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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2019

Committee Chair Long called the March 4, 2019 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Members present: Janet Long, Charlie Justice, Patricia Johnson, Heather Gracy, and Gina Driscoll. Member absent: Joe Barkley. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; Harry Glenn, Steve Palmer, and Channon Hanna, Van Scoyoc; and Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve January 9 and February 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Justice, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

State/Federal Updates – Mr. Pierce spoke about the recent trip to Tallahassee. He and Mr. Suskey gave an update on the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program saying that the program may receive less dollars. Ms. Johnson mentioned that Steve Holmes, Executive Director of the Florida Commission for TD, attended the recent Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) meeting and gave the group great input. She also talked about the Florida League of Cities meeting where they discussed expanding to new rural areas. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Suskey also talked about House Bill 385/Senate Bill 898 - general transportation bill that would prevent future dollars from a referendum from being used for operations. They also provided a brief update on Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority's (TBARTA) legislative agenda item for securing planning dollars for projects. Mr. Miller talked about Uber/Lyft providing Medicaid trips and working with Pinellas County Schools to provide transportation to students. There will be another trip to Tallahassee on April 1 & 2.

Mr. Glenn, Ms. Hanna, and Mr. Palmer gave an update on the Federal side relating to appropriations and statutory provisions. Mr. Glenn reported that there will not be any earmarks this year and spoke about President Trump's budget. He said that the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) conference will be the week of March 18th in Washington D.C. Brad talked about funding for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and upcoming meetings with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding this project.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 9:00 AM.