

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

September 26, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Orange Countywide Oversight Board was called to order at 8:35 a.m. on September 26, 2019 at 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, California, by Chairman Brian Probolsky, presiding officer.

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| Present: | 6 | Chairman: | Brian Probolsky |
| | | Vice Chairman: | Steve Jones |
| | | Board Member: | Chris Gaarder |
| | | Board Member: | Charles Barfield |
| | | Board Member: | Steve Franks |
| | | Board Member: | Phillip E. Yarbrough |
| Absent: | 1 | Board Member: | Dean West |

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

Board Member West had been available for the regular meeting of September 17, which was subsequently cancelled. When the special meeting was being rescheduled, Board Member West stated he was unavailable for September 26 due to a prior commitment to make a presentation to many attendees. The September 26 date was ultimately selected, as it was the September date with the fewest number of scheduling conflicts for the Board Members.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Board Member Barfield.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 30, 2019

Minutes from the July 30, 2019 Board meeting. On the motion of Board Member Yarbrough, seconded by Board Member Gaarder, the minutes were unanimously approved, with Board Member Barfield abstaining due to his absence on July 30.

4. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Board Member Franks nominated Chair Probolsky and Vice Chair Jones to continue through the next term. Board Member Barfield seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Probolsky invited comments on the proposed schedule. Board Member Franks asked about the need for two meetings in January and September.

Staff member Nguyen responded that two meetings are planned in January to give the Board time to review/approve Successor Agencies' ROPS before the February 1 statutory deadline for submission of annual ROPS to the Department of Finance. Nguyen added that one of the September meetings will be cancelled, pending confirmation of which one conflicts with a Board of Supervisors meeting.

Board Member Yarborough made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chairman Probolsky invited comments on the proposed amendments to the Board Policies and Procedures document. Board Member Yarborough moved approval, seconded by Board Member Franks.

Board Member Gaarder noted there is some duplicative language in the proposed amended document, and asked if the motion could be amended to clean up any other duplicative language. Board Member Yarborough agreed.

Chairman Probolsky called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST BY SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)

- a. **Stanton** – Board Member Franks moved approval. He commented that getting to a Last and Final ROPS for every Successor Agency is the goal and praised Stanton for their work in doing so today. Board Member Yarborough echoed Franks' comments, and noted that this is the first time this Board has had an opportunity to approve a Last and Final ROPS. Board Member Gaarder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUEST BY SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT

- a. **Garden Grove** – Board Member Gaarder made a motion to approve; Board Member Franks seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR AMENDMENTS TO FY 2019-20 RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)

Board Member Gaarder moved approval of both the Anaheim and Garden Grove resolutions. Board Member Yarborough seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. DIRECTION AND STRAW VOTES REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR FY 2020-21 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS

Chairman Probolsky said this item was added at the Board's request to allow time for review before the consideration of annual ROPS in January.

Board Member Franks asked to clarify that this is a straw vote, not an official vote. Staff member Nguyen confirmed.

Vice Chair Jones suggested approval of the list in its entirety, with discussion only on specific questions.

Board Member Gaarder asked of the Board whether they are generally satisfied with the level of specificity on the administrative budgets. He pointed to Huntington Beach as an example and asked whether item includes a satisfactory level of specificity to satisfy the Board. He hopes the Board's guidance can give Successor Agencies a standard of what is expected on future administrative budgets, so they don't have to be revisited every year.

Vice Chair Jones and Board Member Barfield expressed their satisfaction with the budgets as presented.

Vice Chair Jones moved the straw vote for the entire list:

- a. Anaheim
- b. Fountain Valley
- c. Fullerton
- d. Garden Grove
- e. Huntington Beach
- f. La Habra
- g. La Palma
- h. Mission Viejo
- i. Placentia
- j. Santa Ana

The motion was seconded by Board Member Franks and unanimously approved.

Board Member Franks asked to clarify whether the administrative budgets presented today will come back in January. Staff member Nguyen confirmed they would be.

Chairman Probolsky expressed appreciation for Successor Agency representatives in providing the budgets earlier than normal so there was enough time for review going forward. Barfield echoed the Chairman's remarks.

Staff Member Nguyen asked for clarification on how the Board would like the administrative budget information presented in January. Chairman Probolsky noted the only updates necessary for January are those that were not submitted for review today, and any that were approved but have edits.

11. UPDATE AND DIRECTION REGARDING SUCCESSOR AGENCY ASSETS

Chairman Probolsky noted the item would be revisited after Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Probolsky invited public comment. Clerk Tavoularis confirmed there were no requests from the public to speak.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board Member Yarborough requested of the Chair that since Board Member West is absent, that he should be notified and that he may contact the Chair to request any other details regarding the administrative budgets.

Staff member Nguyen asked if the Chairman would like to hear any requests for adjournments from Board Members prior to the Closed Session. Chairman Probolsky agreed.

Board Member Yarbrough asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery. Board Member Yarborough spoke of Auditor-Controller Woolery's public service and respect from the community, commented about his long friendship with both Eric and Lisa Woolery, and noted the love that Woolerys and their children all had for each other.

Vice Chair Jones noted the Orange County Taxpayer Association's Royalty Award was presented posthumously to Woolery, along with a nice video tribute.

Chairman Probolsky recessed to closed session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION CS-1 AND CS-2:

There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

**11. UPDATE AND DIRECTION REGARDING SUCCESSOR AGENCY ASSETS
(Continued from Earlier in the Meeting)**

There was no discussion or direction on Agenda Item 11, and as there was none, Agenda Item 11 was dispensed with.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Probolsky noted the next regular meeting of the Countywide Oversight Board is scheduled for January 21, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m. in memory of Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery.

BRIAN PROBOLSKY
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

KATHY TAVOULARIS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATE