

## **ITEM 5A**

### Desert Community Energy Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019



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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Kors at 2:35 pm at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

##### **Members Present**

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

##### **Agency**

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

##### **Others Present**

Councilmember Rita Lamb	City of Cathedral City
Charlie McClendon	City of Cathedral City
Ryan Stendell	City of Palm Desert
Patrick Tallarico	City of Palm Springs
Hector Sanchez Perez	Lift to Rise
Lani Miller	Palm Springs Sustainability Commission
David Freedman	DCE Community Advisory Committee
Daniel Paris	DCE Community Advisory Committee
Kim Floyd	Sierra Club
Alan Solomon	Solar Ventures
Shelley Kaplan	DCE Community Advisory Committee

##### **DCE Staff & Consultants**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Shawn Isaac  
Benjamin Druyon  
Erica Felci  
Jeff Fuller (The Energy Authority)  
Jaclyn Harr (The Energy Authority)  
Ryan Belgram (The Energy Authority)  
Brian Rix (Burke Rix)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Kim Floyd and David Freedman addressed the Board regarding the importance of outreach and discussing the NEM program.

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:30pm; location to be determined.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of October 21, 2019**

**IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Vice Chair Aguilar	<b>Aye</b>
Board member Jonathan	<b>Aye</b>
Chair Kors	<b>Aye</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. DCE Program Schedule and Activities Update – Katie Barrows**

Katie Barrows provided updates about the launch of Palm Springs in April 2020, rate-setting, and the NEM program. Chair Kors asked staff to provide more information about the NEM program in January.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO BEGIN SERVING CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS IN APRIL 2020.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Vice Chair Aguilar	<b>Aye</b>
Board member Jonathan	<b>Aye</b>
Chair Kors	<b>Aye</b>

**B. Contract with Burke Rix for DCE Community Engagement and Outreach – Katie Barrows**

Board member Jonathan and Chair Kors asked to see outreach materials prior to distribution. Vice Chair Aguilar asked that Spanish translations be included in the outreach efforts. Chair Kors requested ongoing collaboration with Lift to Rise for the CARE/FERA program.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FINALIZE AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BURKE RIX FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH SERVICES FOR DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY, REALLOCATING FUNDS FROM AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH LEAN ENERGY US, FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$150,000.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Vice Chair Aguilar	<b>Aye</b>
Board member Jonathan	<b>Aye</b>
Chair Kors	<b>Aye</b>

**C. DCE Pro Forma and Financial Model Scenario Analysis – Jeff Fuller presented an overview of the updated DCE pro forma and financial model scenario analysis, based on the launch plans of member agencies.**

**7. INFORMATION**

The following items were submitted for information only:

**A. Attendance Record**

- B. Unaudited Balance Sheet & Financial Statement, July 1, 2019 – November 30, 2019**
- C. Community Advisory Committee Report**
- D. CARE/FERA Program Update**
- E. Meeting Schedule for 2020**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn Isaac