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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2018

Committee Chair Long called the April 4, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Members present: Janet Long, Charlie Justice, and John Tornga. Members absent: Patricia Johnson, Joe Barkley, and Lisa Wheeler-Bowman. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Natalie King, RSA Consulting; PSTA staff members, and members of the public. The following participated via telephone: Channon Hanna and Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc; and Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Justice made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tornga, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

State and Federal Legislative Updates - The Committee received an update on the State Legislative session from Ms. King. The Committee talked about bills relating to lobbying and travel expenses, as well as a \$1 million allocation for the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA). Ms. King outlined the breakdown of the \$1 million and the language in the bill as to how the funds could be used. Mr. Miller mentioned that staff submitted an application last week for additional funds for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program. He also indicated that a meeting has been scheduled with Senator Brandes on April 16th to discuss PSTA's projects.

Ms. Hanna reported on the Federal Legislation. She reported that the FY 2018 Omnibus bill passed, which provides a total of \$86.2 billion for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) receiving \$13.5 billion. She also stated that the Capital Investments Grants program received \$2.64 billion, with \$401 million going to the Small Starts program. Mr. Glenn suggested that Mr. Miller send a letter to Senator Diaz-Balart thanking him for his support of

PSTA's projects. Chairperson Long asked Mr. Glenn to draft the letter. Mr. Glenn indicated that he will be attending the April 25th Board meeting to provide an update.

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. King provided additional details on the \$1 million TBARTA allocation. She will send the TBARTA bill to the Committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at 9:00 AM.