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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2022

Chairperson Gerard called the January 26, 2022 Board meeting to order at 9:05 am. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; David Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Rene Flowers, Jeff Gow, Kathleen Peters, Jamie Robinson, Karen Seel, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: Dan Saracki, Keith Sabiel, and Michael Fridovich. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Awards and Recognition:

Recognize Retiring Bus Operator, Oakie O'Hara – James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, recognized retiring bus operator, Oakie O'Hara, for well over three decades of service to PSTA and the County.

[Mr. Allbritton entered the meeting at 9:09 am.]

Martin Luther King (MLK) Parade – Jacquie Halldow, Interim Director of Marketing and Communications, highlighted the MLK parade and showed a video of the event.

Public Comment:

Tom Rask, Pinellas County resident, talked about the decrease in ridership and farebox recovery. He expressed his opinion that PSTA should look into contracting out transit services.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Driscoll made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the December 8, 2021 minutes, the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) appointments, the Travel Training Services contract, the Bus Filters contract, and the SunRunner Project Management/Construction Management contract change order.

Committee Updates:

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

Forward Pinellas - Ms. Driscoll provided an update on the January meeting.

Action Items:

CEO Evaluation/Compensation – Mr. Miller talked about the evaluation process and the recommendation from the Personnel Committee. Questions and comments were made about the CEO's salary and scores. In response to Chairperson Gerard's call for public comments, Mr. Rask talked about the evaluation forms in the past, as well as the audio issues from the recent Personnel Committee. He also stated his opinion that the CEO should not receive a raise when ridership is decreasing.

Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to approve the CEO compensation as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The motion passed (11:1), with Ms. Seel dissenting.

Information Items:

Flamingo Contract Services – Michael Hanson, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis, and Al Burns, Director of Procurement, gave an informational presentation on the Flamingo services.

Waterborne Transportation – Mr. Miller provided information on ferry services in Pinellas County. There were a few comments and questions about the service and the need for more information and data.

SunRunner Rising Development Study – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, introduced Eric Bosman and Jared Schneider, consultants from Kimley-Horn, who gave a presentation on the SunRunner Rising Development Study. Comments and questions were raised about the Warehouse Arts District in St. Petersburg.

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.

Other Business:

Mr. Miller mentioned the Reach St. Pete Mobile Market event on February 24th, the AVA event on February 11th, and the Spring Break Jolley Trolley services in Clearwater Beach.

Board Member Comments:

Ms. Flowers talked about a communication she received regarding the Grand Central Station.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am. The next regular Board meeting is February 23, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson