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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2021

Committee Chairperson Janet Long called the August 16, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 1:09 pm. Members present: Janet Long, Dan Saracki, and Gina Driscoll. Members absent: David Allbritton and Kathleen Peters. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO. Attending via Zoom were Committee member Jamie Robinson, Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; and Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff.

Call to Order:

Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to allow Mr. Robinson to participate via Zoom. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve June 2, 2021 Minutes – Ms. Driscoll made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

State Advocacy Contract – Al Burns, Director of Procurement, outlined the procurement process for the State Advocacy contract. He said staff is recommending approval of a contract with RSA Consulting. A question was asked about sub-contractors that will be utilized by RSA. The Committee members expressed their gratitude for all RSA's work over the years. Mr. Miller also expressed his thanks to the Legislative Committee members for their involvement and commitment. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to recommend approval of the contract with RSA Consulting. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Federal Legislative Updates – Mr. Palmer and Mr. Glenn gave an update on federal Legislative issues including the infrastructure bill, Lo-No grant and other grant funding opportunities, the House Appropriations bills, and earmark projects. A question was raised about bus formula grants, which Mr. Miller and Mr. Glenn answered.

State Legislative Updates – Mr. Pierce gave a state Legislative update including the upcoming agenda for 2022, which will be brought to the September meeting, and Legislative trips. It was noted that in-person meetings are not taking place at this time in Tallahassee.

Forward Pinellas Legislative Workshop: Finding Common Ground –

Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, gave a presentation on a recent Forward Pinellas Legislative workshop. Discussion took place regarding Safe Streets Pinellas, linking housing and jobs with transportation, community resiliency, and flexible funding for transit.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for September 1st at 9:00 am.