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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2016**

The Executive Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 9:00 AM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes, discuss the February Board meeting agenda and the 2016 planning calendar. The following members were present:

Darden Rice, Chairperson
Janet Long, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Barkley
Bill Jonson

Absent
Julie Bujalski, Vice-Chairperson

Also Present:
Brad Miller, CEO
PSTA Staff Members
Members of Public

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rice opened the meeting at 9:04 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Jonson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Mr. Jonson had a question on the Board

policies being posted on the website and staff answered his question. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

February Board Meeting Agenda – Mr. Miller reviewed the February 24th Board meeting agenda. He said that Harry Glenn, Van Scoyoc, will provide a presentation on the success of PSTA’s Federal Legislative priorities. Legislative Committee Chair Diamond will give an overview on the February 3rd Legislative Committee meeting and the recent trip to Tallahassee.

Mr. Miller indicated that there will also be a presentation on the customer satisfaction survey results. This will be presented to the Finance Committee and Planning Committee simultaneously at their February 17th meeting.

[Ms. Long entered the meeting at 9:10 AM.]

Mr. Miller noted that there will be an action item for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) consultant scope. The plan is to utilize Parsons-Brinckerhoff to complete the design and environmental studies. He said that the cost would be \$700,000, which the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will pay \$500,000 and \$200,000 from PSTA funds. Chairperson Rice asked about a schedule for when the Board will be expected to take action and make decisions on this project. Mr. Jonson asked for a timeline for the project including expected costs.

Ms. Long had some questions about the legislative trip to Tallahassee, and Mr. Miller provided an overview of the discussions. Ms. Long stated that there are 12 different agencies in the region dealing with transportation issues adding that there is a need to all work together. Chairperson Rice suggested that this could be a topic for the Board workshop in May and Ms. Long suggested inviting Senators Brandes and Latvala to the workshop.

Mr. Jonson suggested an update on Clearwater Beach activities be added to future meeting subjects on the Board agenda.

2016 Planning Calendar – Mr. Miller presented the Executive Committee with a calendar showing major decisions/actions and the approximate timetable. There was discussion about quarterly joint meetings with the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) and a possible transportation leadership summit with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC). Ms. Long suggested a collaborative lab experience with PSTA,

HART, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), TBRPC, and the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA).

FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jonson asked about the succession planning for PSTA, and Mr. Miller responded that there will be a presentation at the April Board meeting. Mr. Jonson also asked about the free summer fares and Mr. Miller responded that the estimated cost would be \$40,000.

Mr. Miller reported that PSTA is one of the hosts of the Transportation Management Area (TMA) meetings and it was suggested that a written summary of the TMA meetings be included in the Board packet.

Chairperson Rice announced that there will be a press conference at 11:45 AM after the Board meeting regarding customer satisfaction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 11th at 11:00 AM.