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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2020

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Committee Chair Long called the July 15, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 8:05 am. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Gina Driscoll, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, and Dan Saracki. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO; Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Action Items:**

**Approve June 10, 2020 Minutes** – Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**[Mr. Barkley entered the meeting at 8:07 am.]**

**Information Items:**

**State and Federal Legislative Updates** – Mr. Pierce talked about the state budget and the Governor's vetoes. He also stated that Tallahassee is in full campaign mode which allows staff and the Legislative Team to work on PSTA's FY21 Legislative agenda. The group reviewed the draft Legislative priorities that Mr. Miller provided. Committee Chairperson Long expressed her concerns with the list adding her opinion that there should be more emphasis on funding. Discussion took place regarding the strategy for finalizing the list. The final draft will be brought back to the Legislative Committee for approval in September.

Mr. Glenn gave a Federal Legislative update regarding the House Appropriations Committee and the COVID relief bill that may be approved in three weeks. Mr. Palmer talked about the Reauthorization bill and process. Discussion also took place about the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) construction contract that will be brought to the Board at the July meeting and when PSTA will receive the \$22 million for the project. The

group reviewed the draft list of Federal priorities. The final draft will also be brought to the Legislative Committee for approval in September.

**Other Business:**

No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5th at 9:00 am.