

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes

March 11, 2026

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 11, 2026. The committee convened both in person at 5806 Guadalupe St., Building I in Austin, Texas and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

2. Roll Call

Sarah Thomas	Co-Chair	TCEQ appointee
JoJo Heselmeyer	Co-Chair	PSC appointee, Tx Vehicle Inspection Assoc
David Lewis	VIAC Member	Emissions Testing Equip Manufacturer
Julie Claussen	VIAC Member	Station Owner - Emissions
Amanda Contrino	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
David Serrins	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Nicholas Landuyt	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Edgar Gilmore	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Kristen Jacobsen	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Stephen Cruz	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

3. Minutes from December 10, 2025

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

4. Report from Regulatory Services Division

Compliance & Enforcement Manager, Lisa Cargill, began by introducing the new Assistant Chief of RSD, Roland Luna. Assistant Chief Luna shared that he is happy to be here and looks forward to learning more and finding opportunities to connect outside of the committee.

In addition, CES Manager Lisa Cargill shared that Service Director Ron Joy has submitted his resignation, and his last day will be March 20th. In the interim, Captain Mark Berry will be filling in until a replacement is hired.

CES Manager Lisa Cargill addressed the committee and shared that RSD continues to review the Real-Time-Interruption (RTI) process for effectiveness against clean scanning. Implementation in additional counties is planned. Additionally, RSD continues to reduce fraudulent inspections through the impact of criminal and administrative investigations by working with our partners and TCEQ regarding future software implementations.

Furthermore, CES Manager Lisa Cargill, informed the committee that the Bexar County emissions program implementation is set to go live November 2026. RSD has begun to receive station applications for the emission program in Bexar County. As of yesterday, RSD has received a total of 202 station applications. Of those, currently 89 station applications are pending, which are primarily made up of larger stations such as Jiffy Lube's and Take Five's. It is unknown how many of these applications are for non-emission stations, but RSD expects that number to be small.

Lastly, CES Manager Lisa Cargill stated applications are being processed as they are received, and RSD is on track to roll out this program in November.

5. Report from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Our team continues to work closely with DPS to develop and refine tools and systems intended to identify suspected emissions inspection fraud.

TCEQ recently completed the process of selecting a contractor to run the Texas Information Management System or TIMS for the next five years. On February 27, 2026, TCEQ executed the new TIMS contract with Gordon-Darby, Inc. as the contractor. The contract term is September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2031.

On April 1, 2026, TCEQ will propose a rulemaking and State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to fully implement Senate Bill (SB) 2102 from the 88th Legislative Session as further consolidated by SB 1729 from the 89th Legislative Session. These bills extend the initial registration and inspection period for rental vehicles to three years and require that an emissions inspection fee that is paid when a rental vehicle becomes two years old will be paid up-front at the time of the initial rental vehicle registration. This rulemaking only affects fees paid for the initial registration of rental vehicles. Backup date is March 13, 2026. Comment period is April 3 to May 19, 2026.

6. Report from Committee Member Representatives

a. Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Sarah Thomas stated she had nothing to report.

Co-Chair Jojo Heselmeyer addressed the committee requesting that the DPS website be updated from 'San Antonio and surrounding communities' to 'San Antonio and surrounding cities.' This would help clear up confusion surrounding which cities fall under the emission testing requirement.

Assistant Chief Roland Luna added that other agencies have a listing of counties where emissions testing is required on their websites. Chief Luna stated that RSD will work on having a similar listing added to the website to reduce confusion for customers.

b. Station Owner Member

Committee Member Julie Claussen stated she had nothing to report.

c. Emissions Testing Equipment Manufacturer Member

Committee Member David Lewis stated he had nothing to report.

d. Independent Vehicle Equipment Repair Technician Member

No report available.

e. Public Member

No report available.

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items

Assistant RSD Chief Luna shared that statutory or procedural changes can cause confusion for citizens when there is overlapping responsibility between agencies. The emissions requirement in Bexar County is going to be new and there will be at least four different agencies that are involved. Therefore, communications about the requirements should be aligned with all the government entities so that citizens are not misinformed or given conflicting information about the requirements to register their vehicle.

8. Future Agenda Items

Please provide any future agenda items to Sarah Thomas, JoJo Heselmeyer, or Julie Smith.

9. Identification of next advisory committee date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.