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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2021

Chairperson Gerard called the June 23, 2021 Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson, Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Michael Fridovich, Jeff Gow, Janet Long, Kathleen Peters, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: Gina Driscoll, David Allbritton, Keith Sabiel, and Jamie Robinson. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, General Counsel; Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; and PSTA staff members. Attending via Zoom: Board Member Rene Flowers, Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc.

Call to Order:

Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to allow Ms. Flowers to participate in the meeting via Zoom. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Presentation:

State and Federal Legislative Updates – Mr. Pierce gave an annual update on the State Legislative issues related to Transportation Disadvantaged (TD), the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA), the FY22 State budget, infrastructure improvements, the VW settlement, and the 2022 session.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:10 am.]

[Ms. Peters entered the meeting at 9:12 am.]

Mr. Glenn and Mr. Palmer gave an annual update on the Federal Legislative issues about infrastructure plans, the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act, the FY22 Federal budget/appropriations, and Congressional support for PSTA.

Committee Updates:

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Update – Committee Chairperson, Duncan Kovar, provided an update on the June TRAC meeting.

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Long gave an update on the recent Forward Pinellas meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Zimmet read Resolution #21-04 by title. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the May 26, 2021 minutes, the towing/filters/radiators contract, the Commission on Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) agreements, the health insurance renewal, and the Ring Central telephone services purchase.

Action Items:

Waiver of PSTA's Vehicle Donation Policy - Nicole Dufva, Project Planner and Patrick Murray, Operations Manager, Service Delivery, gave a presentation on Leadership PSTA's project to donate a bus to a local food bank. They said that staff is requesting the Board to waive the vehicle donation policy for this one-time donation. Questions and comments were made about the program and the schedule for the food bus. A few concerns were raised about donating vehicles, which staff clarified. After discussion, Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve waiving the vehicle donation policy for a one-time donation to Reach St. Pete. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Fare Policy/Title VI – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, provided information about the proposed fare policy as well as the implementation process. Diane Randall, Director of Risk Management, talked about the procedure related to unaccompanied minors on buses. Ms. Borchers mentioned comments and questions that were made at both the public hearing and Planning Committee meetings. Questions were asked about fares in other counties, percent of cash riders, regional passport tickets, and where to purchase the Flamingo cards. After an in-depth discussion on unaccompanied minors, Ms. Figgs-Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to approve the Fare Policy and the Title VI analysis. There were no public comments. The motion passed (10:1), with Mr. Fridovich dissenting.

Information Items:

FY22 Budget Update – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave an update on the FY22 budget. She outlined the operating and capital budget, new employees, bus purchase, the solar project, and projects such as the SunRunner, the Clearwater Transit Center, and the ferry service.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet. Mr. Miller mentioned that the AVA project in Dunedin is going great with high ridership.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board comments.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am. The next meeting is July 28, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson