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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2021**

Chairperson Gerard called the October 27, 2021 Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer, David Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Rene Flowers, Jeff Gow, Janet Long, Kathleen Peters, Jamie Robinson, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: Michael Fridovich and Keith Sabiel. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Jennifer Cowan, General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

**Public Comment:**

Pamella Settlegoode, St. Petersburg resident, talked about a bus stop in Allendale that was moved. Mr. Cocks stated that the stop was moved 300 feet from the original location. Mr. Miller said that PSTA's Facilities Maintenance department investigated the bus stop and determined the location is fine in its current location. Staff spoke with her afterwards regarding her concerns.

**Awards and Recognition:**

**Marketing Awards** – Whitney Fox, Director of Marketing and Communications, gave a presentation on the Marketing Awards that PSTA received from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) conferences.

**Consent Agenda:**

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 September 15, 2021 and September 29, 2021 minutes, the 2022 Board meeting schedule, the Microsoft license upgrade, the bus filters contract, the claim settlement, and the bus graphics contract.

**Committee Updates:**

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

**Forward Pinellas Report** – Ms. Long gave an update on the October Forward Pinellas meeting.

**Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update** - Ms. Flowers gave an update on the October TBARTA meeting. Mr. Shulman briefly outlined the recent School Transportation Safety Committee meeting.

**Action Items:**

**Federal Legislative Priorities** – Mr. Miller and Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer from Van Scoyoc, briefly spoke about the recommended 2022 Federal Legislative priorities. There were no public comments. Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve the 2022 Federal Legislative priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

**Florida Consortium Electric Bus Contracts** – Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, and Al Burns, Director of Procurement, presented information on the electric bus contracts. Questions were asked about the benefits of a state contract, the process of this procurement, and the dashboard in the presentation. There were no public comments. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the Florida Consortium Electric Bus contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

**Information Items:**

**PSTA Brand Refresh** – Ms. Fox provided a presentation on PSTA's new branding refresh. Questions were asked about the size of advertising space on the buses and branding on the PSTA Access vehicles as well as the bus stops, shelters, and the trolleys.

**Solar Project Update** – B.J. Gavin, Project Engineer, gave a presentation on PSTA's solar energy project. Questions were asked about the timeline, chargers at the Park-n-Ride locations, and the longevity of the electric bus batteries.

**Reports and Correspondence:**

**Performance Updates** – The report was included in the packet.

**Future Meeting Subjects:**

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller mentioned a couple upcoming events including the Halloween on Central Avenue event and the SunRunner station unveiling event.

**Other Business:**

No other business was discussed.

**Board Member Comments:**

Ms. Flowers mentioned a Community Conversation event on October 28th at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Figgs-Sanders mentioned an event with Magic Johnson on November 1st at 3:00 pm.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 10:53 am. The next regular Board meeting is December 8, 2021 at 9:00 am.

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Chairperson