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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Steering Committee of the Orange County Sanitation District was called to order by Board Chairman Chad Wanke on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Building of the Orange County Sanitation District.

## **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

The Clerk of the Board declared a quorum present as follows:

**PRESENT:** Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers  
**ABSENT:** None

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Rob Thompson, General Manager; Lorenzo Tyner, Assistant General Manager; Mike Dorman, Director of Engineering; Laura Maravilla, Director of Human Resources; Riaz Moinuddin, Director of Operations and Maintenance; Wally Ritchie, Director of Finance; Lan Wiborg, Director of Environmental Services; Kelly Lore, Clerk of the Board; Jennifer Cabral; Mortimer Caparas; Daisy Covarrubias; Raul Cuellar; Thys DeVries; Martin Dix; Justin Fenton; Al Garcia; Tina Knapp; Perla Rodriguez; and Ruth Zintzun were present in Conference Room A. Rob Michaels was present telephonically.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Hogin, General Counsel; Lindsay Caro, Associate Counsel; Gary Weisberg, Associate Counsel; Laura Drottz Kalty, Special Counsel, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore; and Danielle Dychter, Special Counsel, Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP were present in Conference Room A. Eric O'Donnell, Townsend Public Affairs; Cori Takkinen, Townsend Public Affairs; and Erik Sapirstein, ENS Resources were present telephonically.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

## **REPORTS:**

Chair Wanke and General Manager Rob Thompson did not provide reports.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:****1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2024-3515](#)**Originator:** Kelly Lore

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO:

Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of the Steering Committee held February 28, 2024.

**AYES:** Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** None**ABSTENTIONS:** None**2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024**[2024-3529](#)**Originator:** Rob Thompson

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Public Affairs Update for the month of February 2024.

**AYES:** Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** None**ABSTENTIONS:** None**3. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024**[2024-3530](#)**Originator:** Rob Thompson

MOVED, SECONDED, AND DULY CARRIED TO: Recommend to the Board of Directors to:

Receive and file the Legislative Affairs Update for the month of February 2024.

**AYES:** Chad Wanke, Ryan Gallagher, Pat Burns, Jon Dumitru, Glenn Grandis, Christine Marick and John Withers**NOES:** None**ABSENT:** None**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**NON-CONSENT:**

None.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:****CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54957.6, 54956.9(d)(1), & 54957(b)(1).**

The Committee convened in closed session at 5:02 p.m. Confidential minutes of the Closed Sessions have been prepared in accordance with the above Government Code Sections and are maintained by the Clerk of the Board in the Official Book of Confidential Minutes of Board and Committee Closed Session meetings.

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT [2024-3513](#)  
CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Director Jon Dumitru recused himself and left the room during Item No. CS-1.

**CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Designated Representatives: General Manager Robert Thompson, Assistant General Manager Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Human Resources Laura Maravilla, and Chief Negotiator Laura Kalty.

Employee Organizations: (3)

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501; Orange County Employees Association; and the Supervisory and Professional Management Group.

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3527](#)  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)****CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Number of Cases: 1

Gina A. Tetsch, Workers' Compensation Claim, Workers Compensation Appeals Board, Case No. ADJ11373743.

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE EXISTING LITIGATION - [2024-3514](#)  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Number of Cases: 1

Orange County Sanitation District v. Robert M. Jackson, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01379706-CU-OR-CJC.

**CS-4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 54957(b)(1) [2024-3528](#)**

CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Number of Employees: 1

- General Counsel

**RECONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION.**

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 5:45 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

General Counsel Brad Hogin stated there was no reportable action.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY:**

None.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Wanke declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. to the next Regular Steering Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Kelly A. Lore, MMC  
Clerk of the Board