

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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

INVOCATION

Chaplain Harry Robinson offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Chair, Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos	Vice Chair, Vince Rossini, Villa Park
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange*	Letitia Clark, Tustin*
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita*	Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo*
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*
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills*	Michele Steggell, La Palma*
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park*	Tri Ta, Westminster*
Mark Tetterer, Lake Forest	Juan Villegas, Santa Ana
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*	Kathleen Ward, San Clemente*

Absent: Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey
General Counsel David Kendig
Communications Director Colleen Windsor

Deputy Chief Pokey Sanchez
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar

*Board of Director Members participating via Teleconferencing**

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Chair Hasselbrink recessed the Open Session meeting to Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (FILE: 11.15)

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,
Local 3631 and Chief Officers Association and Chief
Officers Association
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Chair Hasselbrink reconvened to Open Session meeting at 6:27 p.m. with all Directors present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (FILE: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig stated there was no reportable action.

REPORTS

A. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee Chair (FILE 11.12)

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Hernandez reported at the July 8, 2020, regular meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the Organizational Services Level Assessment Update, and approve and forward the Monthly Investment Reports to the Executive Committee for its approval. The Committee also voted unanimously to approve and forward the Acceptance of 2020 Department of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search and Rescue Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Funding to the Board of Directors for approval.

B. Report from the Fire Chief (FILE: 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy reported a press conference was held on the Drowning Prevention Program; Fire Academy 51 will be starting in August; and introduced Emergency Medical Services' Assistant Chief Black who provided an update on COVID-19.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 22-0 (Directors Farias, Sachs, and Shawver absent) 2A-2D. Agenda Item 2E pulled for separate discussion.

A. Minutes from the June 25, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (FILE: 11.06)

Action: Approve as submitted.

B. Acceptance of 2020 Department of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) / Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search and Rescue Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Funding (FILE: 16.02A)

Action: Adopt Resolution No 2020-06 to accept the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency's Grant Readiness Cooperative Agreement funding and approve a budget adjustment to the FY 2020/21 General Fund (121) budget increasing revenues and expenditures by \$1,261,631.

C. Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week (FILE: 11.09A)

Action: Approve Proclamation designating October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week.

D. Amendment to County Island Fire and Medical Services Agreement with the City of Fountain Valley (FILE: 18.02)

Action: Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Fountain Valley extending the term through June 30, 2025, for the purpose of providing fire and medical services to county unincorporated area (county island) located within, or adjacent to, the boundaries of the city.

E. Third Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement (FILE: 17.10A2)

Fire Chief Fennessy exited the Board Room as he has a financial interest in the item.

General Counsel David Kendig presented the Third Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement.

Director Bartlett offered a motion to strike a portion of the proposed recommended action.

Discussion ensued. Motion considered and failed.

On motion of Director Kuo and second by Director Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 19-2 (Directors Bartlett, and Wagner dissented; Director Harrington was absent for the vote, and Directors Farias, Sachs, and Shawver absent) to approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Third Amendment to the Fire Chief's employment agreement (Attachment 4).

3. DISCUSSION

No Items.

4. PUBLIC HEARING


No Items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (FILE 11.13)

Director Hernandez noting he serves on the Senior Citizens Advisory Council, stated they received a presentation by OCFA's Education Specialist Milton Neira on Drowning Awareness stating; he connected with the audience; presented a good program; and recommend Mr. Neira be called upon to present to other organizations.

Chair Hasselbrink reported her family experienced the need to call 911; the dispatchers provided excellent service..

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hasselbrink adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority