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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2020

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Committee Vice-Chairperson Barkley called the October 9, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:01 am. Members present: Janet Long, Joe Barkley, Gina Driscoll, Heather Gracy, and Dan Saracki. Member absent: Charlie Justice. 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 September 2, 2020 Minutes – Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gracy, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:05 am.]

Approve 2021 State Legislative Agenda – Mr. Miller and Mr. Pierce outlined the State Legislative agenda for recommended approval. Questions were raised regarding comparing PSTA to other transit agencies regarding potential VW settlement funding and which fiscal year the VW settlement funds would be allocated. It was noted that in-person meetings may start November 1st. After discussion, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to recommend approval of the 2021 State Legislative agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda – Mr. Miller talked about the Federal Legislative priorities for recommended approval. Mr. Glenn updated the group on what is occurring in Washington, D.C. He mentioned the COVID-19 stimulus package, and at this time, negotiations have been halted until after the election. Mr. Palmer spoke on the status of the government shutdown, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) Reauthorization, the House Transportation Committee, and earmarks. After discussion, Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to recommend approval of the 2021 Federal Legislative agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Mr. Miller asked the Legislative teams, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, what are the new strategies to advocate for PSTA's priorities; for example, in-person Legislative trips to Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. Mr. Pierce replied that there may be some in-person meetings, perhaps in the summer, but most would probably be virtual

meetings until there is a COVID-19 vaccine. Mr. Pierce suggested cancelling the November Legislative Committee meeting. There was Committee consensus to cancel the November 2020 Legislative meeting and re-convene in December 2020.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is to be determined in December 2020.