



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center

Board Room

1 Fire Authority Road

Irvine, CA 92602

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CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION by OCFA Chaplain Emily McColl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Chair Hasselbrink

ROLL CALL

1. PRESENTATIONS

No items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resolution No. 97-024 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the Orange County Fire Authority. Resolution No. 97-024 is available from the Clerk of the Authority.

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REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

- Girls Empowerment Camp
- Introduction of new Division Chief
- Purchasing Manager Retirement
- COVID-19 Update

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. [Minutes from the February 27, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors](#)
Submitted by: Sherry Wentz, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Action:

Approve as submitted. (The Clerk will record abstentions for those Directors who were not in attendance at this meeting.)

- B. [Wildfire Awareness and Prevention Proclamation](#)

Submitted by: Colleen Windsor, Director of Communications

Recommended Action:

Approve as submitted.

C. **FY 2019/20 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment**

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department

Budget and Finance Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

Recommended Action:

Authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustments and transfers.

D. **Fiscal Year 2018/19 Backfill/Overtime and Calendar Year 2019 Total Earnings/Compensation Analysis**

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department

Budget and Finance Committee Recommendation: APPROVE

Recommended Actions:

1. Direct staff to continue pursuing reductions in overtime by filling permanent vacancies as quickly as possible after the positions become vacant.
2. Authorize staff to temporarily exceed the number of authorized firefighter positions on the Master Position Control to maximize the number of firefighters hired into each academy, pending attrition/promotions that occur during and following academy graduations.
3. Authorize staff to temporarily exceed the number of authorized Handcrew firefighter positions on the Master Position Control to maximize the number of Handcrew firefighters hired from each Handcrew firefighter recruitment process, pending attrition/promotions that occur as Handcrew firefighters promote to the firefighter rank.
4. Direct staff to continue using overtime to fill temporary vacancies rather than hiring additional personnel recognizing this as a cost-effective practice for temporary needs.

E. **Quarterly Status Report Placentia Fire and Emergency Medical Services**

Submitted by: Brian Fennessy, Fire Chief

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

3. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No items.

4. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

No items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54954.5

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Hasselbrink, Vice Chair Rossini, and
Immediate Past Board Chair Muller

Position: Fire Chief

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Chief Negotiator: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association,
Local 3631 and Chief Officers Association

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9
(1 Case)

CS5. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Authority: Government Code Section 54957(a)

Consultation with Fire Chief Brian Fennessy, General Counsel David Kendig, and
Assistant Chief Randy Black

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 12 noon

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m.