

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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

### INVOCATION

Senior Chaplain Dave Keehn offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Rossini led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### ROLL CALL

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange*	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*	Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*
Robert Johnson, Cypress*	Anthony Kuo, Irvine
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach*	Joseph Muller, Dana Point
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove*	Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*	Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo*
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills*	Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Michele Steggell, La Palma*	Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park*
Tri Ta, Westminster*	Mark Tetteimer, Lake Forest
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana	Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente*	

**Absent:** None

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Pokey Sanchez
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller	Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	General Counsel David Kendig
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	Communications Director Colleen Windsor
Acting Clerk of the Authority Martha Halvorson	

*\*Board of Director Members participating via Teleconferencing*

## 1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)

Craig Green, Placentia City Council Member, provided an update to the process the City of Placentia creating its fire department.

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

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

Director O' Neill arrived at this point (6:05 p.m.).

## REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Gene Hernandez reported at the April 8, 2020, regular meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to receive and file both the Organizational Service Level Assessment Update and the Communication with Auditors for Fiscal Year 2019/20 Financial Audit, and forward the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for its approval. The Committee discussed the Options to Mitigate Escalating Charges to Contract Cities and voted unanimously to bring the item back for consideration in January, 2021.

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

Fire Chief Fennessy introduced Emergency Medical Services Director Claus Hecht, who provided an update to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistant Chief Black addressed questions regarding testing of first responders.

## 2. MINUTES

### A. Minutes from the March 26, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (F: 11.06)

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

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

No items.

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

The Board Members offered no comments.

**CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)**

**CS1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54954.5

**CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Hasselbrink, Vice Chair Rossini, and Immediate Past Board Chair Muller

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

**CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9  
(1 matter related to Fire Ops 101 event)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors would convene to Closed Session to consider the matter on the agenda identified as CS1, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, CS2, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

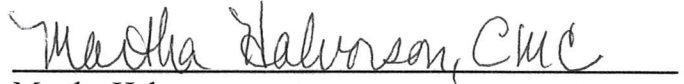
Chair Hasselbrink recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:26 p.m.

Chair Hasselbrink reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

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

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors provided its negotiators direction, and there was no other reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Hasselbrink adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Halvorson, CMC". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Martha Halvorson  
Acting Clerk of the Authority