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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2020

This meeting was conducted by means of Communications Media Technology.

Chairperson Joe Barkley called the October 28, 2020 Board meeting to order at 9:01 am. Members present: Joe Barkley, Chairperson; Pat Gerard, Vice-Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, Vince Cocks, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, Janet Long, Darden Rice, Keith Sabiel, Dan Saracki, Josh Shulman, and Ken Welch. Member absent: Jamie Robinson. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Alan Zimmet, PSTA General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Chairperson Barkley read an opening statement regarding PSTA holding this meeting as a virtual meeting and provided information to ensure the ability of the public to comment prior to and during the virtual meeting.

Awards and Recognition:

Whitney Fox, Director of Communications and Marketing, gave a presentation on PSTA's successes at the recent Florida Public Transportation Association (FPTA) meeting. She noted that the conference included numerous staff presentations and many awards that the Authority received.

Public Comment:

Tom Rask, unincorporated Pinellas County, referenced an email he sent regarding a Demand Response (DART) application. He noted that he did not receive a response. He also stated his concern about the virtual meetings and the limited means for the public to comment.

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

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – In Ms. Long's absence, Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave an update on the recent TBARTA meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Gerard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the September 16, 2020 and September 30, 2020 minutes, the heavy duty lifts contract, the

Coordination Agreements with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART), the 2021 Board meeting schedule, the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) appointments, and the bus graphics (wraps) contract.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:32 am.]

Action Items:

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, presented information on the SEIU contract for Transportation and Maintenance Supervisors. He said that this is a three-year contract beginning October 1, 2020 and was voted 15 to 6 in favor of the contract by the union members. Comments were made on the great work by staff and the union to negotiate this contract. Chairperson Barkley added that the Finance Committee discussed this item and recommended approval. Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve the SEIU contract. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

State/Federal Priorities – Mr. Miller outlined the State and Federal Legislative priorities for 2021. Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting, added a few comments about funding for the Transportation Disadvantage (TD) program, the Clearwater Transit Center, and the Clearwater Ferry partnership. He also mentioned the upcoming election and Committee weeks.

Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer, Van Scoyoc, provided additional comments about the Federal priorities. Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long, to approve the State and Federal priorities. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Electric Charging Infrastructure – Mr. Miller gave a presentation on PSTA's steps for the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. He said the plan is to eventually have 100% of the fleet electric/zero-emission; therefore, in order to have all electric vehicles, PSTA will need more electricity and have additional charging infrastructure. Mr. Miller indicated that staff is looking into installing solar panels throughout the campus and has been working with other agencies, including Duke Energy, to make this happen. Questions and comments were made regarding the progression of purchasing electric vehicles, grant applications, and funding.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects

Other Business/Board Comments:

Ms. Long talked about Forward Pinellas' new Waterborne Committee. She also mentioned Mr. Rask's complaint regarding the DART application and to ensure that staff is handling.

Mr. Miller spoke about the in-person meetings starting November 1st. He provided slides showing how the Board room will be set up for these meetings.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Barkley adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am. The next meeting is December 2nd 9:00 am.

Chairperson