

DCARA Meeting Minutes

August 2023

Minutes approved – November 2023

I. Call to order

Jerry Grigsby called to order the regular meeting of the DCARA at 6:02 pm PST on August 2023 via Zoom and FB Livestream.

II. Roll call

Jerry Grigsby conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Roz Ramos-Barry, Kal Baoerjiin, and Executive Director Amy Gomme.

III. Motion to accept the meeting agenda

Jerry Grigsby made a motion to remove Executive Session from the Agenda. The motion passed. Jerry Grigsby moved that the revised meeting agenda be accepted. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Jerry Grigsby moved that the Board accept the May Special Meeting minutes as read. The motion passed.

V. Board's Report

Lead Jerry Grigsby: The Board recently had a retreat about two months ago. It was an excellent meeting. Tiffany Ruffa, HR, was also at the meeting. We created a video of our top three items from the retreat that we wanted to share with the public. You can find the video on the DCARA.org. I want to thank Tiffany for taking notes of the retreat.

Amy and I have a meeting to discuss DCARA's current status. I shared the information with the Board. DCARA recently hosted a Deaf Night Out at the Fieldwork restaurant. It was a lovely outing.

I'm looking forward to the next big event – the 60+1 Gala.

Board Member Rosalyn Ramos-Barry: No report

Board Member Kalexin Baoerjiin: No report

VI. Committee Report

Bylaw Committee Jerry Grigsby: The DCARA bylaws are done. The Board must review them before hiring a lawyer to review the bylaws. The lawyer will ensure the bylaws are clear with no loopholes or misunderstandings. Bylaws will be put on hold until finances are straightforward.

Board Recruitment Committee Rosalyn Ramos- Barry: The Committee is asking the public to please volunteer to be on the DCARA Board.

Fundraising Committee: Rosalyn is currently working on fundraising hopefully in September. She will share more details soon.

Future of DCC: Open

VII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amy Gomme:

See attached PowerPoint for interim Executive Director report or click [here](#)

VIII. Unfinished Business

No old Business.

IX. New business

Motions carried via email

Motion: The board authorizes Daniel Cravens to engage in a settlement discussion regarding the claim from Patterson et al. Mr. Cravens is granted the discretion to explore potential settlement options and negotiate in good faith to reach a mutually acceptable resolution while considering the best interest of DCARA. Mr. Cravens shall provide regular updates to the board regarding the process of settlement discussions. The final acceptance of any settlement agreement shall be subjected to the board of directors' approval. The board authorizes allocating necessary resources to fund the service of Mr. Cravens solely for the settlement discussion. The board shall review and evaluate the proposed settlement agreement upon its completion and decide whether to accept or reject it.

Motion: DCARA Board moves that we pay the California Department of Motor Vehicle \$5,871.00 to renew registration for the food trolley.

Motion: DCARA Board moves that we permit Executive Director Gomme to spend up to \$10,000.00 on architecture to re-design DCC property.

Motion: DCARA Board moves that we approve the audit report submitted by CPA Bruce W Sneesby of Boden, Klein, and Sneesby.

Motion: DCARA Board moves that we pay Daniel Cravens' February 17, 2023 invoice of \$5,250.00 for services rendered regarding Patterson's board lawsuit.

All Motions voted via email were ratified by the Board

New Business closed

I. Announcement

The next Board meeting will be in November.

Amy answered some of the community's questions asked during the meeting.

II. Adjournment

Jerry Grigsby adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm PST

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Grigsby