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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2017

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The Executive Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 10:00 AM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the November 9, 2016 meeting minutes and the PSTA–Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The following members were present:

Darden Rice, Chairperson  
Janet Long, Vice-Chairperson  
Pat Gerard  
Bill Jonson

Absent

Joe Barkley, Secretary/Treasurer

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO  
Mark Aesch, TransPro Consulting  
PSTA Staff Members  
Members of Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Rice opened the meeting at 10:03 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

November 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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PSTA-HART Memorandum of Understanding - Mr. Miller explained that the Board agreed at its December 7th meeting to start drafting an agreement outlining current and future collaboration efforts. He indicated that HART expressed concerns about some of the language in the draft MOU. The MOU was revised based on those discussions.

Mr. Miller stated that the MOU will be presented to the PSTA Board on January 25th and the HART Board on February 6th. He added that PSTA is planning a trip to Tallahassee on February 7th and 8th and invited HART along to jointly present the MOU to the Legislature.

The Committee discussed the funding for HART and PSTA. Ms. Long mentioned the funding for the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and suggested exploring the possibility of HART and PSTA absorbing the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's (TBARTA) Vanpool program.

Mr. Miller explained that the MOU will be presented at the Board workshop and the Planning Committee before the January Board meeting. Ms. Gerard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonson to recommend approval of the PSTA-HART MOU. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

January 25, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda - Mr. Miller reviewed the January 25th Board meeting agenda. There was discussion about the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and St. Pete Beach. He indicated that the City of St. Pete Beach has asked that PSTA hold off further discussions with them until after their March elections are concluded.

January 13, 2017 Workshop - Mr. Miller indicated that Mr. Aesch from TransPro Consulting will be facilitating the workshop. Mr. Aesch delivered an overview of the goals and objectives for the workshop and asked the Committee for their suggestions on two areas that will be discussed - what success looks like and what value looks like to the Board members. The Committee discussed and provided Mr. Aesch with some feedback on the agenda. The Committee also discussed PSTA's on-boarding process for new Board members and basic Board governance principles.

### **FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

No future meeting subjects were presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Long commented that Mark Deighton will not be seeking re-election and asked about the process for replacing Board members. Mr. Miller said for Mr. Deighton's seat, the Barrier Island Governmental Council (BIG-C) will appoint his replacement. Chairperson Rice added that Ben Diamond's replacement will be announced at the St. Petersburg Council meeting on January 19th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 6th at 11:00 AM.