

Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2019



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Jonathan at 2:30 pm at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs

**Others**

Ryan Stendell	City of Palm Desert
Patrick Tallarico	City of Palm Springs
Heather Vaikona	Lift to Rise
Jovanna Rosen	Lift to Rise
Alan Carvalito	Cathedral City Resident
Alan Solomon	Palm Desert Resident
John Pick	Palm Desert Resident
Kim Floyd	Sierra Club/Palm Desert Resident
Revone Bauwens	Palm Desert Resident
Shelley Kaplan	Cathedral City Resident
David Freedman	Palm Springs Resident
Brad Anderson	

**DCE Staff & Consultants**

Tom Kirk	
Benjamin Druyon	
Eric Felci	
Libby Carlson	
Don Dame	DCE Consultant

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.**

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS - None.**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve April 15, 2019 DCE Board Meeting Minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KORS TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2019 DCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<b>Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. CARE / FERA Program Update** - Heather Vaikona and Jovanna Rosen, Lift to Rise, presented a proposal for outreach and engagement activities to increase participation in the CARE and FERA financial assistance programs.

Brad Anderson, member of the public, addressed the Board in opposition to the staff recommendation.

Kim Floyd, Sierra Club, addressed the Board in support of referring the item to the Community Advisory Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN CARE/FERA PROGRAMS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<b>Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Community Advisory Committee Update** – Benjamin Druyon provided background on the purpose, formation, recruitment, and next steps for the Community Advisory Committee.

Kim Floyd, member of the public, addressed the Board in support of diverse Committee membership.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO APPOINT THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES TO THE DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<b>Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. Desert Community Energy Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget** – Don Dame presented the proposed FY19/20 Budget, noting that it may need to be revised if the anticipated program launch date changes.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KORS TO APPROVE THE DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY FY2019/2020 BUDGET.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<b>Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- D. Proposed Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement** – Chair Jonathan requested that the amendment be revised to clarify that revenues generated will be reduced by direct expenses. Tom Kirk stated that the revised proposed amendment will be re-noticed for 30 days.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY CHAIR JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, AS REVISED, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

<b>Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Items 8 and 9 were addressed before Item 7.

**8. INFORMATION**

The following items were submitted for information only:

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Unaudited Balance Sheet & Financial Statements, April 2018 – May 2019**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next DCE Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2019, at 2:30 pm.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

**Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)**

**Number of Cases: One**

No reportable action. The Board gave direction to staff.

- 10. ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby Carlson