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**PALM SPRINGS CEMETERY DISTRICT
MINUTES**

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2025

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: 31-705 Da Vall Drive, Cathedral City, California 92234

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order by Trustee Pye at 2:00 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jan M. Pye, Chairperson
Michael V. Smith, Vice Chairperson
Lynn T. Malotto, Treasurer
Tim Radigan-Brophy, Member

Also Present: Kathleen Jurasky, District Manager
Steven Quintanilla, Attorney

Not Present: LaFaye M. Platter, Secretary

District Manager Jurasky reported that Trustee Platter had informed her due to a prior commitment she would not be able to attend today's meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Malotto to excuse Trustee Platter. Motion carried, roll call 4-0 Malotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage submitted a written testimony on September 11, 2025, via email for public record.

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David Tsikman was in attendance and introduced himself.

Trustee Pye said that before Public Comments she wanted to share a conversation she had with Mr. Tsikman. She stated that Mr. Tsikman had called and left her a voice message that said if she were planning on running for office, he would support her. Trustee Pye further stated that she had returned his call and Mr. Tsikman informed her that he wanted a Jewish cemetery. She thought that he was inquiring about one in Desert Hot Springs and asked him. His reply was no, it is regarding the Palm Springs Cemetery District. She advised him that it cannot happen at PSCD and invited him to attend the September 11, 2025 board meeting to address the entire board.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – continued

David Tsikman thanked the board for the introductions, stated he lives in the desert and is very involved in many Jewish community organizations, and he is here today to advocate for a green conservation Jewish cemetery open to all. He stated that the lease holder Mario Gonzales has agreed to parcel off 10 acres of land for the cemetery. He stated that he has support from Congressman Raul Ruiz, Supervisor Manuel Perez and Assembly Member Jeff Gonzalez. Mr. Tsikman requested the Board add this as an agenda item on a future agenda. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to address them.

Trustee Pye requested that Closed Session items 14 and 15 be moved to follow Confirmation of Agenda item 4.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA Motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Mallotto to approve the agenda moving Closed Session items 14 and 15 to follow Confirmation of Agenda item 4. Motion carried, roll call 4-0 Mallotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

14. CLOSED SESSION - READING OF THE SAFE HARBOR LANGUAGE Safe Harbor language was read by Attorney Steven Quintanilla. Convened into Closed Session at 2:09 P.M.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Case Name: Zenergy Capital, LLC, Trustee of the Caliente Conservancy Trust
Case No: CVPS2406355
- b. Real Property Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Assessor Parcel No. 670230017-4 (6.72 Acres) and Assessor Parcel No. 670230019-6 (29.45 Acres)
District Negotiator: Board of Trustees of the Palm Springs Cemetery District and Steven B. Quintanilla, General Legal Counsel
Negotiating Parties: Mario J. Gonzales, President/CEO RM Da Vall, LLC
Under Negotiation: Memorandum of Understanding, Price and Terms of Payment

Returned to Open Session at 2:25 P.M.

15. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT – Attorney Steven Quintanilla announced that a motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Radigan-Brophy to have the terms of the agreement remain as originally stated at the July 10, 2025, board meeting. He announced the Board of Trustees by roll call vote voted 4-0, Trustees Mallotto, Pye, Smith, and Radigan-Brophy voting Yes, Trustee Platter was absent.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the Consent Calendar with item 5d being pulled for discussion. Motion carried; roll call 4-0 Mallotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

Item 5d: Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Smith confirming a 2% increase to District Manager Jurasky's salary effectively retroactive July 1, 2025. Motion carried; roll call 4-0 Mallotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR a. **Review for Discussion and Approval – 2025-2026 Budget Revisions**
District Manager Jurasky reported that due to the ongoing legal services needed for the landfill issues the legal expenses need to be increased by \$100,000.00. Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Radigan-Brophy adding 2025-2026 Budget revisions on the October 2025 agenda. Motion carried; roll call 4-0 Mallotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR** – continued

b. **Review for Discussion and Possible Approval Amendment to Professional Service Agreement for Audit – RT Dennis Accountancy, CPA** Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the audit proposal in the amount of \$31,500.00 for fiscal years 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Motion carried, roll call 4-0, Mallotto, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

c. **Sections B-39 through B-46 Burial Sites Expansion at DMP – Update** District Manager Jurasky reported that she is waiting for the delivery of the aluminum grave markers, and the sections will be opened for sale when received and installed. She also stated at this time no delivery date is scheduled.

d. **Welwood Murray Cemetery Niche Project – Update** District Manager Jurasky reported that the contractor currently in the process of creating the footings for the foundations.

e. **Da Vall Drive & McCallum Way Exterior Wall Extension – Update** District Manager Jurasky stated that the plans are in the Cathedral City planning department for review.

7. **LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR** – None

8. **TRUSTEE AND ATTORNEY SIGNATURES** All documents and checks were signed as needed by the Trustees and attorney.

9. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT** – None

Open for Public Hearing at 2:48 P.M.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR** a. **Introduction (First Reading) of Proposed Ordinance to Increase Board Meeting Compensation to \$278.61 Per Meeting up to Six Meetings Per Month and Adoption of Board Meeting Policy** Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Radigan-Brophy to approve the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance to Increase Board Meeting Compensation to \$278.61 Per Meeting up to Six Meetings Per Month and Adoption of Board Meeting Policy. Motion carried, roll call 4-0, Mallotto, Platter, Pye and Radigan-Brophy.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

12. **REPORTS** a. **Trustee Report** – None

b. **District Manager**

1. **October Board Meeting Scheduled for 2:00 PM, Wednesday, October 16, 2025** Following a discussion the October board meeting was moved to 2:00 P.M., Thursday, October 23, 2025.

2. **California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) Education Seminar & Area Meeting October 10-11, 2025 in Ventura, CA** District Manager Jurasky reported that no one will be attending.

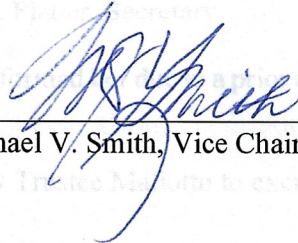
3. **S. Vickrey, Office Accountant – Part-Time Employment Agreement Extension to December 31, 2027** This item was addressed under the Consent Callendar

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13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- a. **Discussion in 2025/2026 Possible Cap on PSCD Monthly Employer Contribution for Employee Health Insurance Premiums** No action taken
 - b. **Postcard Survey Mailing to the Community to Determine Pre-Planning Needs** No action taken
 - c. **Marketing/Advertising** No action taken
 - d. **Future Long-Range Planning – PSCD Staff** No action taken
 - e. **Trustee Meeting Attendance Compensation** No action taken
16. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Trustee Pye at 2:59 P.M.
17. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 P.M., Thursday, October 23, 2025**

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