



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
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

Nitesh Patel, Chair • Shelley Hasselbrink, Vice Chair  
David Burke • Tara Campbell • Kelly Jennings • Austin Lumbard  
Mike Munzing • Chi Charlie Nguyen • Connor Traut  
Jennifer Cervantez, Ex Officio

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

**In Person Comments at Meeting:** Resolution No. 97-024 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the Orange County Fire Authority. Resolution No. 97-024 is available from the Clerk of the Authority.

Any member of the public may address the Committee on items within their subject matter jurisdiction, but which are not listed on this agenda during PUBLIC COMMENTS. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. We request comments made on the agenda be made at the time the item is considered and that comments be limited to three minutes per person. Please address your comments to the Committee and do not engage in dialogue with individual Board Members, Authority staff, or members of the audience.

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 the item being considered. Speaker Forms are available at the entryway of the meeting location.

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This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the following Agenda. Unless legally privileged, all supporting documents, including staff reports, and any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Committee members after the posting of this agenda are available for review at the Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA 92602 or you may contact the Clerk of the Authority at (714) 573-6040 Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and available online at <http://www.ocfa.org> under Board & Committee Agendas/Minutes.



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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Patel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Director Jennings

**ROLL CALL** – Interim 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(S)**

None.

**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: Kimberly Johnson, Interim 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 April 8, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted.

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

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department, James Slobojan, Treasurer/Treasury & Financial Planning, and Traci Lee, Assistant 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 May 28, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the reports.

**C. [Third Quarter Purchasing Report](#)**

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department

Recommended Action:

Review the proposed agenda item and direct staff to place the item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of May 28, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

**D. Third Quarter Financial Newsletter**

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, 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 Executive Committee meeting of May 28, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Executive Committee receive and file the report.

**3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR****A. Review of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Proposed Budget**

Submitted by: Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/Administration & Support Bureau, Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services 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 May 28, 2026, with the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors take the following actions:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing.
2. Adopt the FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget as submitted.
3. Adopt the resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/27.
4. Approve and authorize the temporary transfer of up to \$110 million from the Fund 190 Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund to the General Fund 121 to cover a projected temporary cash flow shortfall for FY 2026/27.
5. Approve and authorize the repayment of \$110 million borrowed funds from Fund 121 to Fund 190 along with interest when General Fund revenues become available in FY 2026/27.
6. Approve changes to the Master Position Control list to add 20 positions and reclassify ~~2~~ 4 positions as detailed in Attachment 3.
7. Approve transfers from the General Fund 121 to CIP Funds and Settlement Agreement Fund totaling \$80,766,171.
8. Direct staff to formalize the CIP Committee as a standing committee to serve in an advisory capacity and to prepare the necessary resolution, proposed committee protocols, and other related amendments for consideration by the Board of Directors at its June 25, 2026, meeting.
9. Approve, as recommended by the CIP Committee, an update to the Financial Stability Budget Policy that clarifies future budget actions as the accelerated payment plan for unfunded liabilities reaches its stated goals.

- ~~8. Establish and formalize the CIP Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to staff and the Board of Directors, providing oversight of the agency's long term infrastructure planning and capital asset investments.~~
- ~~9. Adopt changes to the updated Financial Stability Budget Policy.~~

## REPORTS

None.

## COMMITTEE 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. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES** pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 54957(a)(1)  
Consultation with: Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC), Deputy Director.
- CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of cases: 1.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

**ADJOURNMENT** - The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 12:00 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.

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Kimberly Johnson  
Interim Clerk of the Authority

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:**

- ABH Reimbursement Rates
- Year End Budget Adjustments
- Carryover of FY 2025-26 Uncompleted Projects
- Monthly Investment Report
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Newsletter
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Purchasing Report
- Miscellaneous Fee Schedule

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee (Special)  
Executive Committee  
Board of Directors  
Budget and Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 12:00 p.m.