

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2015**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room**  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on October 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Hernandez.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Duncan McColl offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Shawver led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

### ROLL CALL

Angelica Amezcua, Santa Ana  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Craig Green, Placentia  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine  
Al Murray, Tustin  
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo  
David Shawver, Stanton  
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange

Rick Barnett, Villa Park  
Gerard Goedhart, La Palma  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Robert Johnson, Cypress  
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel  
Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest  
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills  
David Sloan, Seal Beach  
Tri Ta, Westminster

**Absent:** Robert Baker, San Clemente  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
John Perry, San Juan Capistrano  
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo

Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange  
Joseph Muller, Dana Point  
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman  
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief David Thomas  
General Counsel David Kendig

Assistant Chief Mike Schroeder  
Assistant Chief Brian Young  
Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond  
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – CLOSED SESSION (F: 11:11)**

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, addressed an on-going need for contract and pension reform.

**CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel Kendig reported the Board would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator, CS2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation, and CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Chair Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:06 p.m.

Director Murray arrived at this point (7:17 p.m.).

**CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters’ Association,  
Local 3631 and Orange County Fire Authority Chief  
Officers’ Association

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

**CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (1 case)

**CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

Chair Hernandez reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with all prior members present.

Director Lalloway left at this point (7:33 p.m.).

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel Kendig indicated the Board had taken no reportable action.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

No items.

### **REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F:11.12)**

Budget and Finance Committee Chair McCloskey reported at its October 14, 2015, the Committee voted unanimously to direct staff to place the Fourth Quarter Financial Newsletter and the Monthly Investment Report on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports. The Budget and Finance Committee also voted unanimously to direct staff to place the Quarterly Change Order Report and the Replacements for Broker/Dealer List on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations that the Executive Committee approve the recommended actions. Lastly, the Budget and Finance Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the report on the Quarterly Status Update Orange County Employees' Retirement System.

### **REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Human Resources Committee Chair Shawver reported the Human Resources Committee did not meet in the month of October; therefore there is nothing to report at this time.

### **REPORT FROM THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)**

Claims Settlement Committee Chair Hernandez stated the Claims Settlement Committee considered a workers' compensation claim for claimants Duran Swanson and Terry Carson, and there was no reportable action.

### **REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)**

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman reported he recently met with and provided both the Board Chair and Vice Chair written and verbal updates to his objectives and initiatives, and he will provide the full Board with a semi-annual update in January. He reported on his attendance at a statewide meeting on fire issues, that a majority of the California wildfires are fully contained, the Orange County Fire Chief's Association consideration of a CAD-to-CAD device and countywide AVL system. Fire Chief Bowman also commended Division Chief Anderson and Assistant Chief Schroeder for their work in attaining additional savings of \$50,000 for the existing CAD system work list. Fire Chief Bowman introduced Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz, who reminded the meeting attendees of the on-going sale of pink tee shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – PUBLIC SESSION (F: 11.11)**

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, commented on the Board's primary responsibility being to the public, and he addressed his continued request to review LSL working papers.

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**2. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes from the September 24, 2015, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)**

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Spitzer, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015, Board meeting as submitted. Director Gamble was recorded as abstaining, due to her absence from the meeting.

Director Lalloway was absent for the vote.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2016 (F: 11.05)**

On motion of Director Baker and second by Director Johnson, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to adopt the proposed Resolution amending the 2016 Meeting Schedule for the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING TO TEMPORARILY  
EXPAND THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS FOR CALENDAR  
YEAR 2016**

Director Lalloway was absent for the vote.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. Amendments to the Board Rules of Procedure (F: 11.03)**

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller presented the amendments to the Board Rules of Procedure.

Director Ta left at this point (8:04 p.m.).

A brief discussion ensued regarding including the Board Chair in the approval process regarding the provision of requested materials by Board Members.

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On motion of Director Murray and second by Vice Chair Swift, the Board of Directors voted unanimously by those present to adopt the proposed Resolution to amend the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure relating to the dates/times of regular Board/Committee meetings, date of annual election of Board Chair/Vice Chair, Designated Labor Negotiators, the provision of materials for Board Members as amended to include the Chair's discretion to either approve the requested materials by Board Members or to place the request on the Board's agenda, and additional minor clean-up items relating to the discontinued use of Board Alternates and the Deputy Fire Chief.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AMENDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Directors Lalloway and Ta were absent for the vote.

#### **B. Amendment to Advanced Life Support Billing/Reimbursement Agreements (F: 18.05A4)**

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller presented the amendment to Advanced Life Support/Billing Reimbursement Agreements.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition to ALS rebates.

On motion of Director Murray and second by Director Shawver, the Board of Directors voted by those present to:

1. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign an Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement in the form provided, to temporarily suspend any increases in the OCFA's Reimbursement Rates for twelve months.
2. Direct staff to request that the County CEO remove the Advance Life Support billing and reimbursement rates from the October 27, 2015, Board of Supervisor's agenda or subsequent agenda for one year. Director Spitzer abstained on Recommended Action No. 2 since this item would be forthcoming to the Board of Supervisors.

Directors Lalloway and Ta were absent for the vote.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)**

Director Goedhart introduced audience attendee La Palma City Council Member Michele Steggell.

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Director Sachs commended Orange County Sheriff's and OCFA investigators for the apprehension of an arsonist in Mission Viejo.

Director Gamble noted OCFA had been offered \$1 million over its purchase price for the US&R building, and praised Battalion Chief Bryan Brice for his diligence on the original negotiated purchase price.

Director Murray thanked OCFA members involved in the annual Orange County Firefighters Memorial, and reminded everyone to buy a pink tee shirt to support Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Director McCloskey reported attending both Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo Fire Station's Open Houses.

Director Shawver praised those involved in the OC Firefighter Memorial service, and noted his attendance at Stanton's Fire Station 46's Open House.

Director Hatch reported attending the League of California Cities conference.

Director Johnson attended the Open House at Station 17, and thanked Captain O'Brien for his work on the event.

Director Barnett introduced the "Home Hospitality Program" a coordinated event between Villa Park and Camp Pendleton to sponsor and invite a Marine home for Thanksgiving.

Director Green thanked the firefighters from Stations 34 and 35 for their assistance at Placentia's Heritage Festival.

Chair Hernandez reported on his attendance at the OC Firefighters Memorial event, and reminded everyone of the upcoming Open House at OCFA on October 24.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for November 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Sherry A.F. Wertz, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority