

TBARTA held a **Board Meeting** on Friday, August 23, 2019 at PSTA.

Election of Board Officers

- Per the TBARTA Bylaws the Board is to elect new officers in August.
- The Governing Board unanimously approved keeping the same officers for one more year due to ongoing changes. The officers are Jim Holton - Chair, Cliff Manuel - Vice Chair, Commissioner Janet Long – Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Participation in Employee Benefit Plan

- The Governing Board approved a new interlocal agreement that authorizes participation in PSTA’s employee benefits plan. This will expand TBARTA’s benefit options while reducing premiums. The new benefits will commence on October 1, 2019.

Second Amendment to The Amended Bylaws – Committee Member Attendance

- The Governing Board approved an Amendment allowing attendance of Board and Committee members through electronic communications such as teleconferencing and videoconferencing to count towards meeting attendance, authorizing the Board Chair to appoint alternates for each Board member and sets minimum requirements for attendance.

FY 2020 Operating Budget

- The Governing Board was presented a \$7.5 million operating budget for FY 2020. This is supportive of TBARTA’s mission and includes resources to support the organization, the Commuter Assistance Program, and planning work being performed on the transit vision for Tampa Bay, as well studies on innovative transit technologies. The Board will vote in September for approval.

State Lobbying Services Agreement

- The Governing Board awarded another one-year agreement to RSA Consulting Group for State Government Advocacy and Lobbying services. This contract is a piggyback off PSTA’s agreement. The monthly fee is \$8,000 and will be funded by local contributions.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2019 10:00 am at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).