



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT**

Jim Holton (Chair)  
Cliff Manuel, Jr (Vice Chair)  
Commissioner Janet Long (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Rich McClain  
Commissioner Pat Kemp  
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey  
Commissioner John Mitten  
Commissioner Karen Seel  
Secretary David Gwynn  
Executive Director David Green  
Legal Counsel Alan Zimmet  
TBARTA Staff

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Reggie Bellamy  
Mayor Jane Castor  
Mayor Rick Kriseman  
Secretary L.K. Nandam

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

(CommUNITY based transportation systems, a.k.a. Community Circulators or Jitneys - Cornelius Neil Cosentino) We thank you all for - all you do for Tampa Bay Mobility. We invite a staff and others to join in developing the CommUNITY Circulators Consortium - a Public Private Partnership program and we recommend that you visit [www.JITNEYAC.com](http://www.JITNEYAC.com). \* Subject: CommUNITY based transportation systems, a.k.a. Community Circulators or Jitneys\*. FEI Camelot Florida (includes FASTA -USA/Florida) is an all-volunteer, public-interest, self-funded, all-Florida, Think Tank. Our VMG Vision Mission Goal - Florida 1st in Quality of Life and Standard of Living. We Promote CommUNITY based transportation systems, a.k.a. Community MicroTransit Circulators or Jitneys. RE: Seminole Heights, West Tampa, Sulfur Springs, East Tampa, Progress Village, Davis Islands, Wimauma-Ruskin, University City. We seek a VMG vision mission goal for HARTLINE to promote and fund CommUNITY Based systems. Each requesting CommUNITY will be allocated up to two million dollars as a set-aside to fund their Beta-CommUNITY Based Circulator/Jitney System. The funds remain with HART in an escrow-like-account and the Jitney CommUNITY makes draws from their account to fund their mobility system leasing and buying services as needed from HART such as: Consultants Services, HR, Healthcare, Leased circulator jitney buses and

other vehicles, Insurance Licensing, Accounting, Fuel, Maintenance, Legal services, Driver training, Government requirements, Other. CommUNITY based Circulator System will have total curb rights and self determine their: Manager Salary, Driver Salaries, Service hours 24/365, Routes and destinations, Advertising Local, City, County, State, National, Special Mobility Services, Mobility Mode Mix, Other.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Accept July Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Cliff Manuel, Jr, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Seel

Motion passes 7-0.

### **LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – CLIFF MANUEL**

#### Van Scoyoc Federal Legislative Update (Harry Glenn and Steve Palmer)

The next COVID relief bill has not had any movement. The House will be back this Saturday, August 22 to vote on a bill to provide \$25 billion in funding for the postal service. The Surface Transportation Re-authorization bill FAST Act expires on September 30th. There has been some discussion towards looking at a one-year extension.

#### RSA State Legislative Update (Ron Pierce)

The revenue estimates for the next 2 years are off by about \$5.4 billion dollars. RSA and the TBARTA team have worked together to craft a letter regarding what our future revenue and partnership could look like with FDOT. The funding needs to be recurring and not impact other FDOT/Regional work plans. The attention will now move towards meeting with FDOT, incoming Senate President Simpson and incoming Speaker Sprowls.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMISSIONER JANET LONG**

#### July 2020 Financials (Melonie Williams)

Year to date through the month of July, the net surplus of \$196,684 is \$39,300 under the budget of \$235,984. On the revenue side we were under budget by \$3.1 million dollars due to the timing of the PD&E and Technology studies. On the expense side we were also under budget by \$3 million dollars. At the end of July we had approximately \$188,000 in the bank.

#### State Government Relations and Lobbying Services (David Green)

The RSA State Government relations and lobbying services contract is up for approval. This agreement is a piggybacking arrangement from PSTA's contract with RSA Consulting Group, which expires next year. This third and final contract year will run from October 26, 2020 through October 25, 2021. The

fiscal impact will be \$8,500 per month to be funded by local contributions. The Board unanimously approved to award a final 1-year contract to RSA Consulting Group, LLC.

Motion made by Vice Cliff Manuel, Jr, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Seel, Commissioner Mitten

Motion passes 8-0.

#### Approval of FY2021 Budget (Melonie Williams)

The Board was presented with the FY2021 budget and Resolution 2020-09: A resolution adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 for carrying on the duties and obligations of the authority. The final \$6.6 million budget is supportive of TBARTA's mission and includes resources to support the organization, the Commuter Assistance Program, and planning work to continue our transit vision for Tampa Bay. The Board unanimously voted to adopt Resolution 2020-09.

Motion made by Commissioner Long, Seconded by Commissioner Starkey.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Seel, Commissioner Mitten

Motion passes 8-0.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – RICH MCCLAIN**

##### Resolution 2020-08: Support for MCAT Route 99 (Chris DeAnnuntis)

TBARTA strongly supports MCAT's Service Development Grant application to FDOT for service improvements to the Route 99 and regards these improvements as an important contribution to regional transit service. Staff presented Resolution 2020-08: A resolution in support of Manatee County Area Transit's service development grant application for improved service on Route 99. The Board unanimously voted to adopt this resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Kemp, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting Yea: Jim Holton, Cliff Manuel, Jr, Commissioner Long, Rich McClain, Commissioner Kemp, Commissioner Starkey, Commissioner Seel, Commissioner Mitten

Motion passes 8-0.

#### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – BILL ROBERTS**

There were no actions were taken at this month's CAC meeting. The Committee gave their support for the MCAT Resolution and expressed an interest in hearing more about future Legislative funding, and status updates on the Cross-Bay Ferry and the HART CSX feasibility study.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair touched upon his concern for a group consensus stating that we need to focus on projects that can be moved forward.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

TBARTA officially submitted our CARES Act grant application on August 3rd. This is the first Federal grant application that we have developed and submitted ourselves. FTA notified us that the application is in final review and we expect it to be approved in the next couple of weeks.

Things are moving in a positive direction on the Liliium discussion for next steps to bring air-taxis to Tampa Bay. The Executive Director expects to have more information next month.

Welcome to our new Procurement and Grants Manager, Diane Durr. She joined the team on August 17th. She comes to us with experience in City and County Government and has a background in procurement, compliance, and grants.

As of now our meetings will remain virtual until October 1st per the Governor's executive order 20-193.

**PRESENTATIONS**Cable Car Presentation (Steven Dale, SCJ Alliance)

The Board was introduced to the various cable car system projects that SCJ has worked on around the world. This technology is very robust, able to move between 3,000 and 6,000 people per hour in each direction, and has existed since the late 1800's. In addition, it is cost effective, clean with zero-point source carbon emissions, safe and accessible to all users. It works as a series of small cabins that circulate and are propelled and supported by ropes. The cars can detach within the stations, which are staffed with attendants to allow people to board and alight. The highest cost elements are the stations, and a system can be built in 1-2 years. Several possible corridors were identified for continued evaluation. Next steps include meeting with Forward Pinellas and other local partners to explore interest in advancing a project. There was a consensus to consider a resolution of support at the September Board meeting. The complete presentation can be found here <https://bit.ly/2ElKkVc>.

**\*\*NEXT BOARD MEETING\*\*****September 25 – 10:00 AM****Online via Zoom**

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