

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 Lumbar, 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.

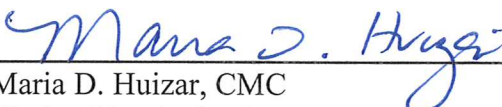
DIRECTORS COMMENTS (FILE 11.13)

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

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Executive Committee 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 & Public Affairs, and Operations Committees was called to order on August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. by Board of Directors Chair Michele Steggell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michele Steggell, La Palma, Chair
Anthony Kuo, Irvine, Vice Chair*
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*
Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Tri Ta, Westminster*
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent: Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
John O'Neill, Garden Grove
Dennis Wilberg, Ex Officio

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
General Counsel David Kendig

Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Communications Director Matt Olson
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

**Those members attending via Teleconferencing*

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02A2)

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 Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-3 (Directors Hatch, Kuo, and Steggell opposed, Directors Hasselbrink and O'Neill 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.

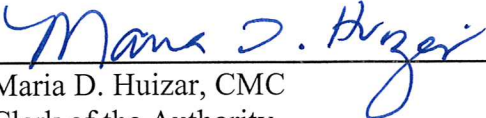
REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee will be Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Budget and Finance Committee
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 Steggell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tri Ta, Westminster, Chair*
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*
Austin Lombard, Tustin*
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Vince Rossini, Villa Park*

Absent: Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano
John O'Neill, Garden Grove
Mark Tetterer, Lake Forest
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos

Staff present were:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

**Committee Members participating via teleconferencing.*

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02B2)

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

On motion of Director Lombard and second by Director Hernandez, and following a roll call vote, approved 3-2 (Directors Rossini, and Sachs opposed, Directors Bourne, Hasselbrink, O'Neill, and Tettermer 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.

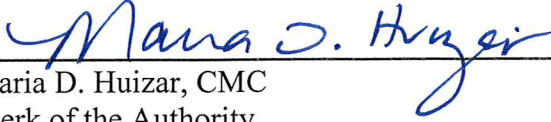
REPORTS

No Items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the Concurrent Joint Special Meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 12:00 noon.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Operations Committee Concurrent Joint Special Meeting Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

Present: Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress, Chair*
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel, Vice Chair*
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach*
Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Kathy Ward, San Clemente*
Vince Rossini, Villa Park

Absent: John O'Neill, Garden Grove

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar

Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Director of Communications Matt Olson
General Counsel David Kendig

*Operations Committee Members participating via Teleconferencing**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Steggell opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and as there were no comments, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02F2)

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

On motion of Director Rains and second by Director Kalmick, and following a roll call vote, the motion failed in a tied vote of 3-3 (Directors Ward, Hertz-Mallari, and Rossini opposed) 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 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.

General Counsel Kendig reported that the findings were not approved. AB 361 requires the findings be made at least every 30 days by a legislative body that plans to use AB 361, the absence of those findings will mean that AB 361 teleconferencing is no longer be available to this committee.


REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Legislative and Public Affairs Committee
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 & Public Affairs, and Operations Committees was called to order on August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. by Board of Directors Chair Michele Steggell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Chair*
Kathy Ward, San Clemente, Vice Chair*
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress*
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Anthony Kuo, Irvine*
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*

Absent: Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Director of Communications Matt Olson
General Counsel David Kendig

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Steggell opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and as there were no comments, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

1. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02E2)

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

On motion of Director Kalmick and second by Director Rains, and following a roll call vote, motion failed in a tied vote of 3-3 (Directors Ward, Hertz-Mallari, Kuo opposed, Director Chun 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 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.

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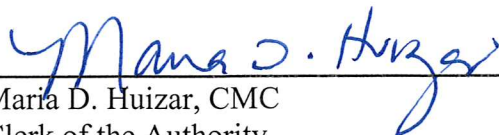
REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Human Resources Committee
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 Steggell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda, Chair*
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, Vice Chair*
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
Dave Shawver, Stanton*

Absent: Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez
General Counsel David Kendig

Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey
Director of Communications Matt Olson
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Human Resources Committee Members participating via Teleconferencing

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Steggell opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting, and without any comment from the general public closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

1. PRESENTATIONS

None.

2. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (FILE 12.02D2)

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

On motion of Director Rains and second by Director Kalmick, and following a roll call vote, approved 4-2 (Directors Hatch and Sachs opposed, and Director Chun 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 Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; and
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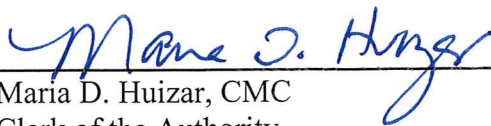
REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Steggell adjourned at the Concurrent Joint Meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Human Resources Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 12:00 noon.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority