MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

January 28, 2025, 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Orange Countywide Oversight Board was called to order at 8:41 AM on January 21, 2025, by Chairman Brian Probolsky, presiding officer.

Present: 5 Chairman: Brian Probolsky

Vice Chairman: Nicholas Dunlap Board Member: Charles Barfield

Board Member: Dean West

Board Member: Kristen Camuglia

Absent: 2 Board Member: Louis McClure

Board Member: Phillip E. Yarbrough

Also present: Kathy Tavoularis, Staff and Clerk of the Board; Patrick "Kit" Bobko, Legal Counsel; Chris Nguyen, Consultant; Cameron Wessel, Consultant.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Camuglia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

Board Member Barfield moved, and Board Member West seconded, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, Regular Board meeting.

YES – Probolsky, Dunlap, Camuglia, West NO – None ABSENT – McClure, Yarbrough ABSTAIN - Barfield

4. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REQUESTS BY SUCCESSOR AGENCIES FOR ANNUAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) 2025-2026 AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

- A. Buena Park
- B. Huntington Beach
- C. La Habra
- D. Orange, City of
- E. San Juan Capistrano
- F. Santa Ana

Board Member West pulled Agenda Items 4B (Huntington Beach) and 4F (Santa Ana) for separate discussion.

Vice Chairman Dunlap moved, and Board Member Barfield seconded, to adopt the resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 Annual ROPS and administrative budgets of Buena Park, La Habra, Orange, and San Juan Capistrano.

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YES – Probolsky, Dunlap, Barfield, Camuglia, West
NO – None
ABSENT – McClure, Yarbrough
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B. Huntington Beach

Board Member West asked about the April 2024 Department of Finance letter regarding Huntington Beach's FY 2024-25 ROPS and how the Successor Agency will proceed going forward. Board Member West also asked the Successor Agency to lower their administrative costs.

David Cain, interim Chief Financial Officer for the City of Huntington Beach, represented the Huntington Beach Successor Agency. Mr. Cain reported that the agency's administrative costs include the management of reserve bond payments but will be reduced by changing staffing allocation and reducing time by 120 hours.

Board Member West moved, and Vice Chairman Dunlap seconded, to adopt the resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Annual ROPS for the Huntington Beach Successor Agency, with the administrative budget amended down from \$250,000 to \$150,000.

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YES – Probolsky, Dunlap, Barfield, Camuglia, West
NO – None
ABSENT – McClure, Yarbrough
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Consultant Chris Nguyen asked Mr. Cain to reformat how the Huntington Beach Successor Agency submits its Annual ROPS request to the Oversight Board to improve legibility, consistent with how other agencies submit their Annual ROPS requests.

F. Santa Ana

Board Member West noted the April 2024 Department of Finance letter regarding Santa Ana's FY 2024-25 ROPS and thanked the Santa Ana Successor Agency for following the directives of the Department of Finance.

Waldo Barela, Administrative Services Manager with the City of Santa Ana Community Development Agency, spoke on behalf of the Santa Ana Successor Agency, thanking the Oversight Board for their input and guidance.

Board Member West moved, and Board Member Barfield seconded, to adopt the resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Annual ROPS and administrative budget for the Santa Ana Successor Agency.

YES – Probolsky, Dunlap, Barfield, Camuglia, West NO – None ABSENT – McClure, Yarbrough

COMMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Clerk Tavoularis reminded everyone that the Department of Finance deadline for ROPS submission is February 1st.

Clerk Tavoularis reminded the Board that Form 700's are due to the County of Orange Clerk of the Board by April 1st.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board Member West thanked staff for organizing the ROPS packets and asked if in the future the current year ROPS be enlarged for better reading.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:06 AM.

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of Cases: One Case

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:28 AM. There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Probolsky adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.	
BRIAN PROBOLSKY	
CHAIRMAN OF THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD	
KATHY TAVOULARIS	DATE
CLERK OF THE BOARD	