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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2021

Chairperson Gerard called the December 8, 2021 Board meeting to order at 9:01 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, Michael Fridovich, Jeff Gow, Janet Long, Jamie Robinson, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: Kathleen Peters and Keith Sabiel. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Awards and Recognition:

Outgoing Board Member – Janet Long – Ms. Long was recognized for her many years of service on PSTA. She received a lifetime bus pass and plaque. Ms. Long said a few words.

PSTA 2021 Year in Review – Jacquie Halldow, Interim Director of Marketing and Communications, gave a presentation on PSTA's accomplishments for 2021 and showed a video montage.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Fridovich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the October 27, 2021 minutes, the Fiber Optic Joint Project agreement, the Transit Rider's Advisory Committee (TRAC) Bylaws, and the claim settlement.

Committee Updates:

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

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

Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) – Ross Silvers, ADA Policy and Compliance Officer, gave an update on the November LCB meeting.

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

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update - Ms. Flowers provided an update on the November TBARTA meeting.

Action Items:

Five-Year Bus Purchase – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on PSTA's five-year bus purchase with Gillig. Questions were asked about the infrastructure, the manufacturer's timeline, inductive capabilities, and funding. There were no public comments. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulman, to approve the bus purchase with Gillig. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor's Union Contract – James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, provided information on the wage increases for PSTA's Florida Public Services Union (SEIU) Supervisors. Questions and comments were made about the wages and cost of living increase. There were no public comments. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the wage increases for Supervisors. The motion passed unanimously.

Pinellas County School Pilot and UPASS – Heather Sobush, Director of Planning, talked about the partnership with the Pinellas County Schools for student transportation. Questions were asked about the expense, the marketing rollout for this service, safety, and liability. There were no public comments. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve the contract with the Pinellas County Schools. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Officers/Committee Appointments – Mr. Miller outlined the recommendations for the 2022 Board Officers and Committee members. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the Board Officers and the Executive Committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that Mr. Gow become a full member on the Legislative Committee and Ms. Peters as the alternate. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the Committee appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

FY21 Final Scorecard – Included in the agenda packet.

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 the CEO Evaluation process and the Personnel Committee meeting taking place on December 13th. He also mentioned incoming Board member Karen Seel, the next vaccine clinic at PSTA, and the AVA event in Clearwater Beach.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Cocks talked about a medical issue and mentioned the importance of transportation to the Moffitt Cancer Center.

Mr. Shulman pointed out some missing scores on the scorecard.

Ms. Flowers mentioned a housing conference event in February at the EpiCenter.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am. The next regular Board meeting is January 26, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson