

Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2019



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Jonathan at 2:30 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair

**Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs

**Others**

Councilmember Raymond Gregory  
Charlie McClendon  
Ryan Stendell  
Rosario Avila  
Kim Floyd  
Elmer Diaz

City of Cathedral City  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
Cathedral City Resident  
Sierra Club/Palm Desert Resident  
IBEW 440

**DCE Staff & Consultants**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Benjamin Druyon  
Eric Felci  
Jeff Fuller (via phone)  
Colin Cameron (via phone)  
Don Dame (via phone)  
Mike Jenkins (via phone)

The Energy Authority/TEA  
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DCE Consultant  
General Counsel

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Floyd, Palm Desert resident, addressed the Board in support of proceeding with program launch.

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS - None.**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve March 18, 2019 DCE Board Meeting Minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2019 DCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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| Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar           | Aye |
| Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair  | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair | Aye |

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. DCE Program Launch**

Katie Barrows gave a status update on possible launch in 2020 and overview of DCE goals and objectives.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A LOAD FORECAST FOR PALM SPRINGS TO THE CPUC BASED ON PROGRAM LAUNCH IN EARLY 2020; RECOMMEND THAT CATHEDRAL CITY AND PALM DESERT CONSIDER LAUNCHING MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS IN 2020; AND DIRECT STAFF TO UPDATE THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND PROVIDE MUNICIPAL LOADS FOR EACH CITY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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| Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar           | Aye |
| Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair  | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair | Aye |

Item 6C was addressed before Item 6B.

**C. Consider Proposed Change to Joint Powers Agreement**

Tom Kirk gave an overview of proposed amendment to the JPA.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AGUILAR TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT IN CONCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO WORK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVISE THE JPA TO ADDRESS UNANIMOUS OR VETO POWER FOR FUTURE AMENDMENTS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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| Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar           | Aye |
| Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Chair  | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Geoff Kors, Vice Chair | Aye |

Item 7 was addressed before Item 6B.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action.

Item 6 Discussion / Action resumed following closed session.

**6. B. DCE Pro Forma and Financial Model Scenario Analysis**

Jeff Fuller and Colin Cameron, TEA, gave an update on the pro forma and financial projections.

**D. Community Advisory Committee Update**

The Board provided input on membership requirements for the Community Advisory Committee.

**E. CARE & FERA Low Income Program Analysis**

Don Dame gave an overview of the CARE and FERA financial assistance programs for low income households, including outreach strategies to increase rate of participation.

**8. INFORMATION**

The following items were submitted for information only.

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Unaudited Balance Sheet & Financial Statements, April 2018 – March 2019**

**C. Legislative Update**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next DCE Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019, at 2:30 pm.

**10. ADJOURN** - The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Druyon  
Management Analyst