

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes

June 18, 2025

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC) was called to order at 1:01 p.m. on June 18, 2025. The committee convened both in person at 5806 Guadalupe St., Building I in Austin, Texas and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

2. Roll Call

Anthony Moffa	Co-Chair	TCEQ appointee, NCTCOG
JoJo Heselmeyer	Co-Chair	PSC appointee, Tx Vehicle Inspection Assoc
Julie Claussen	VIAC Member	Station Owner - Emissions
David Lewis	VIAC Member	Emissions Testing Equip Manufacturer
Vanessa Mayo	Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ron Joy	Service Director, CES	Texas Department of Public Safety
Natalie Robertson	Service Director, LRS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Audrey Rosales	Service Director, OSS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Amanda Contrino	Sr. Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lisa Cargill	Manager, CES	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Lyons	Manager, CES	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lawrence Cortez	Manager, RCS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Pablo Luna	Manager, LRS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Samantha Coronel	Admin Ops Lead	Texas Department of Public Safety
Carlos Romero	Admin Ops Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	Personnel Admin Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Renee Davis	Staff Services Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Edgar Gilmore	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
David Serrins	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Nicholas Landuyt	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Kristin Jacobsen	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Stephen Cruz	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3. Minutes from March 12, 2025

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

4. Report from Regulatory Services Division

Service Director Ron Joy addressed the committee stating several members of RSD attended the IM Solutions Conference in Harrisburg, Pa. in May. He stated they made several good contacts from other states. As a result of the information gained at this conference, one recommendation being made is to encourage the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to discontinue using a paper Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR). RSD's Chief Mueller sent a formal request to DMV's Executive Director Roland Luna and met with him May 30th to discuss this issue. DMV had a conference with their tax assessors the following week to discuss this issue further. Paper fraud is one of the hardest issues to regulate and this would go a long way in preventing that.

Ron Joy also stated RSD continues to work through several items with TCEQ, one of which is the IP static addresses. He stated there has been about 84% compliance from stations with less than 800 left to go. He believes this task will be completed within the next month and a half and ready to turn on.

Ron continued by stating there had been a number of arrests made during the last 3 months but nothing of significance.

Co-Chairman Anthony Moffa asked if local places, such as HEB or Tom Thumb, have access to the database that would store the VIR information, to which Ron stated these places are already checking VIRs via the Cloud and will not issue a registration sticker if the information is not there despite a paper VIR.

Co-Chairman Moffa also stated that one thing from the IM Solutions Conference that surprised him was how many states now use kiosks for state inspections. Ron stated that was surprising to him as well and another recommendation RSD is considering, but not moving on yet, is exploring revisiting the rules on the station's physical building requirements both for commercial and emission inspections. Assistant Chief Vanessa Mayo asked if the kiosks were state run, to which she was informed that they were.

5. Report from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

David Serrins stated their team continues to work closely with DPS to develop and refine tools and systems intended to identify suspected emissions inspection fraud.

David continued by stating Anthony Moffa is TCEQ's current appointee on the committee. He stated Anthony was serving his second consecutive three-year term and his term will expire on September 16, 2025. He thanked Anthony for his service to the committee. He went on to say Sarah Thomas will be TCEQ's next appointee to the committee and her appointment will begin on September 16, 2025. He stated Sarah was previously a member of the Mobile Source Programs Team at TCEQ and is now a Technical Specialist in Air Quality Planning at the agency.

David Serrins went on to say their team followed several bills throughout the 89th Legislative Session. The following bills passed and are likely of interest to the VIAC:

- Senate Bill (SB) 1729 by Sen. Miles is a clean-up for HB 3297 and SB 2102 from the 88th Legislative Session. SB 1729 does not require any implementation by TCEQ.
- House Bill (HB) 5033 by Rep. Keith Bell specifies that TCEQ and DPS would no longer be required to implement or enforce the I/M program beginning on the 30th day either any of the following occurs: (1) the U.S. Congress repeals or amends the federal Clean Air Act in a way that the I/M program is no longer federally required; or (2) the adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gives states the authority to prohibit I/M programs or to solely regulate vehicle emissions. HB 5033 does not currently require any implementation by TCEQ.

The proposed rulemaking and State Implementation Plan revision to implement the changes required by the passage of HB 3297 and SB 2102 was proposed at the TCEQ's commissioners' agenda meeting on April 17, 2025. The comment period was April 22, 2025, through June 3, 2025. The adoption agenda is expected on September 24, 2025.

6. Report from Committee Member Representatives

a. Chairpersons

Anthony Moffa addressed the committee stating that this was his last meeting as Co-Chair of the Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee. He stated that he had been on the committee since 2019, and it had been a great experience. He stated that during his time he hoped there had been improvements made to the program and that it had been his pleasure to serve.

JoJo Heselmeyer addressed the committee stating that she was no longer with the Texas State Inspection Association and had now taken a job with DEKRA. She stated that Brandy Bird continues to run the association and would be a point of contact.

b. Station Owner Member

Jule Claussen stated she had nothing to report.

c. Emissions Testing Equipment Manufacturer Member

David Lewis stated he had nothing to report.

d. Independent Vehicle Equipment Repair Technician Member

No report

e. Public Member

No report

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items

No items presented or discussed.

8. Future Agenda Items

Please provide any future agenda items to Sarah Thomas, JoJo Heselmeyer, or Carlos Romero.

9. Identification of next advisory committee date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.