

**PALM SPRINGS CEMETERY DISTRICT
MINUTES**

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

DATE: January 8, 2026

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 Smith at 2:00 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Kathleen Jurasky, District Manager
Lisa Weaver, Attorney Quintanilla & Associates

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

4. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA** Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Radigan-Brophy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, roll call 5-0 Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

Trustee Radigan-Brophy requested that item 5d be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** Motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve all items on the Consent Calendar except 5d. Motion carried; roll call 5-0 Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

5d. Trustee Radigan-Brophy suggested that in addition to the appreciation incentives a letter of appreciation be written to staff. Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Platter to approve Trustee Radigan-Brophy's suggestion. Motion carried; roll call 5-0 Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR** a. **Presentation by Jewish Burial Society of the Desert for their Interest in Palm Springs Cemetery District Land for Cemetery Use – David Tsikman and Brian Hughes, BB&K** David Tsikman thanked the board for allowing everyone to address them regarding their interest in the District's land, their concerns and why it is important to them. Several others in support of a Jewish cemetery also spoke.

Brian Hughes, attorney with Best, Best & Krieger and representative for Jewish Burial Society of the Desert presented the Board with a handout and discussed the items on the handout with them.

Trustee Pye, Chairperson, thanked everyone for addressing the board and stated that their interest and concerns were heard, and the board is sympathetic to their need for a Jewish cemetery.

Trustee Pye stated that this needs to be reviewed by District's legal counsel and will be placed on a future agenda.

b. **Discussion and Consideration for Approval – Kane, Ballmer & Berkman as the District's Legal Counsel** Kendall Levan attorney with Kane, Ballmer & Berkman gave an overview of the firm's history, their expertise and clients they have represented. She informed the board that she was a prior legal counsel for the District when she worked for Steven Quintanilla. She stated that it would be a pleasure to represent the District again.

Todd Mooney, attorney and colleague of Ms. Levan introduced himself. Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Mallotto to approve the proposal from Kane, Ballmer & Berkman. Motion carried, roll call 5-0, Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR – continued

c. Discussion for Approval to Cancel PreNeed Contract in Default – T. Mooney, Contract #C003363 District Manager Jurasky reported that the contract is in default for seven months of no payments, and the balance due is \$1,742.00. Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Smith, to approve cancelling the contract with no refund of payments made. Motion carried, roll call 5-0, Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

d. California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) Annual Conference – Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim South, March 19-21, 2026 in Garden Grove, CA Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Trustees, District Manager Jurasky and any staff attending the CAPC Annual Conference. This approval is to include all necessary expenses. Motion carried, roll call 5-0, Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

e. Sections B-39 through B-46 Burial Sites Expansion at DMP – Update District Manger Jurasky reported the aluminum grave markers are currently being installed, and the sections will be opened for sell around the second week of February.

f. Welwood Murray Cemetery Niche Project – Update District Manager Jurasky reported that the concrete bases are completed and installation of the cremation niches will start January 22, 2026 and be completed January 23, 2026. She stated that she would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony with the chambers, and invite local and county officials.

g. Da Vall Drive & McCallum Way Exterior Wall Extension – Update District Manager Jurasky stated that the City of Cathedral City wants the District to enter into an agreement with them stating the District will install curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements in the future. She said that when she receives the agreement it will be placed on an agenda for board review.

h. Special Districts Association of Riverside County (SDARC) Quarterly Luncheon, 12:00PM, Thursday, January 29, 2026 District Manager Jurasky explained what SDARC is a local branch of CSDA, and the location of the luncheon has not been determined, she will let everyone know when it is.

7. LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR a. Resolution 2-2026, Transfer Interment Rights & Costs from PN to ACO & GF Motion was made by Trustee Radigan-Brophy, seconded by Trustee Platter to approve Resolution 2-2026 transferring \$12,973.32 from PreNeed Fund, 51265 to the General Fund, 51270 and \$5,225.00 from PreNeed Fund, 51265 to Accumulative Capital Fund, 51275.00 from PreNeed Fund, 51275. Motion carried, roll call 5-0. Mallotto, Platter, Pye, Radigan-Brophy and Smith.

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

9. BOARD DEVELOPMENT a. CSDA Webinar: SB 827 Required Fiscal & Financial Training 1:00PM-3:00PM, Wednesday, March 4, 2026 District Manager Jurasky informed the board of the new requirements under SB 827 that mandates all local agency officials complete the two-hour fiscal and financial training. She reported that she has registered everyone including herself for the March 4, 2026 webinar to complete the training.

10. PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR – None

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** a. Trustee Radigan-Brophy reported that he looked into key manager insurance and stated that it would cost the District \$650.00 monthly for this coverage. Trustee Pye requested that this be addressed on a future agenda.

12. **REPORTS** a. **Trustee Report** Trustee Pye requested that election of officers be placed on the February 12, 2026 agenda. District Manager Jurasky stated that she would do so.

b. **District Manager** District Manager Jurasky reported on a water line break and leak at Well #4 and showed them photos of the damage. She stated the leak was due to a break in the intake seal where nutrients are injected by EcoFert. She further reported that EcoFert is responsible for the damage and water loss and will be covering the expense for repairs and water loss.

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** a. **Discussion in 2026/2027 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

Trustee Smith left the meeting at 3:15pm

14. **CLOSED SESSION - READING OF THE SAFE HARBOR LANGUAGE** Safe Harbor language was read by District Manager Jurasky. Convened into Closed Session at 3:28 P.M.

a. 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 Lisa Weaver, General Legal Counsel Quintanilla & Associates

Negotiating Parties: Mario J. Gonzales, President/CEO RM Da Vall, LLC

Under Negotiation: Memorandum of Understanding, Price and Terms of Pay

b. **Case Number CVPS2406355:** Zenergy Capital, LLC, Trustee of the Caliente Conservancy Trust vs Palm Springs Cemetery District. Memo – Holly O. Whatley, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

c. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

Title: District Manager

Returned to Open Session at 3:49 P.M.

15. **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT** – No Reportable Action

16. **ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Trustee Pye at 3:29 P.M.

17. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 12, 2026**

DATE: 2-12-26


LaFaye M. Platter, Secretary