



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
12:00 p.m.

Orange County Fire Authority  
Regional Fire Operations and Training Center  
Classroom 1  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, California 92602

#### Committee Members

Austin Lumbar, Chair • Nitesh Patel, Vice Chair  
David Burke • Shelley Hasselbrink • Mike Munzing • Chi Charlie Nguyen  
Janet Nguyen • Joshua Sweeney • Connor Traut  
Jennifer Cervantez, Ex Officio

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Lombard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Director Charlie Nguyen

**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 Meeting](#)**

Submitted by: Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

The record will show 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 February 11, 2025, Special Meeting as submitted.

**B. [Monthly Investment Reports](#)**

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and James Slobojan, Treasurer/Treasury & Financial Planning

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of March 27, 2025, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

**3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**A. [FY 2024/25 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment](#)**

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department, James Slobojan, Treasurer/Treasury & Financial Planning, and Stuart Lam, Budget Manager/Treasury & Financial Planning

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of March 27, 2025, with the Budget and Finance Committee's

recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustments and transfers as detailed in this report and attachments.
2. Approve changes to the Master Position Control list to add one Fire Captain and three Firefighter positions to support the Air Operations program.

**B. 2024 Long Term Liability Study & Accelerated Pension Payment Plan**

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and James Slobojan, Treasurer/Treasury & Financial Planning

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of March 27, 2025, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors receive and file the report.

**C. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Backfill / Overtime and Calendar Year 2024 Total Earnings / Compensation Analysis**

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Alicea Caccavo, Finance Division Manager/Business Services Department

Recommended Actions:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of March 27, 2025, 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. Direct staff to continue using overtime to fill shifts which are temporarily vacant, recognizing this as a cost-effective practice for temporary needs.

**REPORTS**

None.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 12 noon.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority

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

- Monthly Investment Report
- Annual Auditor Communications
- 3rd Quarter Financial Newsletter (Jan-March)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Purchasing Report
- Proposed Budget Review

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legislative & Public Affairs Committee  
Executive Committee  
Board of Directors  
Budget and Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 12 noon  
Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 12 noon