration)

A. Ratify Appointments to Executive Committee (F: 12.02A1)

Chair Hasselbrink pulled this item from the Consent Calendar to recommended adding Director Mark Tettermer (Lake Forest). She noted there was one remaining Executive Committee Structural Fire Fund Alternate and solicited interest from the Board. Director Anthony Kuo (Irvine) volunteered his services.

On motion of Director Tettermer and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted by those present to ratify the appointments of Directors Ed Sachs (Mission Viejo) and Elizabeth Swift (Buena Park) as At-Large Members; Director Donald P. Wagner (County of Orange) as the Board of Supervisor's At-Large Member, with Director Lisa Bartlett (County of Orange) as its Alternate; Director Tri Ta (Westminster) as a Cash Contract Alternate to the Executive Committee; and Directors Mark Tettermer (Lake Forest) and Anthony Kuo (Irvine) as Structural Fire Fund Alternates.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Clark expressed thanks to the firefighters who assisted with the recent apartment fire in Tustin.

Director Muller thanked the Board Members and staff for their assistance during his tenure.

Vice Chair Rossini offered regrets that Division Chief Phil Johnson will no longer be serving the City of Villa Park.

Director Kuo thanked OCFA for the gallant firefight on the Working Wardrobe Headquarters in Irvine and thanked the handcrews who participated in a demonstration in fuel modification with goats prior to Irvine's State of the City event.

Chair Hasselbrink reported attending the Best and Bravest event.

CLOSED SESSION

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, and CS2, Public Employee Performance Evaluation.

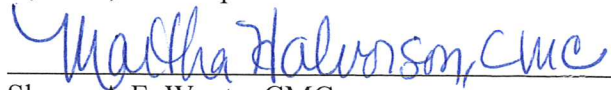
Chair Hasselbrink recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

Chair Hasselbrink reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hasselbrink adjourned the meeting in memory of Porterville Fire Captain Raymond Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones who perished in the recent Porterville Public Library Fire. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC", written over a horizontal line.

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