



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY AGENDA

Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

12:00 Noon

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center

Classroom 1

1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, California 92602

Committee Members

John O'Neill, Chair • Troy Bourne, Vice Chair
Shelley Hasselbrink • Gene Hernandez • Austin Lumbard
Vince Rossini • John Gabbard • Nitesh Patel • Chi Charlie Nguyen
Jennifer Cervantez, Ex Officio

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CALL TO ORDER - Chair O'Neill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Director Hasselbrink

ROLL CALL - Clerk of the Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please refer to instructions on how to submit a public comment on Page 1 of this Agenda.

1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a director or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee Meetings

Submitted by: Maria Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

The record will reflect that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Minutes for the March 8, 2023, Regular Meeting as submitted.

B. Monthly Investment Reports

Submitted by: Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department, Tricia Jakubiak, Treasurer and James Slobojan, Assistant Treasurer

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of April 27, 2023, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

C. Designation and Appointment of Interim Auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority

Submitted by: Lori Zeller, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau and Robert Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of April 27, 2023, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors adopt the submitted resolution appointing

OCFA's Assistant Chief of Business Services, Robert C. Cortez, as interim auditor for the Orange County Fire Authority until the Finance Division Manager position is filled.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Communication with Auditors for Fiscal Year 2022/23 Financial Audit

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department, Julie Nemes, Finance Manager/Auditor/Business Services Department, and Bryan Gruber & Ryan Domino, Partners/ Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

B. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Backfill/Overtime and Calendar Year 2022 Total Earnings/Compensation Analysis

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Julie Nemes, Finance Division Manager/Auditor/Business Services Department

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of April 27, 2023, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Direct staff to continue pursuing reductions in overtime by filling vacant positions as quickly as possible after the positions become vacant.
2. Authorize staff to temporarily exceed the number of authorized dispatcher positions on the Master Position Control to maximize the number of dispatchers hired into each academy, pending attrition/retirements/promotions that will occur.
3. Direct staff to continue using overtime to fill shifts which are temporarily vacant rather than hiring additional personnel, recognizing this as a cost-effective practice for temporary needs.

REPORTS

No items.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury and as required by the State of California, Government Code § 54954.2(a), that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby and front gate public display case of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Maria D. Huizar, CMC
 Clerk of the Authority

FUTURE B&FC AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Monthly Investment Report
- 3rd Quarter Financial Newsletter
- 3rd Quarter Purchasing Report
- Review of FY2023/24 Proposed Budget
- ABH Reimbursement Rates
- Discussion & Draft Policy Review: Prefunding of CIP Projects

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee	Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Human Resources Committee	Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 12 noon
Operations Committee	Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 12 noon
Budget and Finance Committee	Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 12 noon
Executive Committee	Thursday, May 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.