

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Special and Concurrent Joint Special Meetings
Thursday, July 14, 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 special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on July 14, 2022, at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Kuo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Anthony Kuo, Irvine, Vice Chair
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo*
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach*
Austin Lombard, Tustin*
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Tri Ta, Westminster*
Richard Viczorek, Dana Point*
Kathleen Ward, San Clemente*

Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano*
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita*
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress*
Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana*
Sunny Park, Buena Park*
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*
Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest*
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
John O'Neill, Garden Grove
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
Michele Steggell, La Palma, Chair

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
General Counsel David Kendig
Labor Negotiator Peter Brown

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kuo opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and, without any comments from the general public, closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

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

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

On motion of Director Wagner and second by Director Gamble, and following a roll call vote, approved 14-3 (Directors Kuo, Hertz-Mallari, and Tetteimer opposed, Directors Steggell, Bartlett, Hasselbrink, Hernandez, O’Neill, Sachs, Sedgwick, and Shawver, absent), to select Option #1 to make the following findings:

- 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 Committee 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.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board Members offered no comments.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (FILE 11.15)

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

Negotiators:

Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
and Stephanie Holloman, Assistant Chief/Human
Resources Director

Employee Organizations:


Orange County Professional Firefighters
Association, IAFF - Local 3631,

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (FILE 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board of Directors gave direction to its labor negotiators; there was no further reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Kuo adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority