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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2016**

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors met in regular session in the Board Room at PSTA Headquarters at 9:00 AM on this date with the following members present:

Darden Rice, Chairperson
Julie Bujalski, Vice-Chairperson
Janet Long, Secretary/Treasurer
Joseph Barkley
Doug Bevis
Mark Deighton
Dave Eggers
Samantha Fenger
Pat Gerard
Patricia Johnson
Bill Jonson
Lisa Wheeler-Bowman

Absent:

Ben Diamond
Charlie Justice
Brian Scott

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO
Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel
PSTA Staff Members
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Rice called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and the Board was led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Ms. Fenger entered the meeting at 9:03 AM.]

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Compton, Sierra Club, thanked outgoing Board members Ms. Bujalski and Mr. Diamond for their service to the Agency. He invited everyone to the 100% St. Petersburg celebration on Friday, December 9th. He noted that PSTA had a big role in this effort by taking the lead to acquire electric buses.

[Mr. Eggers entered the meeting at 9:05 AM.]

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:06 AM.]

[Ms. Gerard entered the meeting at 9:09 AM.]

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Recognize Outgoing Board Members - Chairperson Rice stated that Mr. Diamond was not able to attend the meeting today. Mr. Miller congratulated and thanked Ms. Bujalski for nine years of service, and her passion and dedication to PSTA. Ms. Bujalski thanked her fellow Board members and staff for all their hard work and commitment.

Recognize Outgoing Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Committee Chair – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, recognized Elaine Mann, TRAC Chairperson for her two and a half years of service on the TRAC Committee. She spoke of some of her accomplishments over the years and thanked her for her commitment. Chairperson Mann thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to serve as well as for giving the riders a voice through the TRAC Committee.

Recognize Retiring PSTA Employee – Shpresa Zenku, Revenue Center Manager, said a few words about Paulette McCoy, who is retiring after 31 years of service. Ms. McCoy thanked everyone.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) – Ms. Mann, Committee Chair, provided an update from the November 15th TRAC meeting. She noted that Gloria Lepik-Corrigan was elected the new Chairperson for the TRAC and Carson Zimmer was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Bujalski thanked Ms. Mann for all that she has done for the City of Dunedin.

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Bujalski reported on the Forward Pinellas Board meeting that took place on November 8th.

Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) – Ms. Johnson said that the Forward Pinellas LCB met on November 15th and provided some highlights.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Jonson pulled item 5A from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bevis to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. There were no public comments. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, which included the approval of the annual Clever Devices software and support agreement and the Direct Connect agreements.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Officers/Committee Appointments – Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Barkley was appointed the Chair of the Nominating Committee at their November 1st meeting. Mr. Barkley indicated that the Committee asked the Board members to fill out a form if they were interested in serving as a Board officer for 2017. He said after review of the forms and discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended Chairperson Rice to continue as Chair, Ms. Long as Vice-Chair, and Mr. Barkley as Secretary/Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Bujalski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bevis to approve the recommended slate of officers. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barkley announced the Nominating Committee's recommended Committee assignments: Ms. Gerard – Executive Committee, Ms. Wheeler-Bowman - Nominating Committee, Mr. Justice and Ms. Fenger – Legislative Committee, Mr. Bevis – Personnel Committee, and Mr. Jonson – Forward Pinellas representative. In addition, the Nominating Committee recommended the following TRAC re-appointments: Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Kim Rankine, and Carson Zimmer, as well as Gregory Hackley as the new appointment for the South County alternate. Mr. Barkley said all other Committee appointments will remain the same and the two vacant positions will be filled after the first of the year. There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Bujalski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to approve the Committee appointments. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Clearwater Intermodal Facility Resolution of Intent – Ms. Borchers explained that this project was presented to the Finance Committee. The Committee members had a good

discussion about the funding for Planning, Development, and Engineering (PD&E). She noted that stemming from that discussion, staff has slightly changed the request to remove the proposed task work order and instead focus on the agreement between PSTA and the City of Clearwater. Ms. Borchers indicated that the Clearwater Intermodal Center project is entirely grant funded for the planning and design phases for \$1.25 million.

Ms. Borchers spoke about the current Park Street terminal and the preferred site location for the Intermodal Center, which is on Court Street and Myrtle Street. The Committee had concerns regarding spending additional dollars on the property if it was not available. She presented and explained the Resolution of Intent, which describes how PSTA would work with the City of Clearwater.

Mr. Barkley stated that the Finance Committee discussed the Resolution of Intent and unanimously recommended approval. Mr. Deighton expressed his concern about spending \$1.25 million without a commitment by the City of Clearwater. Ms. Borchers explained the normal federal process for a capital project. Mr. Jonson provided some background on the property indicating that the City of Clearwater has designated it as a potential multimodal site. Mr. Eggers stated his belief that this is prudent and a good thought process and supports the Resolution of Intent.

There were no public comments. Mr. Zimmet read Resolution #16-18 by title. Mr. Zimmet noted that the Resolution title had not been revised to delete the words “authorizing a planning and environmental task work order.” Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to adopt Resolution #16-18 with the revision. Motion passed (11:1) with Mr. Deighton dissenting.

2017 Federal and State Priorities – Mr. Miller said the action today is to approve the Federal and State Legislative priorities. He indicated that PSTA and the Legislative teams have met with a majority of the Pinellas Legislative delegation and federal partners. He outlined both priority lists and presented strategies for accomplishing these priorities.

After Mr. Miller answered a few questions regarding the first mile/last mile rides and a multimodal transit facility in St. Petersburg, Mr. Bevis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley to approve the 2017 State and Federal Priorities. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Regional Council of Governments Presentation – Mr. Miller noted that Ms. Long gave this presentation at the joint PSTA-HART Executive Committee meeting in October. Ms. Long gave her presentation which focuses on one common vision for the Tampa Bay region and a framework for how to address the transportation gridlock in the region. She said the

goal would be to consolidate the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the area. Ms. Long provided a document comparing regional MPOs nationwide and she spoke of consolidating the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). She asked the Board to approve the development of an Interlocal Agreement with HART identifying and committing to specific continuous coordination and integration between the two Tampa Bay transit agencies.

After further discussion and comments, Mr. Bevis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley to approve the development of an Interlocal Agreement with HART identifying and committing to specific continuous coordination and integration between the two Tampa Bay transit agencies. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

In the interest of time, Chairperson Rice asked Mr. Miller to highlight the information items and the reports that were included in the Board packet.

Public Transit in the Future: Integrated Mobility – Mr. Miller said this presentation was given to the Planning and Finance Committees. He highlighted a few areas in the presentation, which looks into the future to see where public transportation is headed.

Pinellas County Department of Health Services Bus Pass Agreement – Mr. Miller said that starting on January 1st, people with a County health card will be eligible for a 10-day Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) pass, not a monthly pass.

Mr. Jonson thanked the County Commissioners and County staff and asked if the PSTA Board had to approve this agreement. Mr. Zimmet responded that Mr. Miller has the authority to execute the agreement.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

PSTA Performance/Updates – Mr. Miller indicated that ridership was down for the month of October and staff is compiling an analysis of ridership trends, which will be included in the Board packet each month. He noted that the number of TD bus passes sold in October reached an all-time high of 6,580.

Central Avenue BRT Presentation – Mr. Miller said that he and staff members have met one-on-one with a few of the St. Pete Beach City Commissioners, as well as the Mayor and

City Manager. He noted that consultants are conducting a ridership analysis comparing all the different options for the BRT route. The findings from this analysis will be brought to the Board at the January meeting.

Shelter Deployment Plan Update – Mr. Miller said Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been successfully implemented. He reminded everyone about the Shelter Match program where PSTA will match cities 50/50 on a shelter.

Genfare Odyssey Farebox Rebuild – Mr. Miller reported that instead of buying new fareboxes, PSTA will rebuild the existing fareboxes at a savings of close to \$1 million.

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported that the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) will hold their annual state conference in Jacksonville next week and a number of PSTA staff will deliver presentations. He noted that Ms. Johnson has been nominated to be Board Member of the Year by the Commission for TD, and a PSTA employee has been named the Florida Maintenance Mechanic of the Year.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Eggers encouraged staff to continue exploring why ridership is declining. He believes that the private sector and residents are important to PSTA's projects and that the success of these projects depends on their buy-in.

Ms. Wheeler-Bowman commented that she has enjoyed her first year on the Board and looks forward to serving another year.

Ms. Long said she is proud to be serving on the PSTA Board adding her opinion that this Board has become a strong advocate for transportation solutions in Pinellas County.

Ms. Bujalski asked about the ridership on the Jolley Trolley since the October service changes and Mr. Miller replied that ridership is about the same. She said she would like the Jolley Trolley to run every thirty minutes in the future. Ms. Bujalski expressed the need for service to Honeymoon Island and Fort DeSoto. She thanked the Board for allowing her to serve with them.

Mr. Jonson thanked staff for restoring the early bus service from Clearwater to Tarpon Springs on the Route 66. He said he is looking forward to serving on Forward Pinellas and advancing PSTA's policy objectives in the County and the region.

Ms. Johnson expressed the importance of teaching kids how to use public transportation.

Mr. Barkley thanked Ms. Bujalski for being a tremendous help to him and to Ms. Mann for her service on the TRAC. He also thanked Ms. Long for her presentation.

Mr. Bevis commented on how much the Board has accomplished. He believes the Interlocal Agreement between PSTA and HART is long overdue and congratulated Ms. Bujalski on her re-election as Dunedin's Mayor.

Ms. Gerard congratulated Mr. Diamond and Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Fenger said she is thankful to work with all the other Board members and PSTA staff.

Chairperson Rice commented that it was great that Katharine Eagan, HART's Chief Executive Officer, could attend the Board meeting. She thanked the Board for re-electing her as Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Rice adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Chairperson