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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

The Nominating Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Board Room at PSTA Headquarters at 2:00 PM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the September 15, 2016 meeting minutes, and to recommend Board officers/committee appointments, and the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) renewals/appointments. The following members were present:

Bill Jonson, Committee Vice-Chair
Joe Barkley
Patricia Johnson
Janet Long

Absent
Pat Gerard

Also Present:
Brad Miller, CEO
PSTA Staff Members

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair Jonson opened the meeting at 2:02 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Appoint Nominating Committee Chair – Committee Vice-Chair Jonson explained that since Ben Diamond was no longer on the Committee, the remaining members needed to appoint a Chair. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to appoint Mr. Barkley as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Vice-Chair Jonson turned the meeting over to Committee Chair Barkley.

September 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Transit Riders Advisory Committee – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, stated that there are three members of the TRAC whose terms will end December 2016 and are seeking reappointment to the Committee: Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, representing North County, Kim Rankine, representing Demand Response (DART), and Carson Zimmer, representing Professional. Ms. Borchers indicated that there is also a vacancy on the Committee for the South County Alternate position for which staff is recommending Gregory Hackley. Mr. Jonson asked if there were other applicants for this position and Ms. Borchers responded that there were several other applications submitted. Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend approval of the three renewals and the appointment of Mr. Hackley as the South County Alternate. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Officers/Committee Appointments – Mr. Miller indicated that the Board members were asked to complete an Interest to Serve as Officer form. They were also asked to let staff know if they were interested in keeping their current Committee positions or change Committees. Mr. Miller presented a chart showing the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer positions, as well as the Committee vacancies. He said that the new officers would serve from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Miller noted that the Executive Committee consists of the three officers, the past Chair, and one additional Board member. He said that Ms. Gerard and Mr. Scott expressed their interest on serving on the Executive Committee. Additionally, he indicated that Ms. Rice would like to remain Board Chair, Ms. Long would like to move to Vice-Chair, and Mr. Barkley showed interest in becoming Vice-Chair or Secretary/Treasurer.

Ms. Long stated that she would not be in favor of Ms. Rice serving as Chair again because she is poised to become the Chair of the St. Petersburg City Council. She said she would like Ms. Rice to step into the past Chair position. Ms. Long said she would like to nominate Ms. Gerard for the Executive Committee. Mr. Jonson asked Ms. Long if she is interested in becoming Chair. She responded that she is slated to become Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and with other organizations she is involved in. She is reluctant to take on another Chair position. Mr. Jonson and Ms. Long stated that they would not recommend Mr. Scott for the Executive Committee out of concern that there could be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Jonson suggested that the Authority might benefit from a Chair having a two-year term. Ms. Long stated that she would not be opposed to Ms. Rice being Chair as long as Mr. Miller has a discussion with her to make certain that she will be able to handle both roles. Mr. Miller reminded the Committee that the Board did not adopt a policy for a one-year term for the Board officer positions. Committee Chair Barkley noted that in the event Ms. Rice was not able to attend a meeting, he believes that Ms. Long is more than qualified to fill in. He would like to keep the continuity that PSTA has and suggested that at some point, the Authority should establish a formal policy relating to service as an officer. On another note, Committee Chair Barkley suggested that PSTA staff regularly visit the City Councils to develop a higher profile and image for the Authority.

Board Officers/Executive Committee – Mr. Jonson made a motion, subject to Mr. Miller having a discussion with Ms. Rice, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to recommend approval of Ms. Rice for Chair, Ms. Long for Vice-Chair, and Mr. Barkley for Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee also recommended approval of Mr. Jonson as the past-Chair, and the addition of Ms. Gerard on the Executive Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee – Ms. Johnson expressed interest in moving from the alternate position to a permanent member of the Planning Committee. Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to recommend moving Ms. Johnson to a permanent member. The vacant alternative position will be filled at a later date. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee – Mr. Miller indicated that Ms. Wheeler-Bowman is interested in leaving the alternate position on the Finance Committee and moving to the Nominating Committee. Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval of re-nominating the current five members on the Finance Committee, and fill the alternate position at a later date. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee – Mr. Miller indicated that all five members are interested in remaining on the Legislative Committee. The Committee suggested Mr. Justice be appointed to the Committee as an alternate. Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval of the current five members and Mr. Justice as the alternate. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee – Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval of the four existing members and to fill one vacancy at a later date. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend approval of removing Mr. Jonson from the Nominating Committee and adding Ms. Wheeler-Bowman. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

MPO – Mr. Miller indicated that Mr. Jonson has expressed his interest in serving on Forward Pinellas (MPO). Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend approval of appointing Mr. Jonson to be PSTA’s representative on Forward Pinellas. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Coordinating Board (LCB) – Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend the re-appointment of Ms. Johnson to the LCB. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.