

## **ITEM 6A**

**Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2022**



**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 Assistant Executive Director Erica Felci at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

### **2. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **A. Public Comment for Closed Session Items Only:**

None

#### **B. Closed Session**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
Number of potential cases: 1

The DCE Board of Directors entered the closed session at 3:00 p.m. and adjourned the closed session at 3:15 p.m.

### **3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION & ROLL CALL**

#### **A. Report on Action from Closed Session**

Executive Director Tom Kirk stated there was no reportable action from the closed session.

#### **B. Member Roster**

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

#### **Members Present**

Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Veronica Chavez

#### **Member Jurisdiction**

City of Palm Springs  
City of Palm Desert

### **4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)**

Mr. Kirk announced that Agenda Item 8E would be continued to a future Board meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**6. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Mr. Kirk welcomed the new Board

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Kirk noted the new Board members did not have to attend the previous meeting to approve the minutes and noted they were compiled by staff as they always have been.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ TO:**

**A. Approve Minutes from the November 18, 2022 Board Meeting**

**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.**

<b>Councilmember Middleton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Finance Director Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**8. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Election of DCE Officers – Tom Kirk**

Mr. Kirk opened the floor for nominations. Members made one nomination for each officer role.

**IT WAS MOVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON TO ELECT PALM SPRINGS COUNCILMEMBER LISA MIDDLETON AS CHAIR OF THE DCE BOARD.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

<b>Councilmember Middleton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Finance Director Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Chair Middleton took over running the remainder of the meeting agenda.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON AND SECONDED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ TO ELECT PALM DESERT FINANCE DIRECTOR VERONICA CHAVEZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE DCE BOARD.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

<b>Councilmember Middleton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Finance Director Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. DCE 2023 Legislative Platform – Peter Carlstrom**

Management Analyst Peter Carlstrom provided the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON TO ADOPT DCE’S 2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM TO EXPAND DCE’S ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH DCE’S MISSION**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

<b>Councilmember Middleton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Finance Director Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. Contract Amendments with Deer Creek Solar I, LLC for Deer Creek Solar +Storage Project – David Freedman**

Program Manager David Freedman presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued with staff addressing questions on the amendment.

**IT WAS MOVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO THE RENEWABLE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH DEER CREEK SOLAR I**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

<b>Councilmember Middleton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Finance Director Chavez</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**D. DCE Financial Outlook – Jaclyn Harr**

Jaclyn Harr of The Energy Authority provided an update on DCE’s financials and a preview of the upcoming year. Member discussion ensued.

No vote was taken as this was an informational item.

**E. Carbon Free Commercial Customer Recognition Program – Burke Rix Communications**

This item was postponed to a future Board meeting.

**F. Schedule of DCE Board Meetings – Erica Felci**

Ms. Felci sought Board feedback on a meeting schedule. The Board concurred that the next meeting would be at 3 p.m. on March 20 via Zoom webinar.

**9. INFORMATION**

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

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. CPUC Net Energy Metering 3.0 / Net Billing Tariff Decision**
- C. Unaudited Year-to-Year Financial Report as of December 31, 2022**
- D. Mid-Term Reliability 2023 Request for Offers**
- E. January 2023 Rate Adjustment Summary**

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

#### **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Based on Board guidance on Agenda Item 8F, the next DCE meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on March 20 via Zoom webinar.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT –**

Chair Middleton adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director*