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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2020

Chairperson Joe Barkley called the December 2, 2020 Board meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members present: Joe Barkley, Chairperson, Gina Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Jeff Gow, Janet Long, Darden Rice, and Jamie Robinson. Members attending via Zoom: Pat Gerard, Vice-Chairperson, Charlie Justice, Keith Sabiel, Dan Saracki, and Josh Shulman. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel; and PSTA staff members.

Call to Order – Ms. Rice made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to authorize participation of Zoom members Ms. Gerard, Mr. Justice, Mr. Sabiel, Mr. Saracki, and Mr. Shulman. The motion passed unanimously.

[Mr. Justice entered the meeting at 9:02 am.]

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Awards and Recognition:

Outgoing Board Members Joe Barkley, Ken Welch, Heather Gracy, Darden Rice – Outgoing Board members Mr. Welch, Chairperson Barkley, Ms. Rice, and Ms. Gracy were recognized for their dedicated service on PSTA. Each will receive a plaque and lifetime bus pass. The Board members expressed their thanks for everything they have done for PSTA and transit in Pinellas County.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:13 am.]

Employee Recognition, Jeff Bennett – Jeff Thompson, Director of Transportation, recognized Mr. Bennett, PSTA Bus Operator, for his dedication to the citizens of Pinellas County, by helping two small children get to safety.

Committee Updates:

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Rice provided an update on the recent Forward Pinellas meeting.

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

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rice, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the October 28, 2020 minutes, the security and access controls contract, the Human Resources applicant tracking system, the bus parts procurement, and the Data Center server replacement.

Action Items:

Board Officers/Committee Appointments – Mr. Miller outlined the recommendations made by the Nominating Committee relating to the Board Officers and Committee appointments. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation for the Officers/Committee appointments. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan – Mr. Miller talked about the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan that requires Board approval before submitting to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). He thanked the PSTA Safety, Security and Training team for their hard work putting this plan together. Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to approve the Safety Plan and authorize the CEO to sign for any changes/modifications. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet. Mr. Miller mentioned the Waterborne Transportation meeting on December 18th. He also talked about agenda items planned for the January meeting and the Legislative Committee meeting on January 6th. Mr. Miller thanked everyone who attended the autonomous vehicle event featuring the new AVA shuttle in St. Petersburg.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects

Other Business/Board Comments:

Mr. Allbritton mentioned the safety plan and that there was one section that needed a correction.

Mr. Cocks asked about the paratransit solicitation. Mr. Miller said that PSTA received eight proposals and that staff is currently reviewing them. This item is scheduled to come before the Board at their February meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Barkley adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am. The next meeting is January 27, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Chairperson