

FINAL MINUTES

OC LAFCO REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
8:15 a.m.

County Administrative North (CAN)
First Floor Multipurpose Room 101
400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO) to order at 8:17 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Freshley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

City Members

Wendy Bucknum (**arrived at 8:21 a.m.**)
Peggy Huang
Carol Moore (**Alt.**)

County Member

Donald P. Wagner (**Chair**)

Special District Members

Douglass Davert
James Fisler
Kathryn Freshley (**Alt.**)

Public Members

Derek J. McGregor
Lou Penrose (**Alt.**)

The following staff members and general counsel were present:

- Executive Officer Luis Tapia
- Policy Analyst I Aimee Diaz
- Policy Analyst I Leo Lara

- Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
- General Counsel Scott Smith

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION (Received After Agenda Distribution)

The Commission Clerk noted that no supplemental communication was received.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wagner requested public comments on any non-agenda items. The Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests to speak from the public.

Chair Wagner closed the hearing of public comments.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Wagner called for requests to pull the consent calendar item for discussion. There were no requests from Commissioners, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests from the public to speak on the item. **Commissioner Davert** motioned for approval of the consent calendar, and **Commissioner Fisler** seconded the motion.

6a. – October 8, 2025 - Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

6b. – Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quarterly Financial Report (Second Quarter)

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar. (Douglass Davert)
SECOND: James Fisler
FOR: Douglass Davert, James Fisler, Peggy Huang,
Derek J. McGregor, Donald P. Wagner
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Wagner noted that there were no public hearing items scheduled for consideration by the Commission.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8a. – Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Work Plan Update

Executive Officer Luis Tapia presented the staff report and noted that this is a receive and file report.

Chair Wagner called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no noted discussion from Commissioners, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests from the public to speak on the item. **Chair Wagner** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

8b. – OC LAFCO Professional Services Agreement Update

Policy Analyst Aimee Diaz presented the staff report and noted that this is a receive and file report.

Vice Chair Bucknum arrived during this item at 8:21 a.m.

Chair Wagner called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no noted discussion from Commissioners, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests from the public to speak on the item. **Chair Wagner** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

8c. – Appointment Processes for OC LAFCO Expiring Terms and Vacancies

Policy Analyst Leo Lara presented the staff report and noted that this is a receive and file report.

Chair Wagner called for Commission discussion and public comments. There was no noted discussion from Commissioners, and the Commission Clerk noted that there were no requests from the public to speak on the item. **Chair Wagner** noted this is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

8d. – Appointment of 2026 OC LAFCO Officers

Chair Wagner asked General Counsel if any special circumstances needed to be adhered to before nominations were taken. General Counsel noted that no special circumstances were needed and a “no vote” or roll call vote was not needed.

Commissioner McGregor nominated **Vice Chair Bucknum** to serve as the Chair and **Commissioner Fisler** to serve as Vice Chair. There were no additional nominations, and the motion was seconded by **Commissioner Davert**.

MOTION: Appoint Commissioner Bucknum to serve as OC LAFCO Chair for 2026 and Commissioner Fisler as OC LAFCO Vice Chair for 2026. (Derek J. McGregor)

SECOND: Douglass Davert

FOR: Derek J. McGregor, Douglass Davert, Wendy Bucknum, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Donald P. Wagner

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners made general comments.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer provided the following updates:

- The FPPC will be administering the 700 Forms to each Commissioner for electronic filing, as all 700 Forms must now be filed electronically pursuant to recent changes to State law.
- The Executive Officer reported that the members of the Alliance have distributed a request for proposals for auditing services. Mr. Tapia noted that he would contact Commissioners McGregor or Huang to assist the Alliance with reviewing proposals on behalf of Orange LAFCO, as each participating LAFCO in the Alliance will have a Commissioner serving in this role.
- The Executive Officer noted that a request for proposals for the Coastal MSR Region is underway, and staff anticipates bringing a contract before the Commission during its regular meeting in April 2026.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Wagner noted that there were no informational items or announcements.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Wagner adjourned the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:31 a.m. to February 11, 2026, in memory of Paul Mesmer, President of Surfside Colony Community Services District and 1st Vice President of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County.

Donald P. Wagner, Chair
Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

ATTEST:

By: Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Commission Clerk