

## **ITEM 6A**

**Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2022  
3:00 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 3:00 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  
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair

#### **Agency**

City of Palm Springs  
City of Palm Desert

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

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
David Freedman  
Liz Barnwell  
Erica Felci  
Claude Kilgore  
Joanna Stueckle  
Jennifer Nelson  
Janice Reitman  
Kevin Broadie  
Jiajing Cheng  
Shannon Ayala  
Jaclyn Harr  
Chris Weber  
Don Dame

Davis Farr  
The Energy Authority  
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Donald Dame Consulting

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Katie Barrows gave an update on the accomplishments over the last two years since DCE began serving customers in Palm Springs in April 2020.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO:

- A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of February 14, 2022
- B. Reaffirm that findings still exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize continuation of remote teleconference/virtual meetings of Desert Community Energy

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan  
Councilmember Kors

Aye  
Aye

## 6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

### A. DCE's Audit for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and Related Reports – Claude Kilgore

Claude Kilgore introduced Shannon Ayala from Davis Farr, who presented the results of the FY 2020/21 audit, covered future auditing standards, and recommended the DCE Board adopt a purchasing policy.

Vice Chair Jonathan recognized the finance staff for their hard work and asked that the purchasing policy recommendation be placed on a future DCE agenda.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

### B. DCE Financial Outlook and Budget Outlook – Jaclyn Harr and Claude Kilgore

Ms. Harr provided a presentation on the healthy financial outlook for DCE, including information on the predicted revenue and cost changes over the next year. Mr. Kilgore gave an update on the budget outlook for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Vice Chair Jonathan requested information on a three-year budget at a future board meeting.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

### C. March 2022 Rate Adjustment Summary – Don Dame

Mr. Don Dame provided a brief update on the 2022 rate adjustments.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

## 7. INFORMATION

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

### A. Attendance Record

### B. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

**C. Supplier Diversity Report to the CPUC**

**D. Community Advisory Committee Update**

**E. DCE Meeting Calendar for 2022**

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

None.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next DCE meeting is scheduled to be held May 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

Chair Kors indicated he had a conflict for the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Other possible meeting dates in May were discussed, with direction to staff to confirm a date that Board members are available.

**10. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kors adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Nelson,  
Executive Assistant/Clerk*