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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Chairperson Gerard called the February 23, 2022 Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. 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; Jamie Robinson; and Karen Seel. Participating via Zoom: Josh Shulman. Members absent: Kathleen Peters, Keith Sabiel, and Michael Fridovich. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Presentation:

PSTA's Participation in the Pinellas Race Equity Leadership Council -

Randy Russell and Carl Lavender from the Healthy Foundation of St. Petersburg, gave a presentation on the Pinellas Race Equity Leadership Council and talked about the importance of transportation.

Call to Order:

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

Public Comment:

The following members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), talked about the recent wage increases for administrative staff and the Compensation Study that took place last year: Kevin Sablan, Ed Lamay, Norm Penix, Kyra Farina, Mike Giarindino, Deb Erwin, Bob Gielsleman, April Murphy, Ken Elliott, David Mello, and Julia Meadows. They are requesting to reopen wage negotiations.

Delois Young, Pinellas County resident, talked about scheduling issues with the paratransit services that she needs for her medical appointments.

Danny DiNicolantonio, former PSTA Bus Operator, also talked about the issue with the current SEIU contract.

Board members made a few comments about the issue. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Figgs-Sanders, that Brad Miller provide the Board of Directors prior to the March meeting with the analysis information related to the compensation packages for all levels of employees throughout PSTA. In addition, she requests Mr. Miller join in

communications with his team along with the members of the leadership of SEIU to discuss any possible parameters to make the necessary salary adjustments as so decided between the two parties. Also, at the March meeting, we agendize for conversation and discussion for the benefit of those Board members that are absent and those who are present any comments or information derived from the documents received, conversations had by PSTA leadership and SEIU leadership for the Board to determine or to ratify any additional compensation packages. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the January 26, 2022 minutes, the Dunedin Interlocal Agreement extension for AVA services, and the SunRunner Equity Analysis.

Committee Updates:

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Update – Committee Chairperson, Mark O’Hara, provided an update on the recent TRAC meeting.

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

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Driscoll provided an update on the February meeting.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – Ms. Flowers gave an update on the TBARTA meeting.

Action Items:

Site Access Agreement with Duke Energy – Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management, gave a presentation on a Site Access Agreement with Duke Energy. Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to recommend approval of the agreement with Duke Energy. There were no public comments. Motion passed (11:1), with Mr. Shulman dissenting.

Information Items:

PSTA’s Sustainable Strategic Plan Progress Report – Heather Sobush, Director of Planning, and Nicole Dufva, Project Planner, gave a presentation on PSTA's Sustainable Strategic Plan.

[Ms. Driscoll left the meeting at 11:30 am and did not return.]

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 highlighted some upcoming events including the Reach St. Pete Pop-up Pantry, Representative Charlie Crist's Infrastructure Event, and the AVA Beach Party.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Cocks talked about some technical issues with the PSTA Access service contractor, Spare Labs. Staff will investigate the issue and report back at an upcoming Committee meeting.

Mr. Shulman commented on a couple statistics on the Operating Report included in the packet.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is March 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson