

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes

March 9, 2022

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on March 9, 2022 via WebEx Teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Anthony Moffa	Chairman	Co-Chair, TCEQ appointee
Robert Ferre	VIAC Member	Co-Chair, Public Member
David Lewis	VIAC Member	Emission Testing Equipment Manufacturer
Pablo Luna	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lawrence Cortez	RSD Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Steve Moninger	RSD Sr. Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Sims	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sherrie Zgabay	RSD Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	RSD Personnel Ad Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Edgar Gilmore	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Sarah Thomas	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Laurie Barker	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Donna Huff	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
James Nolan	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3. Minutes from February 2, 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

4. Remarks from DPS and TCEQ

a. DPS

Pablo Luna addressed the committee stating that bulletins have successfully been sent out via TIMS and VIC units to 12,000 plus inspection stations regarding the inspector license renewal deadline. He stated that reminder bulletins would go out May 1st, July 1st and twice in August to ensure everyone receives the information regarding the renewal deadline. This information is also listed on the website. In addition, when DPS investigators visit the stations for audits and inspections, they are reminding them as well.

Pablo Luna went on to say that there is a good process in place regarding scheduling inspector testing. As things calm down from COVID, less distancing is being required and

more people can be scheduled. Some minor edits were made to the safety presentation inspector applicants are presented with before the exam. He reminded everyone that all training materials are available online via the RSD website. Anthony Moffa stated his agency posts a lot of materials online as well and asked if there were a Spanish version of the study materials. Pablo Luna responded that currently only an English version is available.

b. TCEQ

Sarah Thomas addressed the committee stating TCEQ is in the process of conducting their 2022 fee analysis project as required by statute. She stated part of that project is a station survey. This survey is optional and runs through April 3rd.

5. Old Business

David Lewis addressed the committee asking if there were any updates regarding emissions testing in Bexar County. Donna Huff stated TCEQ received notification from the EPA that Bexar County should expect to see a change in classification within the month. If reclassified to moderate, emissions inspections would be required in Bexar County and fully implemented by 2026.

6. New Business

a. Legislative Items

Anthony Moffa addressed the committee stating that in preparation for the next Legislative session he would like to begin discussing items that may be proposed. He stated that one of the previous items discussed during legislation was diesel inspections. He asked what items would need to be changed if that legislation passed. Donna Huff stated that current emissions testing is required because of the state implementation plan. When a certain level of classification is reached emissions testing becomes a requirement. She continued, that if TCEQ were asked, their bill impact statement regarding what would be needed would likely be software analyzer updates.

Anthony Moffa stated that proposed legislation during the last session attempted to eliminate the safety inspection program, but through the governor's analysis of the program it was found to be a benefit for the state to continue. He further stated that since things move very quickly concerning legislation and the committee only meets every three months, perhaps station owners could begin thinking of ways to improve the program for future discussion.

7. Public Comments

No public comments.

8. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were presented at this time. Please provide any future agenda items to Anthony Moffa or Robert Ferre.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2022. Pablo Luna reminded the committee that if anyone would like to meet in person there is a conference room available at DPS. Meeting virtually will also remain an option as well.

Robert Ferre stated that if station owners wanted to email him regarding diesels and OBD2, etc he would be happy to discuss any topic with them.

10. Adjourn

Anthony Moffa adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.