

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Concurrent Joint Special Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

A Concurrent Joint Special Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, Executive, Budget and Finance, Human Resources, Legislative and Operations Committees was called to order on August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. by Board of Directors Chair Michele Steggell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present:	Michele Steggell, La Palma, Chair	Anthony Kuo, Irvine, Vice Chair*
	Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita*	Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*
	Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*	Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress*
	Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach*	Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana*
	Austin Lumbard, Tustin*	Sunny Park, Buena Park*
	Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*	Vince Rossini, Villa Park
	Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo	Dave Shawver, Stanton*
	Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills*	Tri Ta, Westminster*
	Richard Viczorek, Dana Point*	Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*
	Kathy Ward, San Clemente*	

Absent:	Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange	Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano
	Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
	John O'Neill, Garden Grove	Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Communications Director Matt Olson
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar	General Counsel David Kendig

**Board Members attending via teleconferencing*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (FILE 11.11)

General Counsel David Kendig reported this is a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, thus public comments are confined to the topic presented, in this case it is AB 361, any other regular meeting the public is free to discuss any topic of subject matter within this jurisdiction.

Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar reported there were two members of the public who wished to speak, having heard the report from General Counsel Kendig they deferred their comments for this evening.

Director Hatch arrived at this point (6:09 p.m.).

1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. 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.

Director Sachs addressed the need for the Board of Directors to move forward having all Members in person for attendance of the meetings.

Director Hernandez spoke in favor to continue to meet with the use of teleconferencing as necessary for members who cannot be present.

Director Wagner noted it is easier for the public to access and participate by telephone with remote meetings, and many public agencies provide effective business with remote meetings.

Director Shawver addressed his support to participate in person with the option of teleconferencing.

Director Park arrived at this point (6:12 p.m.).

Director Ward asked if under Option #1 a Board Member can return to meeting in person, yet have the option to teleconference.

On motion of Director Wagner, and second by Director Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, approved 12-7 (Directors Hatch, Hertz-Mallari, Kuo, Rossini, Sachs, Steggell, and Ward opposed, Directors Bartlett, Bourne, Chun, Hasselbrink, O'Neill, and Tettemer 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.

REPORTS

None.

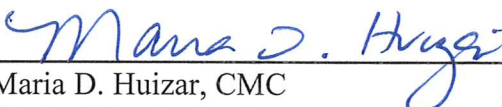
DIRECTORS COMMENTS (FILE 11.13)

Director Ward noted that the two committees in which the motion failed only met quarterly.

Director Hertz-Mallari requested that that the Board of Directors agendaize for consideration a change to the Rules of Procedure to allow remote teleconferencing, when necessary.

Chair Steggell and Director Kalmick support request by Director Hertz-Mallari.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority