

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

April 20, 2021, 8:35 a.m. via ZOOM WEBINAR

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Orange Countywide Oversight Board was called to order at 8:32 a.m. on April 20, 2021 via Zoom Webinar at a publicly available 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:	6	Chairman:	Brian Probolsky
		Vice Chairman:	Steve Jones
		Board Member:	Anil Kukreja
		Board Member:	Charles Barfield
		Board Member:	Dean West
		Board Member:	Phil Yarbrough
Absent:	1	Board Member:	Steve Franks

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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Barfield led the group in Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 26, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 Board Meeting was made by Vice Chairman Jones, seconded by Board Member Yarborough. Chairman Probolsky called for a vote count from Board Clerk Tavoularis.

YES – Probolsky, Jones, West, Barfield, Yarborough

NO – N/A

ABSTAINED - Kukreja

N/A – Franks

Motion carries.

4. STATUS REPORT REGARDING AUTHORIZE BOARD STAFF TO WORK WITH THE CYPRESS SUCCESSOR AGENCY ON OBTAINING ROPS 2021-22 APPROVAL AND ASSISTING WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

a. Cypress

Chairman Probolsky welcomed Bill Ihrke, General Counsel for the City of Cypress, to offer a status report on this item. Ihrke announced the ongoing efforts behind dissolution for the Cypress Successor Agency. To that end, he noted an assignment and assumption agreement are required as well as approval from HUD in order to formally dissolve. The Successor Agency in the past requested approval for administrative costs which would cover the logistical processes of dissolution, which the Oversight Board approved. However, Ihrke noted that the Department of Finance rejected such costs. A formal request was made on behalf of the Success Agency to refer to the Board's previous approval of the ROPS, as well as the participation and support of Legal Counsel Bobko, to assist with gaining Department of Finance approval for the administrative cost allowance.

Board Member West expressed concern regarding the history of the Successor Agency and its administrative costs analysis. Board Member Yarbrough mentioned the need to account for understanding the actual work required behind the dissolution. Chairman Probolsky requested clarity on administrative costs and their direct association with workloads propelling the dissolution. Legal Counsel Bobko mentioned that no official action or vote is needed to occur on behalf of the Oversight Board on this item.

Legal Counsel Bobko is to return with Ihrke on July 20th, the next scheduled Oversight Board meeting, with further details and more guidance regarding the dissolution of the Successor Agency.

No motion or vote was required for this item.

5. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING THE DISPOSITION TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS (APN 089-201-32)

a. Garden Grove

Chairman Probolsky welcomed Lisa Kim, Assistant City Manager / Community and Economic Development Director, and Grace Lee, Sr. Economic Dev. Specialist, from the City of Garden Grove to discuss this item but mentioned there may be no need for a Successor Agency presentation. Chairman Probolsky opened the floor to public comment. Board Clerk Tavoularis noted no public comment requests were made. Both agenda items 5 and 6, regarding remnant properties in Garden Grove, were consolidated. Vice Chairman Jones moved for approval, seconded by Board Member West. Chairman Probolsky called for a vote count from Board Clerk Tavoularis.

YES – Probolsky, Jones, West, Barfield, Kureja, Yarborough

NO – N/A

N/A - Franks

Motion passes unanimously.

**6. ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVING THE DISPOSITION
TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF GARDEN
GROVE AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS (APN 100-504-74)**

a. Garden Grove

Consolidated with the previous item.

COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Board Clerk Tavoularis reported there are no public comments.

STAFF COMMENTS:

- Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the next Oversight Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 – Location TBD
- Board Clerk Tavoularis noted the Regular Meeting for the Amended ROPS, Draft Administrative Budgets, etc. will be September 21, 2021

BOARD COMMENTS:

Chairman Probolsky congratulated Kathy Tavoularis for her appointment to the City of Orange City Council. The Chairman commented on entering the new phase of the Oversight Board and along with that comes the complication of nuance. In order to address that nuance, Chairman Probolsky would like to bring former Orange County Auditor-Control staff member, Chris Nguyen, into the fold as a consultant to assist with more complicated matters. The appropriate process to bring Chris Nguyen onboard will be explored.

Board Member Barfield congratulated Board Clerk Tavoularis on her City Council role as well as welcomed new Oversight Board Member Anil Kukreja.

Board Member Kukreja looks forward to working with Chris Nguyen in this new capacity.

CLOSED SESSION:

N/A.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Probolsky adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

BRIAN PROBOLSKY
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

KATHY TAVOULARIS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATE