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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2022

Chairperson Gerard called the April 27, 2022 Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Bennett; Vince Cocks; Rene Flowers; Jeff Gow; Jim Olliver; Kathleen Peters; Jamie Robinson; Karen Seel; Josh Shulman; and Patti Reed. Members absent: David Allbritton and Deborah Figgs-Sanders. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Chairperson Gerard welcomed new Board member, Jim Olliver, who is replacing Michael Fridovich from the Beach Cities. He will be filling a term that began October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2023.

Presentation:

State Legislative Update – Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting, gave an update on the State Legislative session which ended March 13th. He also reviewed PSTA's Legislative priorities.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Item 4D was pulled by Ms. Seel who requested clarification. Ms. Driscoll made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulman, to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the March 30, 2022 minutes, the Marketing Services contract, and the Banking Services six-month contract extension.

Mr. Miller and Abhishek Dayal, Director of Project Management, provided more details about the SunRunner transit signal priority agreements. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the two agreements. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

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

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

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

Action Items:

Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Equity Fare Policy Recommendations – Nicole Dufva, Project Planner, gave a presentation on staff’s recommendation to change the TD fare eligibility from 150% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). A question was asked about the 200%, which Ms. Dufva answered. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve expanding the TD eligibility and bring to the Local Coordinating Board (LCB). There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Comparative Pandemic Ridership Trends – Olivia Anderson, Transportation Data Analyst, and Reid Powers, Transit Planner, gave a presentation on ridership trends during the pandemic.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet.

PSTA Access Accountability Monitoring – The report was included in the packet.

FY23 Budget Assumptions – The budget assumptions were included in the packet.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller provided information on upcoming events including an AVA block party in Dunedin on May 6th.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Shulman mentioned that there is a possibility that school times will be adjusting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is May 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson