

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Operations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
12:00 Noon

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 Operations Committee was called to order on August 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. by Interim Chair Anne Hertz-Mallari.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by guest Chaplain Emily McColl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Anne Hertz, Mallari, Cypress, Interim Chair
Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach*
Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Kathy Ward, San Clemente*

ABSENT John O'Neill, Garden Grove
Vince Rossini, Villa Park

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Lori Zeller
Deputy Chief Kenny Dossey	Assistant Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	Communications Director Matt Olson
Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt	
Assistant Clerk of the Authority Martha Halvorson	

**Committee Members attending via teleconferencing*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Interim Chair Hertz-Mallari opened and closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any comments from the general public.

1. PRESENTATION (FILE 12.02F1)

Deputy Chief of Emergency Operations Bureau Kenny Dossey presented a Quarterly Operational Update on system-wide activities occurring throughout the OCFA

Director Ward arrived at this point (12:08 p.m.).

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair (FILE 12.02F1)

Interim Chair Hertz-Mallari introduced the process for nominations for the election of both Chair and Vice Chair.

On motion of Director Shawver and second by Director Rains, and following a roll call vote, approved 5-0 (Directors O'Neill, and Rossini, absent) to approve the process as proposed for the election.

Interim Chair Hertz-Mallari opened the nominations for Chair of the Committee.

Director Ward nominated Director Hertz-Mallari, with a second by Director Shawver.

Director Hertz-Mallari accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominations.

On motion of nomination of Director Hertz-Mallari, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0 (Directors O'Neill and Rossini absent) as Chair of the Committee.

Chair Hertz-Mallari opened the nominations for Vice Chair of the Committee.

Director Shawver nominated Director Rains, with a second by Director Ward.

Director Rains accepted the nominations.

There were no additional nominations.

On motion of nomination of Director Rains, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 5-0 (Directors O'Neill and Rossini absent) as Vice Chair of the Committee.

B. Draft Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding “Where’s the Fire? Stop Sending Fire Trucks to Medical Calls” (FILE 20.04A13)

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy presented the Draft Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding “Where’s the Fire? Stop Sending Fire Trucks to Medical Calls.”

Discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Shawver and second by Director Ward, and following a roll call vote, approved 5-0 (Directors O’Neill and Rossini absent) to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors special meeting of August 11, 2022, with the Operations Committee’s recommendation that the Board approve and authorize the Clerk of the Authority to submit the Orange County Fire Authority’s response to the Orange County Grand Jury report entitled " Where’s the Fire? Stop Sending Fire Trucks to Medical Calls;" and staff return to this Committee with a study of all the different levels of service OCFA provides.

C. Introduction to all Operations (FILE 12.02F3)

Deputy Chief Dossey presented and introduced the following Operations staff:

- Assistant Chief of Field Operations TJ McGovern, oversees 7 Divisions and 11 Battalions, including 77 fire stations;
- Division Chief Rob Capobianco is providing support as Interim Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Training;
- Special Operations Division Chief Tim Perkins. Oversees Air Ops, Wildland Operations, USAR Program, the Technical Rescue Program, Hazmat program; and Investigations;
- Division Chief Baryic Hunter oversees Community Volunteer Services including Training, Reserves and Cadets Programs, and the Chaplain Program;
- Division Chief Jim Henery oversees fire stations in Santa Ana and working with recruitment for the academies and promotions.

As this is a receive and file report, there was no vote taken.

D. 2022-2023 Preliminary Operations Committee Calendar (FILE 12.02F)

Deputy Chief Dossey presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Operations Committee Calendar.

As this is a receive and file report, there was no vote taken.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS (FILE 12.02F4)

Director Shawver reported the operations committee was a vision of his, he stated the meeting exceeded his expectations and visions. He congratulated Chair Hertz-Mallari and Vice Chair Rains for their new appointments.

Director Rains thanked everyone for the information they shared, and Director Shawver's vision of the Operations Committee.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hertz-Mallari adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.



Martha Halvorson, CMC
Assistant Clerk of the Authority