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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA – APRIL 9, 2015; 2:30 PM  
PSTA AUDITORIUM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. APPROVE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
5. ADJOURNMENT



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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2015**

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The Nominating Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 9:30 AM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to recommend members for the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) vacancies. The following members were present:

Wengay Newton, Committee Chair  
Patricia Johnson  
Janet Long

Absent  
Ben Diamond  
Kenneth Welch

Also Present:  
PSTA Staff Members

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Newton opened the meeting at 9:39 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVE JANUARY 7, 2015 MINUTES**

Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to approve the January 7, 2015 minutes. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRAC)**

Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, explained that TRAC consists of 12 members and three alternates. She said that the current vacancies are for the Beach member, and three alternates from the North, Mid, and South Counties. Ms. Borchers reported that PSTA received 48 very good applications and staff is recommending the following candidates:

- Beach – Sonny Flynn
- Alternate North County – Dennis Davis
- Alternate Mid County – Maranda Douglas
- Alternate South County – Carson Zimmer

Committee Chair Newton asked about South County representation and geographic coverage. Ms. Borchers responded that staff would plot the addresses of the members to ensure adequate coverage.

Ms. Borchers explained that since there were so many good applicants, staff is recommending expanding the pool of alternates with a student alternate and a professional alternate. Ms. Long suggested not increasing the number of alternates, but rather send a letter to the applicants stating that PSTA will keep their application on file. Ms. Borchers responded that staff already has that in place.

Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend Ms. Flynn as the Beach member, and Mr. Davis, Ms. Douglas, and Mr. Zimmer as the alternates to the TRAC. It was also recommended that the official alternate positions expand from the current three to five. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.



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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

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The Nominating Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Forest Lab at the EpiCenter following the Board Workshop on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to recommend two additional Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) members. The following members were present:

Wengay Newton, Committee Chair  
Ben Diamond  
Patricia Johnson  
Janet Long  
Kenneth Welch

Also Present:  
PSTA Staff Members

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Newton opened the meeting at 3:15 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ACTION ITEM**

Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt, Director of Communications, indicated that at the February 13th Nominating Committee meeting, the Committee recommended four members for the TRAC and two additional alternates – one student and one professional. She reported that it is staff's recommendation to move Carson Zimmer, who was originally recommended as the south alternate, to the professional alternate position, and recommend Christian Smith for the student alternate position. Ms. Raskin-Schmitt indicated that staff is recommending Catherine Baranowski for the south alternate position.

Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve staff's recommendations of Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Baranowski. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.