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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

Committee Vice-Chairperson Barkley called the February 5, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Charlie Justice, Heather Gracy, Gina Driscoll, and Dan Saracki. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; David Allbritton, PSTA Board Member; and PSTA staff members. The following participated via telephone: Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc; Natalie King and Ron Pierce from RSA Consulting; and Alan Suskey, Suskey Consulting.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve January 10, 2020 Minutes – Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Justice to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

State and Federal Updates – Mr. Glenn updated the Committee on the outline of the five-year reauthorization bill related to transit, the FY 2021 Presidential budget, bringing back earmarked Congressional spending, and grant and formula funding.

[Committee Chairperson Long entered the meeting at 9:02 am.]

Questions and comments were made about financing mechanisms for transit programs, Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) funding allocation, and upcoming trips to Washington D.C.

[Ms. Driscoll entered the meeting at 9:15 am.]

Ms. King and Mr. Pierce talked about State legislative issues relating to the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA), Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program funding, and the March trip to Tallahassee.

Other Business:

Mr. Miller spoke about the issues Medicaid recipients are facing, as well as TD funding for transit agencies in Florida. He also mentioned the VW settlement funds.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is to be determined.