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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSESSION  
MINUTES – MAY 6, 2016**

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The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a workshop in the auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 9:00 AM on this date. The following members were present:

Darden Rice, Chairperson  
Janet Long, Secretary/Treasurer  
Joseph Barkley  
Doug Bevis  
Mark Deighton  
Ben Diamond  
Dave Eggers  
Samantha Fenger  
Pat Gerard  
Patricia Johnson  
Bill Jonson  
Brian Scott  
Ken Welch  
Lisa Wheeler-Brown

Absent:

Julie Bujalski, Vice-Chairperson

Also Present:

Brad Miller, CEO  
PSTA Staff Members  
Members of the Public

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Rice opened the workshop session at 9:01 AM.

## WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Rice explained that today's worksession would not include discussions on electric buses. She reminded everyone of upcoming dates when that topic will be discussed. The Board, staff, and members of the public introduced themselves.

## PRESENTATIONS

The Future of Transportation – Mr. Miller delivered a presentation on “How New Technologies and Autonomous Vehicles May Change Public Transportation,” written by Steven Polzin of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR). The group noted that technology is moving at light speed and there is a need for dramatic changes in the Legislature to recognize the new technologies in transportation.

Regional Governance Success – Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas (formally the MPO), gave a presentation on “Improving Transit Outcomes through Better Integration.” There was much discussion about the need for a regional approach for transportation. The Board also spoke about the role of elected leaders and strong transportation leadership, as well as the importance of public engagement. There were numerous comments about coordinating between the 24 municipalities in Pinellas County and with the different agencies involved with transportation.

**[Ms. Long and Mr. Bevis left the meeting at 11:05 AM and did not return.]**

Chairperson Rice noted some areas to focus on to improve the regional coordination/regional leadership for transportation, such as focusing on what the vision is, understanding what the clear goals are, and focusing on strengthening existing relationships and processes.

Mr. Miller thanked the Board for a great worksession.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rice adjourned the worksession at 11:23 AM.

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Chairperson