

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**  
**12:00 Noon**

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee was called to order on October 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Ta.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director O'Neill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Tri Ta, Westminster, Chair\*  
John O'Neill, Garden Grove, Vice Chair  
Austin Lombard, Tustin\*  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos\*  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
Mark Tettemer, Lake Forest\*

**Absent:** Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano                      Vince Rossini, Villa Park

### Staff present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	Assistant Chief Lori Smith
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman	Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco
Communications Director Matt Olson	Ex-Officio Member Jennifer Cervantez*
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar	General Counsel David Kendig

*\*Those members attending via Teleconferencing*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Ta opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting, and with no comments from the general public, Chair Ta closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

### **1. PRESENTATION**

No items.

### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, approved 7-0 Agenda Item Nos. 2A-2C (Directors Bourne and Rossini absent).

#### **A. Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee Meetings (FILE 12.02B2)**

Actions:

1. Approve the Minutes for the September 14, 2022, Regular Meeting as submitted.
2. Approve the Minutes for the September 22, 2022, Concurrent Joint Special Meeting as submitted.

#### **B. Monthly Investment Reports (FILE 11.10D2)**

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of October 27, 2022, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

#### **C. Homeland Security Grant Program Award (FILE 16.02B)**

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 27, 2022, with Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations that the Board of Directors approve a Budget Adjustment in Fund 121 to increase revenue and expenditures by \$300,000.

### **3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **A. Approval of Master Lease-Purchase Agreement and Other Related Actions for the Acquisition of Two Helicopters (FILE 18.9)**

Assistant Chief Robert Cortez presented the Approval of Master Lease Purchase Agreement and Other Related Actions for the Acquisition of Two Helicopters.

On motion of Director O'Neill and second by Director Sachs, and following a roll call vote, approved 6-1 (Director Tettermer opposed, and Directors Bourne and Rossini absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 27, 2022, with the Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the acquisition and financing of two new helicopters and approve related Master Lease-Purchase Agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp, schedules, Escrow Agreement, and other related actions (current draft provided as Attachments 1 and 2).
2. Approve an Indemnification Agreement with the City of Yorba Linda in Connection with the Funding of the Purchase of Firehawk Helicopters (current draft provided as Attachment 3).

**B. Approve Modified Fifth Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Emergency Ambulance Service (FILE 18.05A4)**

Assistant Chief Cortez presented the Approve Modified Fifth Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Emergency Ambulance Service.

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director O'Neill, and following a roll call vote, approved 7-0 (Directors Bourne and Rossini absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of October 27, 2022, with the Budget & Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board: Approve the modified Fifth Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Billing Agreement with Emergency Ambulance Services, Inc. (EAS) that provides for:

- EAS to retroactively reimburse OCFA the medical supplies reimbursement rate of \$30.43 from the date that EAS suspended the reimbursement;
- Adjusts the term of the Medical Supplies Reimbursement rate of \$30.43 to August 31, 2023; and
- Continued negotiations that may result in a future adjustment to the Medical Supplies Reimbursement rate and/or the Advance Life Support Reimbursement Rate agreeable to the OCFA and EAS for the balance of the 5-year term (through May 31, 2025).


**REPORTS**

No items.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Committee Members offered no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Ta adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

  
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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority