

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

January 21, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange Countywide Oversight Board was called to order at 8:41 a.m. on **January 21, 2020** at the Rancho Santiago Community College District, 2323 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, California by Chairman Brian Probolsky, presiding officer.

Present: 7	Chairman:	Brian Probolsky
	Vice Chairman:	Steve Jones
	Board Member:	Charles Barfield (arrived during Closed Session)
	Board Member:	Chris Gaarder
	Board Member:	Steve Franks (departed before Closed Session)
	Board Member:	Dean West
	Board Member:	Phillip E. Yarborough (arrived during Closed Session)

Absent: 0

Also present were Chris Nguyen, Staff; Patrick Bobko, Counsel; Kathy Tavoularis, Clerk; Clare Venegas, Consultant; and Zeshaan Younus, Consultant.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Jones.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

On the motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Board Member Franks, the minutes were approved, with Board Member West abstaining due to his absence on September 26.

4. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR ANNUAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

- a. **Fountain Valley** – Board Member Gaarder moved approval. Vice Chair Jones seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. **Garden Grove** – Board Member Gaarder moved approval. Board Member Franks seconded. Board Member West asked whether Line Item 22 was new or had been previously included. Garden Grove Assistant City Manager Lisa Kim addressed the

Board, stating the additional \$6.4 million for Line Item 22 is new and was included at the Department of Finance's request to recognize an enforceable obligation related to the housing set aside. It had not previously been included in prior ROPS. Board Member West asked about the increase in administrative budget. Garden Grove Project Manager Monica Covarrubias confirmed that the increase was due to work related to the housing set aside. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR ANNUAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

- a. **County of Orange** – Vice Chair Jones moved approval. Board Member Franks seconded. Board Member Gaarder said he will abstain as he is a County employee. Board Member West commended the County for their efforts to ensure good governance and transparency in their administrative budget. West stated that the Board wants to work cooperatively with the Successor Agencies to assist in them in reducing administrative costs over time. The motion was approved, with Board Member Gaarder abstaining.
- b. **Buena Park** – Board Member Franks moved approval. Board Member Gaarder seconded. Board Member West commented that the administrative costs may potentially be excessive. He invited a Buena Park representative to address the comments to that effect in the Department of Finance's letter last year. Buena Park Economic Development Administrator Ruben Lopez addressed the board, noting that the bond refunding last year is the biggest change, and three major economic development projects are ongoing with litigation. He said the administrative budget reflects staff time that is spent to ensure those projects continue along the Buena Park Entertainment Corridor. He noted the city attorney is present to address questions related to the ongoing litigation. He added that the litigation involves a number of City departments and ongoing meetings with the developer.

Board Member Franks asked Counsel Bobko as to whether he can participate in this item (as he is the Villa Park City Manager) since the City of Villa Park has entered into an agreement with the City of Buena Park on a homeless shelter. Board Counsel Bobko said there is no conflict for Board Member Franks to participate, but he is able to recuse or abstain if he chooses. The motion was approved, with Board Member Franks abstaining.

- c. **Irvine** – Board Member Gaarder moved approval. Board Member Franks seconded. Board Member West commented that he's pleased to see Irvine reduce their administrative budget this year. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d. **City of Orange** – Board Member Franks moved approval. Board Member Gaarder seconded. Board Member West also noted this city did excellent work in putting their administrative budget together. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Clerk Tavoularis noted there are no public comment requests.

STAFF COMMENTS:

- Staff Member Nguyen noted that the September 29, 2020 meeting is cancelled and the Amended ROPS, draft Administrative Budgets, etc., should be reviewed at the September 22, 2020, meeting.
- Staff Member Nguyen reminded the Board that the Form 700 is due April 1. Chairman Probolsky asked whether those come to the Oversight Board Clerk. Nguyen said it would be filed through the Form 700 electronic filing system run by the Clerk of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board Member Franks asked staff how many agenda items will be on the January 28 meeting agenda. Staff Member Nguyen said it will be at least 14 items. Franks said he will not be present due to a scheduling conflict.

In response to a question from Chairman Probolsky, Counsel Bobko stated there was no expected reportable action out of closed session

Chairman Probolsky noted attendees are free to leave, as the Board will enter closed session on two items. Board Member Franks said he would not be able participate in closed session due to a scheduling conflict.

CLOSED SESSION:

Board Members Yarborough and Barfield were present for Closed Session. Items discussed:

- CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Number of Cases: One Case
- CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – INITIATION OF LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Number of Cases: One Case

There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Probolsky noted the next regular meeting of the Countywide Oversight Board is scheduled for January 28, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

BRIAN PROBOLSKY
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

KATHY TAVOULARIS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATE