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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

Chairperson Joe Barkley called the February 26, 2020 Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Joe Barkley, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, Janet Long, Darden Rice, Keith Sabiel, Dan Saracki, Josh Shulman, and Ken Welch. Members absent: Pat Gerard and Samantha Fenger. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Awards and Recognition:

Driver of the Year – Jeff Thompson, Director of Transportation, said a few words about Milan Rakovic, PSTA's 2019 Driver of the Year, and showed a video about his life and 23 years of service at the Authority.

[Ms. Driscoll entered the meeting at 9:09 am.]

Committee Updates:

TRAC Update – Duncan Kovar, Committee Chair, provided an update from the February 18th TRAC meeting.

Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) – Mr. Miller outlined the purpose of the LCB and reminded the Board that PSTA does not have an appointee on this Committee. He provided some highlights from the meeting on February 18th.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Cocks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Albritton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the

January 29, 2020 Board meeting minutes, the heavy duty vehicle lifts purchase and contract, as well as the Seminole City Center bus pull-out easement agreement.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:18 am.]

Forward Pinellas Update – Ms. Long reported on the Forward Pinellas Board meeting that took place on February 12th.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – Ms. Long reported on the February 21st Board meeting in which Rahul Gupta from Deloitte, presented on Smart Infrastructure and the Future of Mobility. Ms. Long suggested that PSTA invite Mr. Gupta to present at a future Board meeting.

Action Items:

CEO Performance Evaluation – Chairperson Barkley indicated that the Personnel Committee reviewed and discussed Board members' comments and wage increase recommendations for Mr. Miller's performance evaluation. He said that the Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of a 3.5% wage increase. After a lengthy discussion and suggestions about the CEO evaluation and the recommended wage increase, Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve a 3% wage increase plus an additional 0.5% in September, pending confirmation that this amount is in the budget. There were no public comments. Motion passed (10:3) with Mr. Shulman, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Justice dissenting.

Ms. Rice suggested the Personnel Committee create a policy on compensation and market adjustments for use in future CEO evaluation review processes and made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – Mr. Miller updated the Board on the reports included in the packet. He pointed out that the Operating Statistics now include security incidents and severe incidents in the report.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller spoke about upcoming trips to Washington D.C. and Tallahassee.

Other Business:

Mr. Miller talked about the Dunedin Blue Jays Spring Training Park & Ride program and the Clearwater Beach Spring Break promotion. He also announced that PSTA and Feeding Tampa Bay will hold another food pantry event at PSTA on March 3rd. He invited everyone to the March 8th Rodeo being held in Manatee County.

Ms. Long requested an update on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) funding. Mr. Miller responded by stating that the project is progressing successfully and PSTA is awaiting the funding allocation announcement. Mr. Welch asked about the difference between the two incident statistics on the Operating Statistics report, which Mr. Miller replied.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Cocks asked for the status of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Manatee County on possible additional frequency on the route from Manatee County to the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital. Mr. Miller replied.

Mr. Allbritton thanked Mr. Miller for his leadership and stated that he is looking forward to the Legislative trip to Tallahassee next week.

Ms. Rice thanked Mr. Rakovic and said she was moved by his story.

Chairperson Barkley thanked Mr. Miller for his service and is appreciative of all the innovative projects PSTA is implementing. He also congratulated Mr. Rakovic and welcomed back Mr. Welch to the Board. He spoke about his recent Channel 9 news story on the electric charging station at the layby and his recent experiences riding the bus.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Barkley adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 9:00 am.

Chairperson