

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

September 22, 2020, 8:39 a.m. via ZOOM WEBINAR

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange Countywide Oversight Board was called to order at 8:39 a.m. on September 22, 2020 via Zoom Webinar at a publicly available conference room at the Orange County Auditor-Controller's office, 1770 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, California by Chairman Brian Probolsky, presiding officer. He announced that the Board is adhering to the Governor's regulations and orders in conducting today's meeting remotely and mentioned the measures taken by the Oversight Board to remain accessible to the public.

Present:	7	Chairman:	Brian Probolsky
		Vice Chairman:	Steve Jones
		Board Member:	Chris Gaarder
		Board Member:	Charles Barfield
		Board Member:	Dean West
		Board Member:	Steve Franks
		Board Member:	Phil Yarbrough

Absent:	0	Board Member:	N/A
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Also present were Kathy Tavoularis, Staff and Clerk of the Board; Patrick "Kit" Bobko, Legal Counsel; Zeshaan Younus, Consultant; and Amanda Hernandez, Consultant's Administrative Support.

Kathy Tavoularis conducted roll call and noted a quorum as present.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Probolsky excused the Pledge of Allegiance due to the meeting being a webinar.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 21, 2020

On the motion of Board Member Franks, seconded by Board Member Gaarder the minutes from the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting were approved with a unanimous vote.

### 4. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Board Member Franks moved and Board Member Barfield seconded the continuation of the existing Chairman, Brian Probolsky, and Vice-Chairman, Steve Jones, to serve in their respective roles for the Orange Countywide Oversight Board in 2021.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough

NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Board Member Yarbrough moved and Board Member Gaarder seconded the approval of the 2021 meeting dates for the Orange Countywide Oversight Board.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough

NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**6. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)**

**a. Anaheim**

Board Member Yarbrough moved and Board Member Gaarder seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough

NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**7. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CYPRESS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**a. Cypress**

Board Counsel Bobko recommended the Board continue this item to the January Meeting to further review with the Cypress Successor Agency and the Auditor-Controller Property Tax staff. Chairman Probolsky announced that Item 7 will be continued.

**8. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE 20-21 (ROPS)**

**a. Fullerton**

Stating an abundance of caution, Board Member Gaarder abstained. Board Member West moved and Board Member Jones seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:  
YES – Probolsky, Jones, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
ABSTAINED - Gaarder  
NO – N/A

Motion carries.

**9. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)**

**a. Garden Grove**

Board Member Gaarder moved and Board Member Barfield seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:  
YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**10. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY**

**a. Garden Grove**

Board Member Gaarder moved and Board Member Yarborough seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:  
YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**11. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING THE LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (L&F ROPS)**

**a. La Palma**

Board Member Yarborough moved and Board Member Barfield seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**12. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)**

**a. La Palma**

Board Member West asked questions regarding the oversight of expenses. Responding, Michael Matsumoto, Interim Administrative Services Manager for the City of La Palma, stated that La Palma has proposed a 50% reduction of administrative costs and that the Department of Finance approved that reduction during the January ROPS. Board Member Barfield moved and Board Member Yarbrough seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**13. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LAST AND FINAL ROPS**

**a. Stanton**

Board Member Yarborough moved and Board Member Gaarder seconded.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:

YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**14. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS BY THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WESTMINSTER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**a. Westminster**

Board Member Gaarder offered a motion to add the following language: “in regards to the 2011 Bonds” in the title. Board Member Barfield seconded the motion. Responding, Westminster Community Development Director, Alexa Smittle, announced that the City is fine with adding this language.

Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the following votes:  
YES – Probolsky, Jones, Gaarder, Barfield, West, Franks, Yarborough  
NO – N/A

Motion carries unanimously.

**15. DIRECTION AND STRAW VOTES REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR FY 2021-22 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS (FINAL VOTES WILL OCCUR IN JANUARY ALONGSIDE ROPS ADOPTIONS)**

Board Member Franks mentioned that he does not believe a straw vote for administrative budgets are necessary. Chairman Probolsky said that he believes taking them up as one item is appropriate rather than dividing them out. Board Member West commented on a few of the following items.

- a. Anaheim
  - i. No comment
- b. Fountain Valley
  - i. No comment
- c. Fullerton
  - i. Fullerton has made a significant effort to close out many of their items
- d. Huntington Beach
  - i. No comment
- e. Irvine
  - i. Irvine has offered a good example of what winding down items looks like
- f. Placentia
  - i. Placentia has lowered their administrative budget with justification
- g. Santa Ana
  - i. Santa Ana needs to consider lowering their administrative budget as the Department of Finance has stated an excess and is requesting the Oversight Board take action. If no adjustment is made, a granular justification of the current administrative costs along with detail is being requested.

**COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Board Clerk Tavoularis reported there are no public comments.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

- Consultant Zeshaan Younus thanked participants for their attendance on the Zoom Webinar and asked that if future Webinars occur that representatives of Successor Agencies please add the name of their cities upon signing in.
- Clerk of the Board Kathy Tavoularis thanked the Board for approving the 2021 Board Meeting dates and mentioned that she will send 2021 calendar reminders out for the

Board and the Successor Agencies. She also mentioned that the location of the meetings would be determined at a later date as COVID-19 continues to have an impact on Board Room and meeting location closures.

- Clerk of the Board Kathy Tavoularis announced that Board Counsel and Staff have drafted and approved new Staff Report and Resolution templates that are now available on the Oversight Board Webpage to help with uniformity and consistent language.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- None

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Probolsky noted no closed session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Barfield moved for adjournment with a second from Board Member Yarborough. Chairman Probolsky adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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BRIAN PROBOLSKY  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

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KATHY TAVOULARIS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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