

Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020
2:30 pm



Held via Zoom videoconference

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, City of Palm Springs, at 2:31 p.m. via Zoom meeting, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 John Aguilar, Vice Chair

Agency

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

DCE Staff & Consultants

Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Trisha Stull
Joanna Stueckle
Valdemar Galeana
Erica Felci
Jaclyn Harr
Jeff Fuller
Don Dame

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The Energy Authority
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Energy Consultant

Others Present

David Freedman
Kim Floyd
Lindsay Busk
Jeff Godtland

Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments made.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

There were no board member or director comments made.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

The members addressed the consent calendar items with separate motions.

A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of August 17, 2020

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

B. Authorize the Executive Director to process the Financial Security Requirement payment to California Public Utilities Commission for a total amount of \$147,000 ensuring it is paid within 30 days of the approval of CPUC Resolution E-5059.

A brief member discussion ensued to clarify the action being taken.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR AGUILAR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROCESS THE FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT PAYMENT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$147,000 ENSURING IT IS PAID WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE APPROVAL OF CPUC RESOLUTION 3-5059.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation on recent heatwave and its impact on DCE and other utilities

Jaclyn Harr of The Energy Authority discussed the financial impacts of the recent heatwave. Don Dame, an energy consultant for DCE, provided an overview of general financial principals. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. DCE Long Term Renewable Energy Procurement

Ms. Harr presented the staff report and explained need to adjust the scope of contract negotiations for DCE's Long Term Renewable Energy Procurement.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ADJUST THE SCOPE OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY'S LONG TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MEEET COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS, WITH FINAL CONTRACTS TO BE APPROVED BY DCE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

C. Update on DCE Post-Launch Activities

Ms. Barrows presented an update on DCE's post-launch activities. No action was taken.

7. INFORMATION

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1 to August 31, 2020**
- C. Letter outlining the Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit for Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2020**
- D. Utility Discount (CARE/FERA) Program Update**
- E. Recent opinion article from San Francisco Chronicle**

These items were placed on the agenda for the Board's information.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments made on non-agenda items.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE Board meeting will be held on October 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull