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MEETING:	DESC Corporate Board Special Session	DATE:	August 15, 2023
ATTENDEES:	DESC Corporate Board Members: Alice Thompson, Chris Uhl, Lena Barkley, Ric Preuss, Dannis Mitchell (via Zoom) DESC Staff: Terri Weems, Stephanie Nixon, Elizabeth Hennessey	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices
		CALLED TO ORDER:	1:08 pm
ABSENT:	Excused: None Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	1:46 pm
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None		
FACILITATOR:	Alice Thompson, Board Chair	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	August 29, 2023

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.	
II. DESC President Interviews and Ratings	<p>Ms. Thompson started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the interview ratings for the candidate, Dana Williams and asked for commentary from the other Executive Committee members that had interviewed the candidate. <p>Dannis Mitchell, Board Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented that she was favorably impressed with the answers and Ms. Williams vision for moving DESC forward. <p>Ms. Thompson continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She has personally worked with Ms. Willams on projects in her previous company, DTE as well as her time at DESC, and has had very favorable work experiences with her. <p>Board discussion ensued.</p> <p>Ric Preuss, Board Director commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked how many candidates were interviewed. Discussed the lack of other internal candidates and asked questions around the choice of candidate. 	



	<p>Ms. Thompson and Lena Barkley, Board Secretary answered Mr. Preuss' questions to his satisfaction and provided background on previous DESC Leadership appointments.</p> <p>Board discussion ensued.</p> <p>Ms. Thompson called for a Motion to appoint Dana Williams as DESC's new President:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Chris Uhl Seconded: Lena Barkley Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	
III. Public Comments	There was no public comment.	
IV. Adjournment	<p>Ms. Thompson called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Ric Preuss Seconded: Chris Uhl Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Project Coordinator, Human Resources

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 8/21/2023

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 8/29/2023 **Initials:** EMH

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 @ 9:45 AM