



**Legislative Committee Meeting**  
Friday, January 17, 2019 – 8:30 am  
Manatee County Administrative Building  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Manatee, FL 34205

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to complete a "Comment Card" and will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please see staff prior to the meeting. This public comment period will be extended for up to 30 minutes.*

**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. November 15, 2019 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. RSA State Legislative update

**5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. FUTURE MEETING SUBJECTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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**\*\*Next Legislative Subcommittee Meeting\*\***

**February 21, 2020 – 8:30 am**

**Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)  
3201 Scherer Drive  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716**

## **LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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November 15, 2019 | Tampa International Airport 4160 George J. Bean Pkwy, Tampa, FL 33607

*Chair Cliff Manuel, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.*

### **LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cliff Manuel, Jr., Gubernatorial - Chair; Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Pasco County - Vice Chair; Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA); Jim Holton, Gubernatorial; Commissioner John Mitten, Hernando County

### **LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Commissioner Pat Kemp, Hillsborough County; Rich McClain, Gubernatorial

### **MEETING ATTENDEES:**

Ron Pierce, RSA; David Green, Executive Director; TBARTA staff members; Alan Zimmet, BMO; members of the public

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments were presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Approval of October 25, 2019 Legislative Subcommittee meeting minutes.

➤ **Commissioner Long motioned to approve; Chair Holton seconded. Motion passes 5-0.**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **TBARTA Statute**

During the October meeting a question was raised regarding the interpretation of the seven-member vote issue. Currently the interpretation from general council is such that we need seven affirmative votes to conduct the business of the Board. There are two ways to address the issue. We can get the attorney general's opinion but must live with that interpretation or we can talk to our bill sponsor in order to strike the line "Seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of seven members is necessary for any action to be taken by the Authority" in our statute. RSA recommended that we modify the legislation to clarify intent. The new language would state that we only need 7 members to conduct business. Votes would be determined by simple majority.

➤ **Commissioner Starkey motioned to approve; Chair Holton seconded. Motion passes 4-1. (Long opposed)**

#### **Air Taxi Resolution**

Both Commissioner Long and Starkey brought up meetings they have had with Uber Elevate & Bell Helicopter and the idea that the Tampa Bay region would be a perfect test site for a pilot program due to our geographical landscape. Chair Holton agreed and recommended the Board create a resolution to support the study of air taxis and explore a pilot program in the Tampa Bay region.

➤ **Commissioner Starkey motioned to approve; Commissioner Long seconded. Motion passes 5-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**TBARTA Member Bill**

HB 503 was filled by Diamond and SB368 has been filled by Rouson. There are some concerns in giving the Board the ability to vote electronically due to concerns about it becoming the norm. The intent of the legislature is that it will be used on an as needed basis, with written prior approval from the chair. The question was also raised about the same thing happening for the Committees. This could be a subset of the Board if approved and will have to be clarified.

**Appropriations**

The \$1.5 appropriation was filed by both the House (Toledo) and Senate (Brandes). Ron Pierce from RSA is expecting that we will end up in the initial budget. It is also looking like we may be well positioned to get additional funds again for innovative transportation technologies.

***Adjournment 9:02 am***