



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
12 noon

Orange County Fire Authority
Regional Fire Operations & Training Center
Classroom One
One Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602

Committee Members

Donald Wagner, Chair • Katrina Foley
Betty Martinez Franco • David Burke • Victor Cabral • Sergio Farias • Chi Charlie Nguyen

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CALL TO ORDER by Chair Wagner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Director Martinez Franco

ROLL CALL by 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)

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 Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Meeting

Submitted by: Maria D. Huizar, 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 January 21, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted.

B. Quarterly Public Affairs Update

Submitted by: Matt Olson, Chief of Staff/Assistant Chief/Corporate Communications and Kevin Hansen, Interim Public Relations Manager/Corporate Communications

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the report.

C. Legislative Update

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Kenneth Piguee, Legislative Affairs Program Manager

Recommended Action:

1. Receive and file the Legislative Update.
2. Direct staff to place an item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of March 26, 2026, with the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee recommendation to receive and file the Legislative Update.

3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. 2026 Priority Projects State and Federal Funding Update

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Kenneth Piguee, Legislative Affairs Program Manager

Recommended Action:

1. Receive and file the 2026 Priority Projects State and Federal Funding Update.
2. Direct staff to place an item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of March 26, 2026, with the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee recommendation to receive and file the 2026 Priority Projects State and Federal Funding Update.

B. Recommended Positions on State and Federal Legislation

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Kenneth Piguee, Legislative Affairs Program Manager

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to place an item on the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of March 26, 2026, with the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee recommendation to adopt the recommended bill positions in alignment with the Board of Directors adopted Legislative Platform.

C. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Submitted by: 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.

REPORT

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next regular meeting of the Legislative and Public Affairs Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 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 Training and Operations 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 AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:

- Legislative Quarterly Update
- Public Affairs Quarterly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Budget and Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 12 noon