

ITEM 5A

Desert Community Energy
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025



1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the DCE Community Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Erin Boyd at 4:04 PM at the CVAG Office, 74199 El Paseo, Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Donald Barrett
Berlinda Blackburn
Erin Boyd
Paul Murphy
Bernard Rottner
Donald Zeigler

City of Residency

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Donald Zeigler commented on the danger of heatwaves and its potential impact on the Coachella Valley, and started a discussion with the Committee on the possibility of DCE providing electricity to the rest of the Coachella Valley.

Director of Energy and Sustainability Lisa McNeilly introduced herself to the Committee.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2024

Ms. Blackburn asked for a correction to the spelling of her name.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR ERIN BOYD AND SECONDED BY MS. BERLINDA BLACKBURN TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTIONS.

THE MOTIONS CARRIED WITH 7 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

Donald Barrett	Aye
Berlinda Blackburn	Aye
Erin Boyd	Aye
Paul Murphy	Aye
Bernard Rottner	Aye

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Presentation from The Energy Authority

Jaclyn Harr with The Energy Authority presented information to the Committee and answered questions from members.

B. Preview of 2025 meetings

Ms. Savannah Gil presented the item to the CAC. Member discussion ensued regarding schedule.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The February DCE Board meeting has been canceled. The DCE board will meet again on Monday, March 17, 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 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Savannah Gil
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