

**ITEM 5A**

**Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2020  
11:00 am**



**City of Palm Springs Police Training Center  
200 S. Civic Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
760-346-1127 (CVAG)**

*The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.desertcommunityenergy.org>*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Geoff Kors at 11:00am at 200 S. Civic Drive, Palm Springs, 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  
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory

**Agency**

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

**DCE Staff & Consultants**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Shawn Isaac  
Benjamin Druyon  
Brian Rix  
Jeff Fuller

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The Energy Authority (phone)

**Others Present:**

Arthur Bestard  
David Freedman  
Lani Miller  
Richard Noble  
Daniel Paris

Community Advisory Committee Chair  
Community Advisory Committee  
Climate Reality Project  
Community Advisory Committee

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Richard Noble, suggested everyone take moment of silence to think about events happening around the world like fires in Australia. He commented that carbon-free energy is not renewable energy.

Lani Miller, who is on the CAC, would like DCE to offer cookies at community event booths.

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

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER SABBY JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR KORS TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020. CATHEDRAL CITY ABSTAINED.**

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Approve Revised Desert Community Energy Retail Generation Rate Schedule – Shawn Isaac.**

The Board discussed the recommendation to provide low income customers the 100% Carbon Free plan at Desert Saver rates, based on input from the Palm Springs City Council.

**IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER GREGORY AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-02 APPROVING A REVISED DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY RETAIL GENERATION RATE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020 WHICH INCLUDES PROVIDING LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS ENROLLED IN CARE/FERA 100% CARBON FREE AT THE DESERT SAVER RATES PLUS THE SUBSIDY THEY GET UNDER CARE/FERA.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

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

**B. Establish Palm Springs DCE Working Group – Benjamin Druyon.**

Benjamin Druyon described the recommendation for the Board to establish a Palm Springs DCE Working Group to focus on Palm Springs specific activities related to DCE launch and to establish a process for selecting members.

**IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO ESTABLISH A PALM SPRINGS SPECIFIC OUTREACH WORKING GROUP TO ASSIST WITH DCE LAUNCH ACTIVITIES WITH ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED BY MAYOR KORS, COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, AND CAC CHAIR DAVID FREEDMAN.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

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

**7. INFORMATION**

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Net Energy Metering Program Update**

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

None.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next DCE Board meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:30pm in Palm Springs.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn Isaac