

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021
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 May 27, 2021, at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Shawver.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Jeff Hetschel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Dave Shawver, Stanton - Chair
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange*
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo*
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach
Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana*
Joe Muller, Dana Point*
Sunny Park, Buena Park*
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills*
Mark Tetterer, Lake Forest
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente

Michele Steggell, La Palma – Vice Chair
Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano
Letitia Clark, Tustin*
Anthony Kuo, Irvine
Frances Marquez, Cypress*
John R. O’Neill, Garden Grove
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo*
Tri Ta, Westminster*
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Absent: Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods

Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Assistant Chief Lori Smith
General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Phil Johnson
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman
Dir. of Communications Colleen Windsor

**Board Members participating via teleconferencing*

REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Joe Muller reported at the May 12, 2021, regular meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved placing the Budget Adjustment and Contract Amendments Related to the Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) 2.0 Program Extension, on the agenda for the Board of Directors May 27, 2021, meeting for approval of the recommended actions. The Committee considered the Review of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget, and directed staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting, May 27, 2021, for consideration and approval of the recommended actions. The Committee without further deliberation due to loss of quorum, directed staff to place the matter of the Review of Purchasing Ordinance and Purchasing Provisions of Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities Matrix on the Board of Directors May 27, 2021, agenda for consideration.

B. Report from the Human Resources Committee Chair (FILE 11.12)

Human Resources Committee Chair Michele Steggell reported a special meeting was called to order on April 28, 2021, for Closed Session items which were of a timely matter. There was no reportable action taken. At the regular meeting of May 4, 2021, Human Resources Manager Tamaryn Boston reviewed the Classification and Compensation Study for the Fleet Services Occupational Series, with the recommendation the item to forwarded to the Executive Committee for its approval. Lastly, Assistant Chief Holloman presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Professional Standards Unit Update for the Committee to review and file the report.

C. Report from the Fire Chief (FILE 11.14)

Fire Chief Fennessy reported on the following: OCFA's commitment to the Orange County Health Care Agency's vaccination efforts, which will conclude June 5, noting OCFA's assistance began last December and continued throughout this year; Camp Pendleton Fire School begins the week of June 7, participants include many fire agencies from Orange County and San Diego for mutual days of fire training; on June 14 the Quick Reaction Force program launches, a joint press conference will be held to include Southern California Edison who is providing program funding, and it will begin contract operations June 15; the Career Firefighter Academy 52 Graduation Ceremony takes place June 16, and lastly, KFI is providing a two-hour show to include LA City, LA County, and US Forest Service, along with OCFA Chiefs to speak to Wildfire Season. Chief Fennessy closed with a video from the American Red Cross awarding the Orange County Fire Authority with the distinct honor of the Disaster Services Hero Award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director O'Neill and second by Director Kuo, and following a roll call vote, declared Agenda Item 2A-2B passed 21-0 (Directors Gamble, Hasselbrink, Hatch, and Hernandez absent, and Director Bartlett abstained on 2A).

A. Minutes from the April 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (FILE 11.06)

Action: Approve as submitted.

B. Budget Adjustment and Contract Amendments Related to the Fire Integrated Real-time Intelligence System (FIRIS) 2.0 Program Extension (FILE 20.18)

Actions:

1. Approve and authorize a budget adjustment to increase revenue and appropriations in the FY 2020/21 General Fund (121) budget by an additional \$468,500 for the extension of the FIRIS 2.0 Program through June 30, 2021.
2. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to adjust all FIRIS-related vendor contracts by the individual amounts needed in support of the FIRIS 2.0 Program extension, so long as the aggregate value of the increases does not exceed the revised program budget (see Table).

3. DISCUSSION

A. Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force Report (FILE 20.18)

Fire Chief Fennessy presented the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force Report and introduced Assistant Chief Cortez who reviewed the varied options provided for the Board of Directors consideration.

Discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Ward and second by Chair Shawver, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 21-0 (Directors Gamble, Hasselbrink, Hatch, and Hernandez absent) to provide an annual donation of \$25,000 to the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force, with an OCFA Community Educator to attend Task Force meetings and OCFA to collaborate on annual countywide campaigns.

B. Review of Purchasing Ordinance and Purchasing Provisions of Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities Matrix (FILE 11.10H)

Assistant Chief Cortez introduced the Review of Purchasing Ordinance and Purchasing Provisions of Roles/Responsibilities/Authorities Matrix and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Bartlett, and second by Director Kuo, and after a roll call vote, declared passed 18-2 (Directors O'Neill and Sachs dissented, Directors Gamble, Hasselbrink, Hatch, Hernandez, and Lopez absent) to delete the special procurement authorization and take review of the procurement process to the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Review of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget (FILE 15.04)

Chair Shawver opened the Public Hearing.

Assistant Chief Cortez presented the Review of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget.

Discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Wagner and second by Director Bartlett, and after a roll call vote, declared passed 11-10 to continue the review of the proposed budget to June, with the Budget and Finance Committee to drill down on answers to the questions asked of staff, and then forward that information to the Board at its June 24, 2021 meeting (Directors Bourne, Clark, Kalmick, O'Neill, Sachs, Sedgwick, Ta, Tettermer, Shawver, and Ward dissented, Directors Gamble, Hasselbrink, Hatch, and Hernandez absent).

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (FILE 11.13)

Director Chun congratulated OCFA for being the recipient of the prestigious American Red Cross Disaster Services Hero Award.

Director O'Neill thanked the chief and staff for all their professional work and their roles they serve on a daily basis to move the Board's policies forward.

CLOSED SESSION (FILE 11.15)

CS1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5: Fire Chief

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

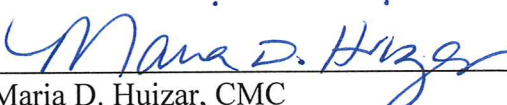
Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Steggell, and Immediate Past Board Chair Hasselbrink
Position: Fire Chief

CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION pursuant to paragraph (2) and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: Two (2) Cases

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (FILE 11.15)

General Counsel stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Shawver adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority