

MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Special Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on August 27, 2020, at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Hasselbrink.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Ken Krikac offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Chair, Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos	Vice Chair, Vince Rossini, Villa Park*
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange*	Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange*
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano*	Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita*
Dave Harrington, Aliso Viejo*	Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo*
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda*	Robert Johnson, Cypress*
Anthony Kuo, Irvine	Kathleen Ward, San Clemente*
Thomas Moore, Seal Beach*	Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods*
John R. O'Neill, Garden Grove*	Sandy Rains, Laguna Niguel*
Juan Villegas, Santa Ana	Dave Shawver, Stanton*
Michele Steggell, La Palma	Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park*
Tri Ta, Westminster*	Mark Tettemer, Lake Forest*
Letitia Clark, Tustin*	

Absent: Joseph Muller, Dana Point
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy	Deputy Chief Pokey Sanchez
Deputy Chief Lori Zeller	Assistant Chief Randy Black
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez	Assistant Chief Kenny Dossey
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane	Communications Director Colleen Windsor
General Counsel David Kendig	Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar

PUBLIC COMMENTS (FILE 11.11)

Craig Green, Placentia Council Member, addressed the current status of the Placentia Fire Department.

Tim Steging, President of the Orange County Professional Firefighters' Association, Local 3631, asked for support of the Board of Directors with regards to the labor negotiations.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (FILE 11.15)

Chair Hasselbrink recessed the Open Session meeting to Closed Session at 6:14 p.m.

CS1. 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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Chair Hasselbrink reconvened to Open Session meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all Directors present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (FILE 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported that the Board provided direction to the negotiator, otherwise there were no reportable actions.

REPORT

A. Report from the Fire Chief (FILE 11.14)

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy noted the recent Joint Press Conference with Sheriff Don Barnes held at Air Operations Fullerton; reported on the 4th Quarter Report on the 2019/20 Strategic Goals and Objectives; and presented the Final 2020/21 Strategic Goals and Objectives.

1. PRESENTATION

A. "Update on Collaborative Efforts on Wildland Fire Protection" by Michael O'Connell of the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (FILE 18.17A)

Michael O'Connell, President and CEO of the non-profit Irvine Ranch Conservancy provided a PowerPoint Presentation and background to the Conservancy partnership with Orange County Fire Authority for Fire Prevention of wildland areas within the Conservancy.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Johnson and following a roll call vote, declared passed 22-0 (Directors Muller and Sedgwick absent, and Director Farias abstained).

A. Minutes from the July 23, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (FILE 11.06)

Approved as submitted.

3. DISCUSSION

A. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Orange County Professional Firefighters Association (FILE 17.04B1)

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller presented the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Orange County Professional Firefighters Association.

On motion of Director Kuo and second by Director Villegas, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 19-4 (Directors Harrington, Moore, Tettemer, and Wagner dissented and Directors Muller and Sedgwick absent) to approve the proposed MOU between the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association for a term of September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2022.

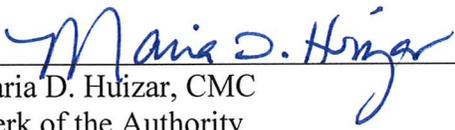
4. PUBLIC HEARING

No Items.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (FILE 11.13)

Director Hernandez thanked Chief Fennessy for an update he provided to the City of Yorba Linda regarding the City of Placentia Fire Department transition.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hasselbrink adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority