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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2020**

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Chairperson Joe Barkley called the July 29, 2020 Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Joe Barkley, Chairperson; Pat Gerard, Vice-Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, Janet Long, Darden Rice, Jamie Robinson, Keith Sabiel, Dan Saracki, Josh Shulman, and Ken Welch. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel; and PSTA staff members.

Chairperson Barkley read an opening statement regarding PSTA holding this meeting as a virtual meeting and provided information to ensure the ability of the public to comment prior to and during the virtual meeting.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Awards and Recognition:

Recognize Incoming Board Member Jamie Robinson/Outgoing Board Member Samantha Fenger – Chairperson Barkley welcomed Commissioner Robinson to the Board and thanked Commissioner Fenger for her service on the PSTA Board. She will receive a plaque and lifetime bus pass.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award – Michael Hanson, Director of Finance, mentioned the Distinguished Budget Award presented to PSTA for FY20.

Committee Updates:

Forward Pinellas Meeting Update – Ms. Rice outlined the recent Forward Pinellas meeting.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – Ms. Long talked about the recent TBARTA meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Zimmet read Resolution #20-05 by title. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the June 24, 2020 Board meeting minutes, the janitorial supplies contract, the trolley technology contracts, and Resolution #20-05: Suspending Certain Rules and Regulations due to COVID-19.

Action Items:

SunRunner Construction Contract – Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management, gave a presentation on the SunRunner Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Staff is recommending approval of a contract with David Nelson and Company for the BRT project construction. Al Burns, Director of Procurement, outlined the solicitation process for this contract. Questions were asked about the final design of the stations, employees of David Nelson, local impact, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontractors. After the questions were address, Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve the BRT construction contract with David Nelson. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Truth in Millage Notice – Michael Hanson, Director of Finance, stated that staff is recommending approval of the proposed millage rate of 0.7500 to be transmitted to the property appraiser. He said the final budget and millage approval will take place in September. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to recommend approval of the proposed 0.7500 millage rate. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Autonomous Vehicle Demonstration Operations Agreements – Jacob Labutka, Project Planner, provided information on an Autonomous Vehicle demonstration program. Staff is recommending approval of contracts with the City of St. Petersburg and Beep to operate this demonstration. Question were raised about the demonstration in the other cities, pedestrian safety, and satellite issues. Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard, to recommend approval of the agreement with St. Petersburg. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to recommend approval of the contract with Beep. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – Mr. Miller said the reports are included in the packet

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller outlined items that will take place at future meetings. He also mentioned the BRT ground breaking event on August 17th at 10:00 am.

Other Business/Board Comments:

Ms. Rice welcomed Commissioner Robinson to the Board.

Ms. Long congratulated Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc Consulting, and his wife for becoming first-time grandparents.

Chairperson Barkley also welcomed Commissioner Robinson and thanked staff for their work on organizing the virtual meetings as well as for the presentations today.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Barkley adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson