

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
6:00 P.M.

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center Board Room
1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602-0125

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on March 26, 2015, at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Hernandez.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Jeff Hetschel offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Robinson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Angelia Amezcua, Santa Ana
Rick Barnett, Villa Park
Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita
Craig Green, Placentia
Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel
Charles Puckett, (Alternate) Tustin
Ed Sachs, Mission Viejo
David Sloan, Seal Beach
Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Tri Ta, Westminster
Richard Viczorek, (Alternate) Dana Point

Bob Baker, San Clemente
Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Gerard Goedhart, La Palma
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods
Robert Johnson, Cypress
Jeffery Lalloway, Irvine
John Perry, San Juan Capistrano
Dwight Robinson, Lake Forest
Don Sedgwick, Laguna Hills
David John Shawver, Stanton
Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo

Absent: Al Murray, Tustin

Joseph Muller, Dana Point

Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman
Assistant Chief Dave Thomas
Assistant Chief Brian Young
General Counsel David Kendig
Communications and Public Affairs Director Sandy Cooney

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller
Assistant Chief Mike Schroeder
Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz
Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond

Director Baker arrived at this point (6:05 p.m.)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Requests for Commendations and Proclamations (X: 11.09)

On motion of Director Robinson and second by Director McCloskey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the requests as submitted and made presentations to those present.

- A. Vice Chair Hernandez and Fire Chief Bowman presented Length of Service Recognitions to Captain Dean Johnson and Fire Apparatus Engineer Jim Silva for 30 years of service. Also recognized for 30 years of service but not in attendance were Fire Captains Mark Petz and Kirk Grant. (F: 11.09D)
- B. Proclamation “Wildfire Awareness Week” was declared by the Board of Directors for May 3 through May 9, 2015. (F: 11.09A)
- C. Proclamation “Drowning Prevention Awareness” was declared by the Board of Directors for April 26 through May 25, 2015. (F: 11.09A)
- D. Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-03 recognizing 9-1-1 Hero Nicole Suarez of Tustin for her act of bravery and calm using the 9-1-1 emergency system to notify authorities of a house fire. (F:11.09E) (X: 11.07)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOGNIZING A 9-1-1 HERO
NICOLE SUAREZ, TUSTIN

Director Goedhart arrived at this point (6:11 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11) (X: 11.10F4) (X:18.05A)

Stephen Wontrobowski, Mission Viejo resident, stated he was opposed to Assembly Bill 1217. He also addressed private ambulance service vs. contract.

Director Amezcua arrived at this point (6:20 p.m.)

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) Chair McCloskey reported on the March 11, 2015, Committee meeting that the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Director Swift as Vice Chair of the Committee to complete former Director Allevato's term. The Committee reviewed the Financial Audit Services Contract Renewal, the Monthly Investment Reports, and the Updated Broker/Dealer List, and voted unanimously to direct staff to place these items on the agenda for the Executive Committee, with the recommendation that the Executive Committee approve the recommended actions. The Committee received the Updated Broker/Dealer List and detailed report from OCFA's Treasurer, Tricia Jakubiak, and unanimously recommended approval. The Committee also reviewed the FY 2014/15 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment and the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement to Transfer Property or Funds, and voted unanimously to direct staff to place these items on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of March 26, 2015, with the recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the recommended actions.

REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Human Resources Committee (HRC) Chair Shawver reported the Committee did not meet in the month of March; therefore there is nothing to report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (F: 11.12)

Claims Settlement Committee Vice Chair Hernandez reported at the March 19, 2015, Committee meeting, the Claims Settlement Committee considered the claims presented and took no reportable action.

REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF (F: 11.14)

Fire Chief Bowman introduced Communications and Public Affairs Director Sandy Cooney who presented an update on "PulsePoint," a project dispatch system which alerts CPR-trained bystanders to a nearby sudden cardiac arrest event through the PulsePoint Respond mobile app, and identifies the closest location of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Fire Chief Bowman provided an update on the recently established Battalion Chief promotional process. He introduced Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond who gave an overview of the recent streamlining of the process.

Director Tsunoda arrived at this point (6:25 p.m.)

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes from February 26, 2015, Regular Board of Directors Meeting (F: 11.06)

On motion of Director McCloskey and second by Director Swift, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2015, Board of Directors meeting with Vice Chair Hernandez and Director Bartlett abstained.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, and 3G were pulled for separate consideration.

A. Adoption of Ticket and Passes Distribution and Payments Policies (F: 11.10) (X: 21.07)

Director Spitzer pulled this item identifying concerns with some of the policies.

Fire Chief Bowman recommended staff pull the item to make revisions and return it to the Board for their consideration.

B. Adoption of Board Teleconferencing Policy (F: 11.10M)

Staff pulled this item to be heard at a future Board of Directors meeting.

C. FY 2014/15 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (F: 15.04 FY14/15)

Director Barnett pulled this item for clarification on the air operations expenditure.

On motion of Director Lalloway and second by Director Barnett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustments.

D. 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement to Transfer Property or Funds (F: 16.02A) (X: 11.07)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Swift, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 authorizing the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute the Agreement to Transfer Property or Funds for 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04
A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING FIRE
CHIEF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
OBTAIN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

2. Increase revenue and appropriations in the FY 2014/15 General Fund by \$160,000 for the Fire Captain position at the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center.

Director Gamble arrived at this point (6:58 p.m.)

E. Reserve Firefighter Program Status Update (F: 17.11A)

Director Spitzer pulled this item to inquire about current vacancies and suggested OCFA promote recruiting for the remote fire station locations.

Staff recommended continuing this item and return to the Board with additional data at a future date.

F. Grant Acceptance for State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund Program (F: 16.02I)

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Director Swift, the Board voted unanimously to review and authorize the proposed mid-year budget adjustment to increase revenue and appropriations in the FY 2014/15 General Fund by \$110,000 for the development of a County-wide Wildfire Protection Plan.

G. 911 Emergency Ambulance Contracts Advanced Life Support Billing/ Reimbursement Agreements (F: 18.05A4)

Vice Chair Hernandez pulled this item to inquire what the deadline is for approving this agreement.

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller provided a brief overview.

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition to the agreement.

Director Bartlett asked that this item be continued until the County approves the contract award.

On motion of Director Robinson and second by Director Goedhart, the Board voted to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Advanced Life Support Billing Agreement in the form provided with Directors Spitzer and Shawver abstained.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S)
No items.

CLOSED SESSION (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig reported the Board would be convening to Closed Session to consider the matters on the Agenda identified as CS1, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and CS2, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation.

Vice Chair Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:13 p.m.

CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Chief Negotiators: Jeremy Hammond, Human Resources Director, and
Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association,
Local 3631 and Orange County Fire Authority
Managers' Association

Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Orange County Fire Authority and City of Irvine v All Persons
Interested in the Matter of the Validity of that Second Amendment to
Amended Joint Powers Authority

Case No.: Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three – Appellate
Case No. G050687

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Vice Chair Hernandez reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m., with Directors Bartlett, Lalloway, and Ta absent.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)

General Counsel David Kendig indicated the Board took no reportable action during Closed Session.

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. Conducting Effective Board Meetings (F: 11.03D)

Clerk of the Authority Sherry Wentz presented the staff report.

On motion of Director Johnson and second by Vice Chair Hernandez, the Board voted to direct staff to implement the recommendations beginning in April 2015 with Directors Bartlett, Lalloway, and Ta absent.

B. Omitted

C. Progress Report for Purchase of Urban Search & Rescue Warehouse
(F: 22.05Ala)

Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo resident, spoke in opposition to this item.

Director Gamble praised both Assistant Chief Lori Zeller and Division Chief Bryan Brice for their diligence and work on the property search and negotiations.

On motion of Director Gamble and second by Director Swift, the Board voted to receive and file the progress report with Directors Bartlett, Lalloway and Ta absent.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)

Director Perry from San Juan Capistrano announced his new appointment to the Board.

Director Sachs recommended OCFA look into the use of the Smart 911 app; new software for dispatch that provides critical additional information about 9-1-1 callers from any type of phone.


Director Puckett noted this was his first meeting to fill in for absent Chair Al Murray.

Director Kusumoto recognized Division Chief Ken Cruz who coordinated Station No. 2, to fill in on behalf of the Joint Force Firefighters at the 35th Annual Southland Credit Union Los Alamitos Race on the Base event.

Director Baker asked for an update on the Board dais voting system.

Assistant Chief Lori Zeller reported an RFP was recently released for the project.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for April 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.



Sherry A.F. Wentz, CMC
Clerk of the Authority