



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 22, 2026
6:00 P.M.

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

Link to:

[Board of Directors Member Roster](#)

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This meeting is open to the public. Board members will participate in person. There are several alternative ways to make comments including:

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If you wish to speak, please complete a Speaker Form identifying which item(s) you wish to address. Please return the completed form to the Clerk of the Authority prior to item being considered. Speaker Forms are available at the entryway of meeting location.

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CALL TO ORDER by Chair Bacerra

INVOCATION by OCFA Chaplain Emily McColl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Munzing

ROLL CALL by Clerk of the Authority

REPORTS

A. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee

B. Report from the Acting Fire Chief

- 2025 Operational Recap
- Patient Reunion
- Division Chief and Executive Management promotions
- K9 Freedom Retirement

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Oath of Office for newly appointed Director:

- Sergio Farias representing the City of San Juan Capistrano
- **Lisa Landau, representing the City of Seal Beach**

B. Recognition of outgoing Director:

- Troy Bourne representing the City of San Juan Capistrano
- **Joe Kalmick, representing the City of Seal Beach**

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 Board of Directors 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 November 20, 2025, Regular Meeting as submitted.

B. Annual Grant Priorities for 2026

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau, Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Kenneth Piguee, Legislative Affairs Program Manager

Recommended Action

Approve OCFA's Annual Grant Priorities for 2026.

C. FY 2025/2026 Mid-Year Financial Report

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

Recommended Action:

Review and direct staff to return to the Board of Directors on March 26, 2026 for approval of the budget adjustments discussed herein for the FY 2025/26 budget.

D. Proclamation for National Burn Awareness Week

Submitted by: Matt Olson, Chief of Staff/Assistant Chief of Corporate Communications and Kevin Hansen, Multimedia Supervisor

Recommended Action:

Approve proclamation designating February 1-7, 2026 as Burn Awareness Week.

E. FY 2024 Grant for Urban Area Security Initiative

Submitted by: Rob Capobianco, Assistant Chief/Field Operations South and Nick Freeman, Division Chief

Recommended Action:

Approve a Budget Adjustment in Fund 121 to increase revenue and expenditures by \$629,920.

F. Approval of Acceptance of City of Irvine Purchase Offer for Temporary Construction Easement

Submitted by: Jim Ruane, Assistant Chief/Logistics Department and Julie Samaniego, Construction and Facilities Division Manager

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize acceptance of the City of Irvine's offer to purchase a Temporary Construction Easement at fire station 28.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau, Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Action:

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Brown Act permits legislative bodies to discuss certain matters without members of the public present. The Board of Directors find, based on advice from the General Counsel, that discussion in open session of the following matter will prejudice the position of the Authority on item listed below:

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION pursuant to paragraph (2) and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: Two (2) Cases

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT, pursuant to Section 54957(b)(1) of the Government Code:

Title: Fire Chief / Interim

CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:

Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Bacerra, Board Vice Chair Kalmick, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Lumbard, and Immediate Past Board Chair Shawver

Position: Interim Fire Chief

CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:

Negotiators: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy, Stephanie Holloman, Assistant Chief/Human Resources Director; and Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/ Administration & Support Bureau

- Employee Organizations:
1. Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF - Local 3631
 2. Chief Officers Association (COA)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors will be on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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 BOARD AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Committee Appointments
- Wildfire Awareness Proclamation
- Mid-year Financial Review
- Annual Long Term Liability Report
- Wildfire Facility

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Human Resources Committee	Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 12 noon
Operations Committee	Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 12 noon
Budget and Finance Committee	Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 12 noon
Executive Committee	Thursday, February 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.