

# MINUTES

## ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 4, 2014**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on December 4, 2014, at 6:11 p.m., by Chair Murray.

### INVOCATION

Chaplain Bob George offered the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Gerard Goedhart led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

### ROLL CALL

<b>Present:</b> Carol Gamble, Rancho Santa Margarita	Gerard Goedhart, La Palma
Noel Hatch, Laguna Woods	Gene Hernandez, Yorba Linda
Robert Johnson, Cypress	Warren Kusumoto, Los Alamitos
Jerry McCloskey, Laguna Niguel	Al Murray, Tustin
Brad Reese, Alternate, Villa Park	Roman Reyna, Santa Ana
Dwight Robinson, Alternate, Lake Forest	Todd Spitzer, County of Orange
Tri Ta, Westminster	Phillip Tsunoda, Aliso Viejo
Chad Wanka, Alternate, Placentia	
<b>Absent:</b> Joe Aguirre, Placentia	Sam Allevato, San Juan Capistrano
Bob Baker, San Clemente	Rick Barnett, Villa Park
Pat Bates, County of Orange	Randal Bressette, Laguna Hills
Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo	Jeffrey Lalloway, Irvine
Kathryn McCullough, Lake Forest	David Shawver, Stanton
David Sloan, Seal Beach	Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park
Steven Weinberg, Dana Point	

### Also present were:

Fire Chief Jeff Bowman	Deputy Chief Craig Kinoshita
Assistant Chief Brian Stephens	Assistant Chief Dave Thomas
Assistant Chief Lori Zeller	Communications Director Sandy Cooney
Assistant Chief Lori Smith	Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond
General Counsel David Kendig	Assistant Clerk Martha Halvorson

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (F: 11.11)**

Chair Murray opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. Chair Murray closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting without any statements from the public.

## **MINUTES (F: 11.06)**

No items.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

At the Chair's discretion, the Consent Calendar was moved forward on the agenda.

### **1. Approval of Amendments to Personnel and Salary Resolution (F: 17.02)**

On motion of Director Reese and second by Director Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments to the Personnel and Salary Resolution.

## **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, CS2, Conference with Labor Negotiator, and CS3, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

### **CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Agency Designated Representatives: Board Chair Al Murray, Board Vice Chair Gene Hernandez, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Randy Bressette  
Unrepresented Employee: Fire Chief  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

### **CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Agency Designated Representative: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore  
Employee Organizations: Orange County Employees Association  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

### **CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation (1 case)

Chair Murray recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.

Director Ta joined the meeting at this point. (6:20 p.m.)

Director Reyna joined the meeting at this point. (6:22 p.m.)

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Chair Murray reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m., with prior Directors in attendance.

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT (F: 11.15)**

General Counsel David Kendig stated there were no reportable actions.

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

### **2. Contract Increase for TriTech Software Systems for Computer Aided Dispatch Software, Hardware, and Professional Services Relating to the Public Safety Systems Project (F: 19.08A3a)**

Assistant Chief Brian Stephens introduced IT Manager Joel Brodowski and Assistant IT Manager Todd Muilenburg, who introduced the staff report.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

On motion of Director Spitzer and second by Vice Chair Hernandez, the Board voted unanimously to:

1. Approve and authorize Amendment No. 3 for an increase of \$14,487.50 to the System Implementation Agreement with TriTech Software Systems to:
  - a. Include additional services at an increased cost of \$178,337.50; and
  - b. Remove software and services, and transition the development of the Resource Ordering Status System (ROSS) interface from TriTech to OCFA staff for a savings of -\$163,850.00.
2. Approve a contract increase for payment of \$30,275.52 in travel expenses that were stated in the previously approved TriTech contract as expenses to be billed as incurred.
3. Direct the Purchasing Manager to process Amendment No. 3 and the contract increase for travel, for a new total contract value of \$2,583,299.02.

### **3. Fire Chief Employment Agreement (F: 17.10A2)**

Human Resources Director Jeremy Hammond summarized the proposed amendments to the previously approved agreement with Jeff Bowman for employment as Fire Chief.

On motion of Vice Chair Hernandez and second by Director Spitzer, the Board voted unanimously to approve an employment agreement with Jeff Bowman for employment as Fire Chief as amended with the removal of paragraphs B and E of Section III, under Benefits, and the inclusion under Sick Leave of “accrual to begin on the Effective Date of the Agreement” (Letter C - Benefits), and Vacation accrual to “begin on the Effective Date of the Agreement” (Letter D - Vacation).

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No items.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (F: 11.13)**

Director Goedhart requested to agendize the discussion of the continuation of monthly Board meetings at the next regular Board meeting.

Director Spitzer thanked staff for their work in the last 72 hours to prevent flooding in the canyons. He commented on the County's RFP process for ambulance services; recommended creating a new panel to score the existing RFP's using existing criteria; noted Placentia/Yorba Linda had no protest and would like to see their RFP passed through; and conveyed that the State EMS provided the County of Orange an additional 90 days for the process.

Chair Murray read written comments from absent Director Randal Bressette that thanked the Directors and OCFA staff for their service during his tenure on the Board. Chair Murray thanked OCFA staff for their great work in the canyons during the heavy rains. He announced the upcoming OCFA Academy Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2014, and encouraged the Directors to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for January 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.



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Martha Halvorson, CMC  
Assistant Clerk of the Authority