

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes
September 17, 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 September 17, 2025, both in person and via MS Teams.

2. Roll Call

Sarah Thomas	Co-Chair	TCEQ appointee
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
Audrey Rosales	Service Director, OSS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Mark Berry	Captain, RCS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ryan Garcia	Manager, LRS	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, CES	Texas Department of Public Safety
Robert Hawkins	Manager, RCS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Jennifer Wessels	Supervisor, RSD	Texas Department of Public Safety
Carlos Romero	Admin Ops Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Renee Davis	Personnel Admin Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Deborah Failey	Personnel Admin Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Kristin Jacobsen	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
Stephen Cruz	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3. Minutes from June 18, 2025

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

4. Report from Regulatory Services Division

Service Director Ron Joy informed the committee that Assistant Chief Vanessa Mayo has a Promoted to the Chief Finance Officer at DPS.

Captain Mark Berry stated that the RTI Phase Two has rolled out in Dallas, Travis and Tarrant counties since the last meeting. Harris county will roll out in October which we give us coverage for all 17 counties.

Captain Berry added the static IP implementation is in place for all the public stations in 17 counties, and currently DPS is working with stations who are changing service providers to ensure that smooth transitions with minimal downtime and helping to certify static IP addresses for new stations entering the program. The combination of our triggers lock, phase two and static IP has reduced the volume of clean scanning across the state. This has also helped DPS to react quicker and track movement of emissions analyzers which has forced people who are constantly doing fraud to seek alternate methods. In addition, DPS is currently working with TCEQ to track and enact both administrative and criminal enforcement. Since June 18, 2025, for criminal enforcement there have been ten arrests, nine third degree felonies and six state jail felony charges.

Captain Berry concluded that DPS is prepared to accept instructor and station applications in January and hopefully begin inspections November 1, 2026.

5. Report from TCEQ

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

Mr. Serrins informed the committee that Sarah Thomas's appointment to the committee began yesterday, on September 16. Some of you already know Sarah as she was previously a member of the Mobile Source Programs Team at TCEQ. She is now a Technical Specialist in Air Quality Planning at the agency.

Mr. Serrins mentioned the rulemaking and State Implementation Plan revision to implement the changes required by the passage of HB 3297 and SB 2102 is on the agenda for the TCEQ's commissioners' agenda meeting on September 24, 2025.

In addition, on September 15, 2025, TCEQ posted a Request for Offer (RFO) for the Texas Information Management System (TIMS). The following is the announcement that went out:

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REQUEST FOR OFFER (RFO) SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has posted a Request for Offer which is listed as follows:

Solicitation Name: Texas Information Management System (TIMS)
Solicitation Number: 582-26-00018
Solicitation Due Date: October 14, 2025, at 3:00 PM (Central Time)

This Solicitation can be accessed through the Electronic State Business Daily web site located at <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>. * Google Chrome browser recommended.

At the web site, select "Solicitations". From the pulldown menu under "Agency/Texas SmartBuy Member Name" select **Tx Comm On Environ Quality - 582**. Under Status column from the pulldown menu select **Posted**, and enter the above Solicitation number, and then click on "Search" to access this solicitation.

There is a pre-solicitation conference on: September 22, 2025, at 9:00 AM (CT). Pre-Proposal Conferences are held virtually, using Microsoft Teams Town Hall Event. See Page 6 of solicitation for further details. The link for the Pre-Proposal Conference is provided below:

LINK: [Pre-Proposal Conference](#)

Pre-Proposal Conference is non-mandatory.

The deadline for questions and clarifications is September 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM (CT). Questions must be submitted in writing to: Procurements&Contracts@tceq.texas.gov. Telephone requests will not be accepted. All questions must be labeled with solicitation title, number, and due date. TCEQ has the sole discretion as to whether to respond to such questions.

If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing the ESBD web site, then please contact:

TCEQ – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
ATTN: Demetria Avery
E-Mail: Demetria.Avery@tceq.texas.gov
Phone: (512) 239-0368

6. Report from Committee Member Representatives

a. Chairpersons

JoJo Heselmeyer addressed to the committee stating that she had nothing new to report.

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. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

10. Adjourn

JoJo Heselmeyer adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.