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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2022

Chairperson Gerard called the October 26, 2022 Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Pat Gerard, Chairperson; Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer; Vince Cocks; Rene Flowers; Jeff Gow; Jim Olliver; Patti Reed; Jamie Robinson; Karen Seel; and Josh Shulman. Members absent: David Allbritton; Richard Bennett, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, and Kathleen Peters. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Awards & Recognition:

AdWheel Award – Stephanie Rank, Communications & Public Relations Manager, and A.J. Ortiz, Supervisor of Safety, Security & Training, gave a presentation on an American Public Transportation Association (APTA) national award that PSTA received.

Outgoing Board Member – Commissioner Karen Seel – Mr. Miller and the Board recognized Ms. Seel for her service on the PSTA Board.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Driscoll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the September 2022 Public Hearing and Board meeting minutes, the 2023 Board meeting schedule, the banking services contract, the Marketing contract amendment, the onboard 5G routing equipment contract, the intelligent vehicle diagnostic equipment contract, and the claim settlement.

Committee Updates:

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Driscoll gave an update on the recent Forward Pinellas meeting.

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

Action Items:

Pinellas County Clearwater Transit Center Funding – Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on an agreement with Pinellas County for the Clearwater Transit Center. A question was asked about the price of the building, which staff answered. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the agreement with Pinellas County. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

2023 State and Federal Legislative Priorities – Ron Pierce, RSA Consulting, briefly outlined the State Legislative priorities for 2023. After a few comments and questions, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Olliver, to approve the 2023 State Legislative priorities. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc, outlined the 2023 Federal Legislative Priorities. After a question about the timeline to spend the additional funds from the SunRunner project, Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gow, to approve the 2023 Federal Legislative priorities. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Mr. Miller spoke about the reports included in the packet. He also mentioned another award PSTA received for its sustainability program. Whitney Fox, Director of Communications and Marketing, gave a brief presentation on the success of the SunRunner grand opening.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

There were no Board member comments.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Gerard adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The next meeting is December 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson