

# MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
12 Noon**

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

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on April 12, 2023, at 12:00 noon by Chair Rossini.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Director Hernandez.

## **ROLL CALL by Clerk of the Authority**

Vince Rossini, Villa Park, Chair  
Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana  
Katrina Foley, County of Orange  
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda  
Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach  
Nitesh Patel, La Palma  
Joshua Sweeney, Laguna Hills  
Connor Traut, Buena Park

John O'Neill, Garden Grove, Vice Chair  
Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Kelly Jennings, Laguna Niguel  
Austin Lumbard, Tustin  
Dave Shawver, Stanton  
Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest

**Absent** Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano  
John Gabbard, Dana Point  
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods  
Tammy Kim, Irvine  
Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo

Chris Duncan, San Clemente  
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Anne Hertz-Mallari, Cypress  
Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster  
Donald Wagner, County of Orange

Also present were:

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy  
Deputy Chief TJ McGovern  
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco  
Assistant Chief Tim Perkins  
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Deputy Chief Lori Zeller  
Assistant Chief Robert Cortez  
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane  
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman  
General Counsel David Kendig

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Director Traut arrived at this point (12:01 p.m.).

Director Chun arrived at this point (12:01 p.m.).

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**1A. Designation and Appointment of Interim Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority (FILE 17.10F)**


General Counsel David Kendig introduced the Designation and Appointment of Interim Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority.

On motion of Director Hernandez and second by Director Hasselbrink, and following a unanimous vote by acclamation, approved 15-0 (Directors Nguyen, Bourne, Gamble, Kim, Gabbard, Wagner, Duncan, Hatch, Ruesch, and Hertz-Mallari absent) to adopt Resolution 2023-02 appointing OCFA’s Assistant Chief of Business Services, Robert C. Cortez, as interim auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority, effective immediately until the Finance Division Manager position is filled and the Board appoints a new auditor.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Rossini adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors will be on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority