REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

BOARD HEARING ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
400 W. Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, California

DOUG CHAFFEE
CHAIR
Fourth District

KATRINA FOLEY
VICE CHAIR
Fifth District

JANET NGUYEN
SUPERVISOR
First District

VICENTE SARMIENTO
SUPERVISOR
Second District

DONALD P. WAGNER
SUPERVISOR
Third District

ATTENDANCE:All Present

EXCUSED:None

PRESENT:	COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Michelle Aguirre
	COUNTY COUNSEL	Leon J. Page
	CLERK OF THE BOARD	Robin Stieler

INVOCATION:Supervisor Nguyen, First District, gave the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:Supervisor Wagner, Third District, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

I.PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Chaffee presented a resolution proclaiming March 15-21, 2026 as "National Surveyors' Week"

Chair Chaffee presented a resolution proclaiming March 2026 as "Social Worker Month"

Chair Chaffee and Vice Chair Foley presented a resolution recognizing March 2026 as "Women's History Month"

II.CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1-4)

23154 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. **Chair Chaffee -** Orange County Workforce Development Board - Reappoint Carlos Oregon, Aliso Viejo, for term ending 3/9/28

OC PUBLIC WORKS

2. Adopt resolution certifying completion of streets, street lights, sewer, water, storm drain and monumentation; accepting easement for street purposes of Ivy Way; making related findings; and authorizing release of bond securities for Final Tract Map 19025 - District 5
RESO: 26-014

3. Approve Second Amendment to Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement BF10017480-A-0002 with BNSF Railway Company for OC Loop Segments O, P and Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project ($50,500; cumulative total $125,000); and authorize Director or designee to execute amendment and future amendments under certain conditions - District 4

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

4. **County Executive Office -** Receive and file Quarterly Information Technology Projects Progress Report for Second Quarter FY 2025-26 - All Districts

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

III.DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5-S17D

ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEADS

5. **District Attorney -** Approve appointment of Anne Selin and Barrie Pink as Extra Help Working Retiree Deputy District Attorneys to perform critical legal pursuant to Section 7522.56 (f) of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 - All Districts
B.O. **DELETED**

6. **Sheriff-Coroner -** Approve contract MA-060-26010390 with Narc Destroyer, LLC dba GAIACA for purchase of onsite and offsite narcotic and narcotic paraphernalia destruction services, three-year term ($3,000,000); renewable for two additional one-year terms; and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute contract - District 2
23154 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

HEALTH CARE AGENCY

7. Approve continuation of local health emergency by County's Health Officer issued on 9/20/24 for Trabuco Canyon Airport Fire and affected areas to facilitate debris and ash removal as well as mitigation efforts to protect water wells; and set review to determine need for continuing local health emergency for 3/24/26, 9:30 a.m. and every 30 days thereafter until terminated - All Districts (Continued from 9/24/24, Item S37H; 10/8/24, Item 8; 11/5/24, Item 10; 12/3/24, Item 19; 12/17/24, Item 21; 1/14/25, Item 22; 2/11/25, Item 18; 3/11/25, Item 12; 4/8/25, Item 11; 5/6/25, Item 11; 5/20/25, Item 28; 6/10/25, Item 1; 6/24/25, Item 54; Special Meeting 7/15/25, Item 1; 8/12/25, Item 34; 9/9/25, Item 18;

9/23/25, Item 18; 10/14/25, Item 13; 11/4/25, Item 3; 12/2/25, Item 22; 12/16/25, Item 16; 1/13/26, Item 9; 2/10/26, Item 8)

35124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

8. Approve amendment 5 to contract MA-042-22010731 with Abbott Laboratories Inc. for AlinIQ Inventory Management System, 3/10/26 - 6/30/27 ($200,000; cumulative total $823,550); and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute amendment - All Districts

53124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

9. Approve aggregate contracts MA-280-26010921 with various contractors for airport construction management - project management services, 4/9/26 - 4/8/29 (aggregate total $9,000,000); and authorize Director or designee to execute contracts - District 5

53124 **APPROVED AS AMENDED ADDING JOA GROUP TO THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED FIRMS UNDER THE AGGREGATE CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT - PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

10. Approve amendment 1 to contract MA-012-25011765 with The Corporation for Supportive Housing for professional and technical assistance for Housing and Community Development Program, term ending 6/30/30 ($930,000; cumulative total $1,930,000); and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to exercise cost contingency increase not to exceed 10% under certain conditions and execute amendment - All Districts

53124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

OC PUBLIC WORKS

11. Award contract MA-080-25011681 to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company for Barrett Lane Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements Project, 249-day term ($5,378,598); authorize Director or designee to execute contract; and make California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption findings under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15302 - District 3

35124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

12. **County Counsel -** Approve continuation of Local Emergency for the Airport Fire; and order review to determine need for continuing local emergency for 5/5/26, 9:30 a.m. and every 60 days thereafter until terminated - All Districts (Continued from 9/10/24, Item S22I; 11/5/24, Item 17; 12/17/24, Item 27; 2/11/25, Item 23; 4/8/25, Item 20; 5/20/25, Item 75; 6/24/25, Item 64; 8/12/25, Item 44; 9/23/25, Item 26; 11/18/25, Item 21; 1/13/26, Item 20)

53124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

County Executive Office:

13. Approve recommended positions on introduced or amended legislation and/or consider other legislative subject matters - All Districts

B.O. **DELETED**

14. Approve grant applications/awards submitted by County Executive Office, Health Care Agency, OC Community Resources, and Sheriff-Coroner in 3/10/26 grant report and other actions as recommended - All Districts

53124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

15. Approve contract CT-017-26010499 with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. for Inbound Worker's Compensation Application Programming Interface from Internal Safety System, effective upon execution, one-year term ($16,200); and authorize County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute contract - All Districts

35124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

16. Approve proposed response to FY 2025-26 Grand Jury Report "A Breach of Public Trust in Orange County" - All Districts

34125 AN **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

17. Receive and file 2026 Women and Girls of Orange County Report - All Districts

RECEIVED AND FILED

OC WASTE & RECYCLING

S17A. Continued consideration of Measure C-E1 of Climate Action Plan from 2/24/26, Agenda Item 21 (Continued from 1/27/26, Item 7; 2/10/26, Item 21, 2/24/26, Item 21) - All Districts

53124 **DELETED**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

S17B. **Supervisor Sarmiento -** Orange County Development Processing Review Committee - Appoint Todd Cottle, Santa Ana, for term concurrent with 2nd District Supervisor's term of office

B.O. **DELETED**

S17C. **Supervisor Wagner -** Approve sponsorship of various nonprofit entities from Third District events funds; approve addition or revision of events to FY 2025-26 County Events Calendar; make related findings under Government Code Section 26227; and authorize Auditor-Controller to make related payments

31254 AA **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

S17D. **County Executive Office -** Reappoint Denah Hoard as Executive Director of Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission; approve amendment 5 to agreement for employment, 4/10/26 - 4/7/28 ($225,139 annual salary with estimated total compensation $357,517 including benefits) - All Districts

35124 **APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**

IV.PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)

V.CLOSED SESSION (Items CS-1-SCS6)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

CS-1. **County Executive Office -** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiator:Jamie Newton, Chief Human Resources Officer
Employee Organizations:Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS), Orange County Employees Association (OCEA), Orange County Attorneys Association (OCAA) International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Association of County Law Enforcement Managers (ACLEM), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Orange County Managers Association (OCMA), Teamsters, and workers represented by United Domestic Workers of America (UDWA) and other non-represented employees
RE:Terms and Conditions of Employment

B.O. **DELETED**

County Counsel:

SCS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Name of Case: Emily Moncur v. County of Orange, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2025-01504358-CU-PO-CJC

B.O. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PROPOSED $450,000 SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF EMILY MONCUR V. COUNTY OF ORANGE, ET AL.IN THIS CASE, THE PLAINTIFF WAS SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE OC ANIMAL SHELTER AND WAS BITTEN BY A DOG AND SUFFERED SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES.THE SETTLEMENT APPROVED TODAY IS SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF OTHERS.WHEN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED, COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CEO-RISK MANAGEMENT TO ANY PERSON WHO INQUIRES.**

SCS3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Name of Case: E.M. v. County of Orange, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2022-01297785-CU-PO-CJC

B.O. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PROPOSED $225,000 SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER OF E.M. V. COUNTY OF ORANGE.IN THIS CASE, PLAINTIFF ALLEGES THAT SHE WAS ABUSED BY A FOSTER PARENT AND THAT THE SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY AND ADVANTAGE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY (AFFA) FAILED TO PERFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE MANDATORY DUTIES.THE SETTLEMENT APPROVED TODAY IS SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF OTHERS AND CONTEMPLATES AN EQUAL CONTRIBUTION FROM AFFA.WHEN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED, COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CEO-RISK MANAGEMENT TO ANY PERSON WHO INQUIRES.**

SCS4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Name of Case: D.R. v. County of Orange, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2022-01263856-CU-PA-CJC

B.O. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION.THE BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO COUNSEL.**

SCS5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Name of Case: Jennifer Kearns v. County of Orange, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01194060-CU-OE-NJC

B.O. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: THE BOARD TOOK NO REPORTABLE ACTION.THE BOARD GAVE DIRECTION TO COUNSEL.**

SCS6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):
Name of Case: Brad Hunter v. County of Orange, WCAB CASE: ADJ17485330

B.O. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PROPOSED $400,000 SETTLEMENT IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE BRAD HUNTER V. COUNTY OF ORANGE.IN THIS CASE, THE APPLICANT IS A RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER.THE SETTLEMENT APPROVED TODAY IS SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF OTHERS.WHEN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED, COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CEO-RISK MANAGEMENT TO ANY PERSON WHO INQUIRES.**

. **COUNTY COUNSEL READ: FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE CASES OF SHABNUM AZIZI V. COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 30-2022-01232544, AND MALLORY MILLER V. COUNTY OF ORANGE, ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 30-2022-01252436, CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AS SCS-4, I CAN REPORT THAT THE PLAINTIFFS IN THESE CASES HAVE ACCEPTED THE COUNTY'S $925,000 SETTLEMENT OFFERS.IN THESE MATTERS, THE PLAINTIFFS ALLEGED THAT THEY SUFFERED SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY FORMER SENIOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARY LOGALBO.THE SETTLEMENT OFFERS ACCEPTED BY THE PLAINTIFFS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026, ON A VOTE OF 3 TO 2, WITH CHAIRMAN CHAFFEE, SUPERVISOR SARMIENTO, AND SUPERVISOR FOLEY VOTING YES, AND SUPERVISOR WAGNER AND SUPERVISOR NGUYEN VOTING NO.THE TWO SETTLEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF OTHERS.WHEN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS ARE FINALIZED, COPIES OF THE AGREEMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL TO ANY PERSON WHO INQUIRES.**

VI. PUBLIC, BOARD, CEO COMMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dr. Richard Afable - Oral re: Emphasized his commitment to improving mental healthcare in the region and highlighted his background as a former CEO of local hospitals and current chair of Mind OC; recounted the formation of Mind OC in 2019; current state of the Orange campus is underutilized

due to insurance restrictions; urged the Board to remove access barriers, open the facilities to all patients, and enhance collaboration between Mind OC and the Health Care Agency to maximize the facilities potential

Steve Rocco - Oral re: Inscription "Equal Justice under the Law" at the U.S. Supreme Court and refusing to hear cases; references to historical events suggesting a lack of representation; law enforcement and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) failing to provide meaningful assistance; distrust in government and officials misusing public funds; community will take matters into their own hands if officials do not fulfill their responsibilities

Rabbi Rick Steinberg - Oral re: Advocated for the urgent opening of a new mental health treatment campus in Irvine including community collaboration, personal credentials and highlighted the immediate need for services; urged the Board to collaborate with BeWell to expedite the campus opening and to take action by cutting bureaucratic obstacles

Dr. Adrienne Matros - Oral re: Emphasized the critical need for mental health services for children in Orange County; shared statistics, current demands, and the underserved population; urged the Board to prioritize mental health and to approve the opening of the Be Well campus to save lives and improve the community's mental health landscape

Crystal Miles - Oral re: Shared updates on Orange County's Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC) recent progress and initiatives; highlighted achievements over the past year noted in their annual report, and discussed goals, objectives and public outreach; thanked the dedication of the commissioners, the leadership of the Office on Aging, and the County staff for their support and partnership

William Wong - Oral re: Focusing on the evolving challenges faced by older adults in Orange County and is a member of the OAAC and a resident of Irvine; noted residents are living longer than previous generations which poses significant challenges for the County's infrastructure; housing insecurity as older adults on fixed incomes are vulnerable to rising costs; commission has prioritized a home share initiative which matches homeowners with responsible tenants; housing models need to align with the reality of longer life spans to support older adults effectively

Rachel Owens - Oral re: Resident of Irvine and current chair of the OAAC; commission has approved goals that align with the Orange County Master Plan for Aging; expressed efforts to improve the Office on Aging's monthly newsletter, expand email subscriptions, and enhance outreach through various channels like senior centers, faith-based organizations, libraries, and social media; requested full funding for a public information campaign to enhance outreach, update the website, and to distribute the Master Plan on Aging resource guide, emphasizing the importance of raising awareness about existing programs and resources

Dr. Lily Carey - Oral re: Program Director of the UCI Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS) program, emphasizing the urgent need for support in light of a looming public health crisis affecting children’s mental health; highlighted the program's focus on mental healthcare for children who have suffered from sexual abuse and the program's impending closure at the end of June after 32 years of service; shared alarming statistics, discussed collaboration with Orange County, treatment shortfalls, long-term care, specialized services and warned that closing the clinic would eliminate a safeguard for vulnerable children and disrupt ongoing support for families in crisis; urged the Board for immediate support to help protect the focus on caring for their patients, their families, and the broader community

Dr. Anju Hurria - Oral re: Associate Training Director for the Child Psychiatry Fellowship Program at UCI; addressed the importance of the FOCUS Program; highlighted specialized treatments during childhood significantly reduce long-term mental health issues and positively alter the trajectory of affected individuals; training future professionals to gain critical experience treating complex trauma in underserved populations; warned that potential funding cuts to the FOCUS Program would have serious repercussions for both the families it serves and the future mental health workforce in the region, and urged the Board to recognize the impact of the FOCUS program and to ensure continued funding for this vital community resource

Dr. Alfonso Vera - Oral re: Second-year child and adolescent psychiatry fellow at UCI Medical Center, shared insights from his training and the urgent need for mental health support for vulnerable children; reinforcing the necessity of prioritizing child mental health as one of the most meaningful ways to protect and serve vulnerable populations in the community through programs such as FOCUS

Dr. Marta Orozco - Oral re: Therapist at the FOCUS Program; shared her experience and insights from her 26 years at the clinic and highlighted her long tenure at FOCUS; emphasized the program is well-designed and successfully supports families in various aspects of their lives; urged the Board to consider the significant loss that would affect victims and families if the FOCUS Clinic were to close, emphasizing the broader community impact

Dr. Stacy Aruizu - Oral re: Clinician at the FOCUS Clinic; emphasized the critical role of the clinic for children who have survived abuse; shared anecdotes of children returning after years and recalling their experiences, showing the strong connection they have with the clinic; urged the Board to imagine the emotional turmoil of a child who has just begun to trust again, only to find that their safe space is disappearing; reminded the Board that the children who rely on the program do not have a voice in the room, urging them to remember these vulnerable children when making future decisions.

Greg Arrowsmith - Oral re: The importance of the Brown Act of 1953, which mandates local government agencies in California to be transparent with taxpayers; Chad Bianco's Campaign, California's Economic Rankings, Fiscal Stability and California's Economy; highlighted the need to assess California's ability to provide tools for success, including economic mobility, education access and quality of life; advocated for a leader to improve California's financial performance and enhance the quality of life for taxpayers; follow up by County Counsel regarding the California Brown Act and the right to speak

Dr. Somin Lim - Oral re: Resident of Orange and a representative of various psychiatric organizations; advocated for continued funding for the FOCUS Program which supports families of children under stress; importance of community-based care, FOCUS Program’s impact and training future physicians; urged the Board to continue funding for the FOCUS Program and thanked them for their commitment to the well-being of children and families in the community

Kayla Sotelo - Oral re: Resident of Mission Viejo; shared her personal story, mentioning the loss of her sister Amber to substance use disorder in 2020 while waiting for access to treatment, and noted her mother Karen's struggles with addiction; expressed her commitment to honoring her sister and mother's memory; emphasized the necessity for facilities like Be Well to be accessible to everyone, regardless of insurance type; urged the Board to listen to the voices of those who have lost loved ones and those who are fighting for a better future, emphasizing that the community deserves timely access to these critical resources; reiterated the need to ensure no one has to wait for the care they deserve, emphasizing the promise made to the community

Kate - Oral re: Shared insights from a recent meeting in Riverside where Clint Curtis, the Shasta County Registrar of Voters, spoke about their County's successful election process including successful hand count, community engagement and efficient procedures; suggested inviting Clint Curtis to present how to improve election processes and proposed reconsidering the Voter's Choice Act and eliminating mail-in ballots; urged the Board to take action based on the successful methods employed by Shasta County to enhance Orange County's election integrity

Bryan Kaye - Oral re: Frustration regarding representation and ongoing legal issues; criminal complaint filed against him by Supervisor Foley; urged the Supervisors to consider the consequences of their statements and actions; call for recognition and resolution, urging the Board to move past their grievances

Nick Kolev - Oral re: Raised serious concerns about the legal and ethical implications of a "secret database" in Orange County; expressed frustration over prolonged legal process; claimed many power conflicts in the County are influenced by a secret database involving Santa Ana Police Chief Carlos Rojas and Mayor Miguel Pulido; former District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and investigators in Santa Ana and Sheriff Michael Corona and allegations related to his son; worried that children are being affected by Artificial Intelligence and data collection; asserted that as long as the secret database exists, resolving systemic issues will remain impossible

Eileen McDermott - Oral re: Election integrity concerns, allegations against officials, expressed disappointment in the Board's failure to protect vulnerable populations; criticized the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, claiming that masks were ineffective and vaccines did not provide the promised protection; raised concerns about issues like abortion, euthanasia and human trafficking; stated community will not forget the actions of the officials and warned that they would face public outrage

Heidi Zimmerman - Oral re: Founder and President of the Oma's Angel Foundation; concerns about the conditions in Orange County shelters; currently involved in litigation regarding the inhumane conditions in shelters; friend and client, Michael, who is prone to seizures has faced significant challenges within the shelter system; shelter system is broken and ineffective and detailed specific grievances filed against the Volunteers of America; requested guidance on how to address the situation and requested a new case manager for Michael; asked the Board to contact her and help her find a way forward in fixing the broken shelter system, emphasizing the urgency of saving Michael's life

BOARD COMMENTS:

Chair Chaffee - Oral re: Anticipates detailed discussion regarding the forensic audit report at the next Board meeting including the number of contracts and the potential for cost recovery; hopes the District Attorney is thoroughly assessing the forensic report for actionable insights; announced District 4 Future Leaders Program to be held June 6 - June 27, with applications due by April 9 which aims to provide future leaders with knowledge about county operations and potential career paths; invited everyone to attend Fourth District's Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, March 14 at Carbon Canyon Regional Park, registration opens at 7:00 a.m. and fishing derby is from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Orange County Employees Association will be providing free hot dogs, chips and drinks; acknowledged the success of the elder fraud prevention event in Anaheim, featuring presentations from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Postal Service; thanked OC Parks for hosting annual staff retreat at Santiago Oaks Regional Park; Women's Commission flyer has a QR code for accessing the full report

Vice Chair Foley - Oral re: Provided a detailed discussion about the findings of the Weaver and Tidwell audit related to the County of Orange, focusing on the actions of former Supervisor Andrew Do, including misuse of power and awarding contracts to family and friends and the organization Mind

OC, County's commitment to transparency and reform in procurement processes, emphasized the importance of taxpayer trust; Mind OC failed to deliver promised services and for not cooperating with the County, and was found to have performance deficiencies; Mind OC was profiting significantly from county-funded services and County terminated the lease due to Mind OC's failure to comply with agreements; requested Mind OC provide access to the facilities to enable the County to deliver mental health services effectively and stressed the urgency of resolving these issues for the benefit of the community; expressed disappointment of speakers comments and emphasized the need for collaboration to move forward; invited everyone to attend a Town Hall on 'Senior Supports' at the Rancho Mission Viejo Guest House Facility in Rancho Mission Viejo on March 26, 2pm, Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Town Hall at Coffee Importers in Dana Point on March 30, 6pm, and Celebration for Women's History Month "Women Making a Difference Awards" at Strawberry Farms, Irvine on March 29, 10 am

Supervisor Sarmiento - Oral re: Forensic audit by the Weaver firm confirmed suspicions of corruption within former Supervisor Andrew Do's office, dating back to 2019; bullying tactics and a culture of corruption allowing him to benefit his family and friends at the expense of county residents and the presence of complicit individuals who either ignored or facilitated these corrupt actions was noted; Board sought an independent auditor to assess the illegal conduct, which led to Do's current incarceration and audit report is now available on the County's website and will be presented at the March 24 meeting, detailing findings and recommendations; audit highlighted the necessity for stronger ethics reforms and whistleblower protections for County employees; County auditor will provide updates on internal audits and a thorough review of ethics policies; expressed accountability should apply to all levels and called for all involved in corruption to be held accountable; CalOptima approved $10 million capital grant funding to support housing and services for Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness; attended the SoCal Soho festival in Santa Ana, celebrating cultural diversity and community spirit and expressed gratitude for the community's engagement and the celebration of cultural diversity

Supervisor Nguyen - Oral Re: Discussed forensic audit of former Supervisor Andrew Do's contracts from 2019 to 2024 that highlights significant issues regarding the spending of taxpayer dollars; report reveals a "pay-to-play" environment and confirms long-held suspicions about corruption within Do's office; audit examined contracts totaling $486.2 million and Do's actions have led to significant procurement problems, misconduct, and bullying tactics; provided examples of misconduct including County staff were pressured to make advance payments to vendors without proper invoices, threats made against staff members regarding approvals for payments and funds were allegedly concealed, and sub vendors were hired based on connections to Do and his family; concerns with 360 Covid Clinic billing, accountability and the management of patient records; emphasized the need for ongoing investigations by the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Attorney General, District Attorney, and other relevant agencies into the misconduct uncovered and surged action on ongoing cases, particularly Peter Pham; acknowledged the efforts of the auditing team and expressed commitment to examining the report thoroughly, and highlighted initiatives for procurement reforms and the importance of understanding past actions to prevent future issues; reaffirmed the Board's commitment to transparency, accountability, and reform within the county, emphasizing the need for closure on these issues for the benefit of the community; noted UC Irvine's item will be on the agenda in April

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNED:2:27 P.M.

KEY

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1. = Supervisor Nguyen
2. = Supervisor Sarmiento
3. = Supervisor Wagner
4. = Supervisor Chaffee
5. = Supervisor Foley

A.=Abstained
X.=Excused
N.=No
BO=Board Order

ORD.= Ordinance
RESO. = Resolution

Above numbers refer to Supervisorial Districts (1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

/s/

Doug Chaffee
Chair, Orange County Board of Supervisors

/s/

Robin Stieler
Orange County Clerk of the Board