

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Special Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026
12:00 Noon

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

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on February 19, 2026, at 12:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Patel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar conducted the roll call.

Present:

Joshua Sweeney, Laguna Hills, Chair
George Brietigam III, Garden Grove
Victor Cabral, San Clemente
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano
Mike Frost, Dana Point
Shari L. Horne, Laguna Woods
Austin Lombard, Tustin
Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo
Connor Traut, Buena Park

Nitesh Patel, La Palma, Vice Chair
David Burke, Cypress
Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda
Katrina Foley, County of Orange
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
Lisa Landau, Seal Beach
Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo
Dave Shawver, Stanton

Absent:

Brad McGirr, Rancho Santa Margarita
Betty Martinez Franco, Irvine
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange
Kelly Jennings, Laguna Niguel

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster
Robert Frackelton, Villa Park
Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana
Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest

Also present were:

Interim Fire Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Deputy Chief Robert C. Cortez
Assistant Chief Sara Kennedy
Assistant Chief Matt Olson
General Counsel David Kendig