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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2015

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The Nominating Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 1:00 PM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the April 9, 2015 meeting minutes, to recommend Board officers/committee appointments, and the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) appointments. The following members were present:

Wengay Newton, Committee Chair  
Ben Diamond, Committee Vice-Chair  
Patricia Johnson  
Janet Long  
Kenneth Welch

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO  
Bill Jonson, PSTA Board Member  
Julie Bujalski, PSTA Board Member  
PSTA Staff Members

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Newton opened the meeting at 1:35 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes - Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Officers/Committee Appointments - Mr. Miller explained that there was a survey of the Board members seeking their interest in serving on the different committees and he

reported that the membership for the most part, asked to stay on their respective committees. He presented a list of Board officers/committee recommendations. Mr. Miller indicated that Mr. Barkley and Ms. Gerard expressed interest on serving on the Executive Committee, and Ms. Long and Ms. Gerard would like to switch Committees; Ms. Long to the Legislative Committee and Ms. Gerard to the Planning Committee. He noted that there are two new members – Commissioner Fenger and the new St. Petersburg representative.

The Nominating Committee reviewed the recommended slate and voted as follows:

Board Officers - Ms. Long indicated that she would like to continue to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diamond to recommend Ms. Long for the Secretary/Treasurer position. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Welch made a motion to recommend Ms. Bujalski for Chairperson. There was no second; motion failed. Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend Ms. Rice for Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Long. There was some discussion about the recommendation for Chairperson and staff reached out to Ms. Rice to confirm her interest in serving as Chairperson. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Bujalski as Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Bujalski voiced her concern that if she is not appointed as Chairperson, Dunedin's Commission may remove her from the PSTA Board at their December meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Miller write the Commission a letter in support of Ms. Bujalski's continued service on the Board. There were no public comments. Motion passed (4:1) with Ms. Johnson dissenting.

Executive Committee - Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend Mr. Barkley for the Executive Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee - Mr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Fenger for the Planning Committee, as well as replacing Ms. Long with Ms. Gerard. Ms. Bujalski requested that she be removed from the Planning Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee - Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend the current Finance Committee membership with a vacant alternate spot to be filled in January. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee - Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diamond to recommend Ms. Long replace Ms. Gerard as a member. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Johnson also expressed her interest in serving on the Legislative Committee. Mr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Johnson for the Legislative Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Gerard for the Personnel Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to postpone the Nominating Committee recommendation until January. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Ms. Johnson made a motion to recommend Mr. Jonson to be PSTA’s representative on the MPO. There was no second; motion failed. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to postpone the recommendation for the MPO representative until January. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

MPO’s Local Coordinating Board (LCB) – Mr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Johnson continue to be PSTA’s representative on the MPO’s LCB. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

TRAC Appointments – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Diamond to accept the staff’s recommendations. Mr. Welch asked for a list of members’ diversity and inquired where PSTA advertises for these openings. Staff answered his questions and Mr. Welch recommended that next year, the Agency advertise the open TRAC positions in the *Weekly Challenger*. There was discussion about Vivian Peters and the Mid-County spot and Mr. Diamond amended the original motion to recommend Ms. Peters as the Mid-County representative. Mr. Welch accepted the amendment. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.