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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2019**

Committee Chair Long called the January 11, 2019 Executive Committee meeting to order at 12:43 pm. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, and Pat Gerard. Member absent: Darden Rice. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO, PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Public Comment:

Bill Jonson, Clearwater resident, spoke about the funding workshop for transit improvements. It is his belief that whenever entities review funding, it is important to talk about the public needs because of the importance of public support for any improvements in the community.

Action Items:

November 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Tampa Bay Climate Resiliency – Committee Chair Long talked about the resiliency coalition and the need to focus on this issue. Mr. Miller stated the importance that PSTA support this. He spoke about a recent trip to Miami who has had a coalition for ten years. He also noted the best way to help the environment is to use alternate means of transportation such as public transportation or bicycle. Ms. Gerard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to recommend the Board support the resiliency coalition. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

FY2019 Bus and Paratransit Adjustments – Mr. Miller spoke about the importance of the upcoming funding workshop. Heather Sobush, Director of Planning, gave a presentation on the service adjustments that may have to occur if PSTA cannot find a funding source. She said these adjustments are based on the Community Bus Plan which would cut five low-performing routes. Staff is recommending approval to conduct public hearings if the cuts become a reality. Mr. Miller added that this will also affect Demand Response (DART) riders in those five route areas. Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by

Ms. Gerard, to recommend the Board authorize PSTA staff to hold public hearings on the bus and paratransit service cuts. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

January Board Agenda – The Committee reviewed the January Board agenda. Mr. Miller mentioned that Councilmember Gina Driscoll will be replacing Councilmember Lisa Wheeler-Bowman on the Board. He also spoke briefly about a letter of support for the State Road 60/Memorial Interchange project.

Other Business:

Committee Chair Long spoke about rebranding the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. She also mentioned a recent meeting with the Brightline folks where she suggested that the Brightline travel all the way from Tampa to St. Petersburg.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on February 4th at 11:00 am.