

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Budget and Finance Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
12:00 Noon

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center
Classroom One
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee was called to order on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, by Vice Chair Nitesh Patel at 12:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Traut led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Maria Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

Present: Nitesh Patel, La Palma, Vice Chair
Joshua Sweeney, Laguna Hills
Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo
Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster

Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
David Burke, Cypress
Connor Traut, Buena Park

Absent: Austin Lombard, Tustin, Chair

Staff present:

Interim Fire Chief TJ McGovern
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane
Assistant Chief Baryic Hunter
Assistant Chief Matt Olson
Assistant Chief Mike Summers
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Deputy Chief Robert C. Cortez
Assistant Chief Sara Kennedy
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco
Assistant Chief Felicia Bryant
Assistant General Counsel Michael Daudt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. PRESENTATION

No items.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Director Munzing and second by Director Nguyen, approved 6-0 Agenda Item Nos. 2A-2C (with Directors Lumbard and Sweeney absent).

A. Minutes for the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting (FILE 12.02B2)

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.

Action: Approve the Minutes for the January 14, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted.

B. Second Quarter Financial Newsletter (FILE 15.07)

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of February 26, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

C. Second Quarter Purchasing Report (FILE 11.10H1)

Action: Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of February 26, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

Director Sweeney arrived at 12:07 p.m.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Monthly Investment Report (FILE 11.10D2)

Treasurer James Slobojan presented the report.

On motion of Director Sweeney and second by Director Burke, approved 7-0 by acclamation to review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of February 26, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

B. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair (FILE 12.02B1)

Vice Chair Patel introduced the process for the selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the ensuing year. He opened the nominations for Chair.

Director Traut nominated Director Patel for Chair; seconded by Director Sweeney. Director Patel accepted the nomination; there were no other nominations. By acclamation Director Patel was selected Budget and Finance Committee Chair for the ensuing year.

Director Patel opened the nominations for Vice Chair, nominating Director Hasselbrink for Vice Chair; seconded by Director Burke. Director Hasselbrink accepted the nomination; there were no other nominations. By acclamation Director Hasselbrink was selected Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

REPORTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Patel adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m. The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 12 noon.



Maria D. Huizar, CMC
Clerk of the Authority