

ITEM 5A

**Desert Community Energy
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the DCE Community Advisory Committee was called to order by CVAG/DCE Program Specialist Savannah Gil at 5:30 p.m. at Demuth Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 3601 E Mesquite Avenue, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Donald Barrett
Berlinda Blackburn
Erin Boyd
Noel Loughrin
Jeremy Roos
Bernard Rottner
Donald Zeigler

City of Residency

Palm Springs
Palm Desert
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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

CVAG/DCE Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci gave an introductory comment welcoming the Committee.

DCE Program Manager David Freedman shared he will be retiring at the end of this calendar year.

5. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Overview of Communication Choice Aggregation and Desert Community Energy

Ms. Gil gave a short presentation.

Brief member discussion ensued with Mr. Freedman and Ms. Gil answered questions accordingly.

No action was taken.

B. Review of Background, Structure, & Scope of Work

Ms. Gil reviewed the document with the Committee.

Brief member discussion ensued regarding document questions.

No action was taken.

C. Election of Community Advisory Committee Officers

Mr. Freedman presented the staff report and opened the floor for nominations.

Ms. Erin Boyd nominated herself for the position of Chair. No other nominations were received for the position of Chair.

Mr. Donald Barrett nominated Ms. Noel Loughrin for the position of Vice Chair. No other nominations were received for the position of Vice Chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ERIN BOYD AND SECONDED BY MR. DONALD ZEIGLER TO APPOINT MS. ERIN BOYD FROM THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO BE CHAIR OF THE DCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. DONALD BARRETT AND SECONDED BY MS. ERIN BOYD TO APPOINT MS. NOEL LOUGHRIN FROM THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO BE VICE CHAIR OF THE DCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE MOTIONS CARRIED WITH 7 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

Donald Barrett	Aye
Berlinda Blackburn	Aye
Erin Boyd	Aye
Noel Loughrin	Aye
Jeremy Roos	Aye
Bernard Rottner	Aye
Donald Zeigler	Aye

D. Schedule and Topics for Upcoming CAC meetings

Staff and Committee discussed several topic ideas for future Committee meeting along with a discussion regarding the meeting schedule and future meeting locations. The Committee agreed to rotate the meeting location between Palm Springs and Palm Desert.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE Board meeting will be held on February 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Large Conference Room at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 92262.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Erin Boyd adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Savannah Gil
Program Specialist – Energy & Sustainability*