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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Committee Chairperson Janet Long called the February 3, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:05 am. Members present: Janet Long, Gina Driscoll, Dan Saracki, Jamie Robinson, and David Allbritton. Absent was: Kathleen Peters. Also present was: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA Board member Richard Bennett. Attending via Zoom were Congressman Charlie Crist; Virginia Poe, Congressman Crist's staff member; Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting; Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc; and PSTA staff.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve January 6, 2021 Minutes – Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

State/Federal Legislative Updates – Mr. Pierce gave a State Legislative update relating to COVID, the Legislative session, meetings with Mr. Miller and Legislative staff on February 9th, the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) program, and the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) funding. Mr. Miller added that he will inform the Board members when the February 9th meetings are set up. Questions were asked about Waterborne Transportation grants and PSTA's Legislative priorities.

Mr. Glenn and Mr. Palmer talked about the priorities of the newly appointed Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, the COVID Relief bill, the Appropriations Bill, the Low-no grant program, and the Westshore project. Questions were raised about grant applications.

Congressman Charlie Crist Update - Congressman Crist joined the meeting and congratulated PSTA for receiving the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Gold Standard Award. He talked about COVID relief funds for transportation and the Appropriations Committee. He also said he looks forward to working with PSTA. Mr. Miller thanked the Congressman for his support and role on the Appropriations Committee and mentioned the Clearwater Intermodal Center. Questions and comments were made by Committee members about funding for the Clearwater Intermodal project, electric buses, and PSTA's innovative programs. They also thanked Congressman for his support and invited him to attend a future PSTA Board meeting.

The group briefly discussed issues related to mobility needs in the community.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 9:00 am.