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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2022

Committee Chairperson Cocks called the March 23, 2022 Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Vince Cocks, Richard Bennett, Josh Shulman, Dan Saracki, and Jeff Gow. Members absent: Keith Sabiel. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve February 18, 2022 Finance Committee Minutes – Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulman, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Compensation Adjustment Recommendation – Mr. Miller mentioned SEIU's comments at the last Board meeting regarding compensation for Union members. He stated that staff and Union members met several times to discuss the issue, per the Board's request. Trish Collins, Director of Human Resources, James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, and Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the discussions that took place as well as staff's recommendation for compensation adjustments. Questions and comments were made about COVID funds, the Compensation Study, steps for Union members, effects on purchasing buses, and percent of salary midpoint for administrative staff versus Union members.

After discussion, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gow, to recommend approval of the compensation adjustment. The motion passed unanimously.

FY21 Audit Report – Ms. Leous talked about the FY21 audit report. She stated that there were no audit findings. Julie Lupis, Director of Accounting, indicated that the audit went very well. Lauren Strobe from Cherry Bekaert LLP, provided highlights from the audit. Questions were asked about whether the audit was conducted on-site or remotely, the capital asset review, and the National Transit Database (NTD) audit. Mr. Shulman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to recommend approval of the FY21 audit report. The motion passed unanimously.

Claim Settlements – Diane Randall, Director of Risk Management, outlined the two claim settlements: one for \$40,000 and the other for \$45,000. Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulman, to recommend approval of the claim settlements. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Monthly Financial Statement – The financial statements were included in the packet. Ms. Lupis provided highlights from the report. A question was asked about fringe benefits, which Ms. Lupis answered.

Ridership/Performance – The report was included in the packet. Mr. Miller provided highlights from the report. The Committee was also provided with a report on PSTA Access complaints.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 9:00 a.m.