

ITEM 5A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021
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 2:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Councilmember Geoff Kors, Chair
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair

Agency

City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Desert

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Valdemar Galeana
Trisha Stull
Claude Kilgore
Joanna Stueckle
Josh Zipperman
Brian Rix
Jeff Fuller
Jaclyn Harr
Chris Weber
Don Dame

Burke Rix Communications
Burke Rix Communications
The Energy Authority
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DCE Consultant

Others Present

David Freedman
Kim Floyd
Patrick Tallarico

Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee
City of Palm Springs

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of September 27, 2021**
- B. Establish that findings exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize remote teleconference/virtual meetings of Desert Community Energy**
- C. Approve the release of DCE’s Mid-term Reliability Request for Offers (RFO) and authorize the Executive Director and/ or legal counsel to make non-substantive changes to the RFO and modify the schedule as necessary**

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Updates to the Joint Powers Agreement – Tom Kirk**

Tom Kirk shared the recommended amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement. Board members offered revisions to the proposed amendment regarding two members and voting.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) AS REVISED BY THE BOARD AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTING THE CHANGES, INCLUDING CIRCULATION OF A NOTICE TO MEMBER AGENCIES AND BRINGING THE JPA AMENDMENT BACK FOR A FINAL BOARD VOTE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

- B. DCE’s Financial Update and 2022 Market Preview – Jeff Fuller, The Energy Authority**

Jeff Fuller of The Energy Authority provided an update on the 2022 energy market and the DCE financial forecast. Member discussion ensued.

This was an information item and no vote was taken.

- C. Fall 2021 Outreach and Communication Plan – Katie Barrows**

Brian Rix of Burke Rix Communications shared the marketing strategy and messaging for the upcoming fall campaign. Member discussion ensued.

This was an information item and no vote was taken.

D. OhmConnect Partnership – Katie Barrows

Katie Barrows elaborated on the potential OhmConnect partnerships including the logistics of such a partnership. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO ENCOURAGE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN MOU AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PARTNER WITH OHMCONNECT ON ITS FREE SMART THERMOSTAT PROGRAM, INCLUDING ENCOURAGING SMART ENERGY USE AND PROVIDING A WAY FOR CUSTOMERS TO SAVE ON THEIR UTILITY BILLS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

**Councilmember Jonathan
Councilmember Kors**

**Aye
Aye**

7. INFORMATION

The following items were put in the agenda packet for members' information :

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held November 15, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull