

Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC)

Meeting Notes

September 9, 2020

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Vehicle Inspection Advisory Committee (VIAC) was called to order at 1:03 p.m. on September 9, 2020 via WebEx Teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Present

Anthony Moffa	Chairman	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
David Lewis	VIAC Member	Emission Testing Equipment Manufacturer
Robert Ferre	VIAC Member	Subject Matter Expert for Fuel & Emission Systems
Jason Hester	RSD Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
JoJo Heselmeyer	RSD Service Director	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
Steve Moninger	RSD Sr. Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Pablo Luna	RSD Deputy Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sarah Gaytan	RSD Deputy Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Anne Yusim	RSD Deputy Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lawrence Cortez	RSD Sr. Investigator	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	RSD Executive Assistant	Texas Department of Public Safety
Krystal Sanders	RSD Executive Assistant	Texas Department of Public Safety
Edgar Gilmore	Program Coordinator	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Guy Hoffman	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
David Serrins	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Sarah Thomas	Agency Liaison	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Brandi Byrd	Member of Public	Texas State Inspection Association

3. Minutes from September 9, 2020

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

4. Remarks from DPS and TCEQ

- *DPS*
 - In reference to Senate Bill 711, the RFO is on target to go out mid-September and DPS is concurrently working on the grant.
 - DPS is currently reviewing safety measures for in person Inspector training.

- TCEQ
 - TCEQ continues their work on Senate Bill 711 and maintains communication with DPS.

5. Old Business

- No comments

6. New Business

- 25 Year Rollback
 - Robert Ferre suggested that DPS should continue to require that vehicles older than 24 years old receive an emissions inspection due to several factors including issues with emissions violations due to removal of certain required emission components such as catalytic converters, exhaust gas recirculation valves (EGRs), etc. The removal of these components have a negative effect on the environment. Sarah Thomas stated that the 2/24 inspection rolling window is in statute and would require a change to the law. Pablo Luna added they are currently working with TCEQ on emissions tampering.

7. Public Comments

- Per JoJo Heselmeyer, if anyone expresses interest in being a part of the VIAC committee, please notify her or Anthony Moffa.
- Anthony Moffa requested information in reference vehicles being inspected in person during the pandemic. Pablo Luna replied that vehicle inspections are still being performed by stations and were not part of the Governor's executive order waiving the requirement for registration renewals until all tax offices were fully reopened.
- Brandi Byrd offered the scenario of someone getting their vehicle inspected now, but waits longer than 90 days to get their registration. JoJo Heselmeyer replied the inspection would expire as there is no way to renew the inspection in the system. The guidance provided by DPS is to have motorist verify if their local tax office is open and available for registration prior to getting their vehicle inspected to ensure that they will have a valid inspection at the time of renewal. Edgar Gilmore offered comment to have motorist contact The Department of Motor Vehicles call center for the latest guidance and direction.
- Brandi Byrd requested additional information on inspector testing. TSIA offered a private training class and requested input from DPS. JoJo Heselmeyer requested that a proposal be written, so that they may review statute and rule prior to third party training.

8. Future Agenda Items

Please provide any future agenda items to Anthony Moffa.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for December 9, 2020.

10. Adjourn

Anthony Moffa adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.