

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular and Concurrent Joint Special Meetings
Thursday, February 24, 2022
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 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Steggell.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Gerardo Arenado.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Michele Steggell, La Palma, Chair	Anthony Kuo, Vice Chair
Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano*	Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo*
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita*	Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos*
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*	Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove*
Sunny Park, Buena Park*	Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*	Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo*
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills	Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Tri Ta, Westminster*	Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest
Richard Viczorek, Dana Point*	Kathleen Ward, San Clemente*

Absent Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Austin Lumbard, Tustin

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey	Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	Assistant Chief Phil Johnson
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman	Director of Communications Matt Olson
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	General Counsel David Kendig
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar	

*Those members attending via Teleconferencing.

REPORTS

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

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Tri Ta reported at its February 9, 2022, meeting, the Committee reviewed the Second Quarter Financial Newsletter and the Monthly Investment Reports, and forwarded both to the Executive Committee to receive and file the reports as presented. The Committee also reviewed the Second Quarter Purchasing Report and forwarded it with the recommendation that the Board of Directors receive and file the report. The Committee held its annual election of both Chair and Vice Chair; electing Director John O'Neill as Vice Chair, and me to serve as Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

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

Human Resources Committee Vice Chair Joe Kalmick reported at its February 1, 2022, meeting, the Committee received an update on the 2022 Behavioral Health Program presented by Risk Manager Rhonda Haynes. Assistant Chief Randy Black introduced the Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Prevention presentation provided in conjunction with support of Firefighters Local 3631. He introduced Public Relations Manager Sophia Champieux who presented a video testimony from an OCFA firefighter, currently battling cancer. The Committee reviewed and recommended forwarding to the Executive Committee the New Classification Specification for Lead Hand Crew Superintendent. Lastly, the Committee held its annual election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022. Director Hernandez was elected to serve as Chair, and myself to serve as Vice Chair of the Human Resources Committee for the ensuing year.

C. Report from the Fire Chief (FILE 11.14)

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy introduced the newly appointed Corporate Communications Director Matt Olson. The Chief also provided an update on the February 10th Emerald Fire in Laguna Beach. He noted aircraft was on scene; defensible space, fuel modification, and less wind velocity all contributed to zero structure loss or damage. The Chief thanked all the firefighters and Emerald Bay community as their efforts led to a successful outcome.

Director Rossini arrived at this point (6:15 p.m.).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (FILE 11.11)

Lindsey, addressed the lack of vaccination of firefighters, asking for a mandate for employees.

Resident with phone number ending in 8020, expressed concerned about the lack of vaccination of OCFA employees.

Corey Johnson addressed the spike of COVID, and low vaccination rate of OCFA employees, asking for a mandate for employees to be vaccinated.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Former Board Chair Dave Shawver was not present but teleconferenced in for the meeting. Although he will be honored when present at the next meeting, Chair Steggell thanked Director Shawver for his service as Chair of the Board in 2021. Former Chair Shawver thanked his fellow Board Members, the Fire Chief, and staff for working with him throughout last year.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Tetterer and second by Chair Steggell, and following a roll call vote, approved 20-0 Agenda Items No. 2A-2E (Directors Bartlett, Hernandez, Lumbard, Wagner, and Lopez absent).

A. Minutes for the Board of Directors (FILE 11.06)

Action: Approve the Minutes for the January 27, 2022, Regular and Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.

B. Second Quarter Purchasing Report (FILE 11.10H1)

Action: Receive and file report.

C. 2022 Committee Member Roster (FILE 11.02E)

Action: Receive and file report.

D. Ratify Appointments to Executive Committee (FILE 12.02A1)

Action: Confirm the appointments of the Executive Committee and Alternate members, as required in Rule 9(b) of the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure.

E. Resolution Authorizing Fire Chief to Execute a Cooperative Agreement for the Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) Program (FILE 22.06A)

Action: Approve and adopt the proposed Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Orange County Fire Authority for the use of Federal Excess Personal Property.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items.

RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 6:31 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER THE CONCURRENT JOINT SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 11.03)

General Counsel David Kendig presented the Findings by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings.

On motion of Vice Chair Kuo and second by Director Kalmick, and following a roll call vote, approved 18-2 (Directors Tetterer and Hertz-Mallari opposed, and Directors Lombard, Bartlett, Wagner, Hernandez, and Lopez absent) to make the following findings by majority votes of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and Human Resource Committee:

- a. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continues in effect; and
- b. The Board of Directors and each Committees has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; and
- c. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

ADJOURNED THE CONCURRENT JOINT MEETINGS AND RECONVENED TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 6:35 P.M.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board Members offered no comments.

RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION (FILE 11.15)

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Chief Negotiator:

Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations:

• Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF - Local 3631,

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- Orange County Employees Association (OCEA),
and
- Orange County Fire Authority Management
Association (OCFAMA)

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Colleen Windsor vs. OCFA,
Case No. 30-2021-01227581-CU-DE-CJC

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: One (1) Case

CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: Desiree Horton v. OCFA et al, Case No. 30-2021-01200267-CU-WT-CJC

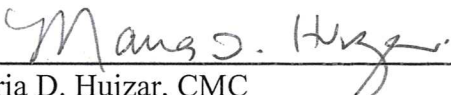
Directors Sachs and Park left the meeting at this point (9:00 p.m.).

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (FILE 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig stated there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority