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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2017

Committee Vice-Chair Long called the August 7, 2017 Executive Committee meeting to order at 11:02 AM. Members present: Darden Rice, Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Bill Jonson, and Pat Gerard. Also present was: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

[Committee Chair Rice entered the meeting at 11:03 AM.]

ACTION ITEMS

June 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jonson, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

August Board Meeting Agenda – Mr. Miller noted that there will most likely be a lengthy discussion on the FY 2018 Draft Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) regarding replacement bus purchases. He explained that the budget assumes the purchase of hybrid buses. He indicated that PSTA is also submitting applications for a Low-No grant for electric bus purchases and a Bus and Bus Facilities grant for hybrid buses. Ms. Long asked about autonomous vehicles similar to Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART), and Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, explained their system and some areas where PSTA could possibly utilize autonomous vehicles. Mr. Miller updated the Committee on the outcome of the August 2nd Legislative Committee meeting and the four FY 2018 State Legislative priorities they are recommending to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jonson mentioned the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) reorganization and questioned how PSTA can most effectively utilize the regional model and regional/local funding. Committee Chair Rice asked about the joint PSTA-HART Executive Committee meeting and suggested that a TBARTA discussion be added to the agenda.

The Committee discussed intergovernmental relations, and Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley to recommend to the Board that the Legislative Committee be tasked with addressing intergovernmental relations and make recommendations to the Board. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on whether or not an alternate PSTA representative is allowed to be appointed to the reorganized TBARTA. If so, Committee Chair Rice indicated she would be interested.

Mr. Jonson passed out a list of transit issues that he compiled. He will email the list to Mr. Miller for distribution.

Mr. Miller indicated that the Agency is holding its first Leadership PSTA graduation luncheon ceremony on November 10th at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in September – date to be determined.