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MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2025
9:30 AM
EMBASSY SUITES
1001 E McCarty Lane
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666

1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 Mr. Miguel "Mike" Rodriguez - Chairman of the Board

3 Ms. Katherine "Kit" Whitehill - Board Member

4 Ms. Charla K. Brotherton - Board Member

5 Ms. Sharon Jones - Major - Ex Officio Board Member

6 Designee

7 Mr. Thomas "Tom" Sloan - Commander - Board Member

8 Ms. Rebecca Cantu Serrano - Board Member (not present)

9 Mr. Scott Jackson - Board Member

10 Also attending:

11 Mr. William Diggs - Director

12 Mr. Earl Pence - Deputy Director, MVCPA

13 Ms. Cassandra Flint - Executive Assistant

14 Ms. Yessenia Benavides - Management Analyst

15 Ms. Glenna Bowman - Chief Financial Officer for TxDMV.

16 Ms. Sandra Castro - Grant Specialist.

17 Mr. Jason Gonzalez - Internal Audit Division Director.

18 Ms. Sonia Murillo - Senior Internal Auditor of the

19 Department of Motor Vehicles

20 Mr. Roland Luna

21 Mr. David Richards

22 Mr. Daniel Price - CPA Audit Manager

23 Mr. Matt Applebaum - Axon.

24 Mr. Zach Warden

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1 (Proceeding Begins, 9:34 a.m.)

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, my name is Mike Rodriguez
3 and I am pleased to open the Board Meeting of the Motor Vehicle
4 Crime Prevention Authority. It is 9:34 a.m., and I'm now
5 calling the Board meeting for October 8th, 2025, to order -- I
6 was going to say 2026. I want to note for the record that the
7 public notice for -- of this meeting, containing all items on
8 the agenda, was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State
9 on September 22nd, 2025. Before we begin today's meeting,
10 please place all cell phones and other communication devices in
11 silent mode.

12 Also, as a courtesy to others, please do not engage in
13 side conversations in the meeting room. I want to welcome
14 those who are with for today's board meeting. If you wish to
15 address the board or speak on an agenda item during today's
16 meeting, please complete a speaker's sheet at the registration
17 table. Please identify the specific item you are commenting
18 on, state your name and address, and indicate whether you are
19 representing anyone or speaking for yourself. If your comment
20 does not pertain to a specific agenda item, we will take your
21 comment during the general public comment portion of this
22 meeting.

23 In accordance with the department's administrative rule,
24 comment to the Board -- comments to the board will be limited
25 to three minutes. To assist each speaker, a timer has been

1 provided at the podium. The timer light will be green for the
2 first two minutes, yellow when the speaker has one minute left,
3 and then red when your time is up. Individuals cannot
4 accumulate time from other speakers. Comments should be
5 pertinent to the issue stated on the comment sheet. When
6 addressing the Board, please state your name and affiliation
7 for the record.

8 There are a few things that will assist in making the
9 meeting run smoothly and assist the court reporter in getting
10 an accurate record. Please identify yourself before speaking,
11 speak clearly and slowly. Do not speak for others, and please
12 ask the Chair for permission to speak, and be sure to get
13 recognized before speaking. I would like to thank our -- our
14 court reporter for transcribing this meeting.

15 Before we begin today, I'd like to remind all presenters
16 and those in attendance of the conduct at our meetings in the
17 department's administrative rule. The Chair has the authority
18 to supervise the conduct of meetings. This includes the
19 authority to determine when a speaker is being disruptive of
20 the meeting or is otherwise violating the timing or
21 presentation rules I just discussed. And now I'd like to have
22 a roll call of the board members, please respond verbally and
23 call your name:

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Jones?

25 SHARON JONES: Present.

1 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill.

2 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Present.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton.

4 CHARLA BROTHERTON: Present.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Board member Cantu Serrano? Board
6 Member Sloan?

7 TOM SLOAN: Present.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Board member Jack -- Jackson.

9 Let the record reflect that I Mike Rodriguez am here too.
10 We have a quorum. Please all stand and honor our Country and
11 State with the Pledges of Allegiance.

12 "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States
13 of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one
14 nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice
15 for all."

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: The Texas Pledge:

17 "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee,
18 Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Move on to Agenda Item 3, the chair's
20 reports. Board members and commanders present today. I just
21 want to give you an update as to what we -- what we presented
22 to the Texas DMV, was it two weeks ago? Just to give everybody
23 some clarity about what was presented at that Board meeting
24 with Texas DMV. There was the push right from this Board --
25 and the vision that we had here to put analysts at DPS -- at

1 the Fusion Center.

2 And with the help and the conversations that we had here
3 with a Major Sharon Jones, we were able to have further
4 discussions with the Fusion Center in trying to get this
5 analysts at their center and getting together with a -- with a
6 Major Jones, a director Diggs, and a director Luna, we had a
7 very good conversation with the leadership there at DPS, and I
8 want to congratulate everybody that was in that meeting because
9 it's going to become a reality.

10 So one of the things that we're going to do is we're going
11 to be funding analysts full time at DPS. And this analysts are
12 going to be part of the DPS group. They're going to be vetted
13 through DPS, so they're going to have all the clearance that
14 are there that they need to be able to provide the assistance
15 to our commanders and all the task forces across the state.
16 So, in giving that vision to the Texas DMV Board, they were
17 very impressed with what all of you have been doing and what
18 this Board had been doing throughout this year. That has been
19 tremendous work, and more than anything is the fact that we
20 grew. We were -- I remember when we -- I first came into, the
21 MVCPA Authority -- the Authority, you know we were very little
22 task forces across the state. Now we have, how many director
23 Diggs -- in total?

24 WILLIAM DIGGS: We have thirty two.

25 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Plus all the grantees?

1 WILLIAM DIGGS: One hundred and twenty-two for FY26.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: So that tells you a lot of the work
3 that has been done with this Board and the commitment that we
4 have on the task forces that help push the node that what we do
5 is important and more than anything, that what we do works.
6 And it works because we saw decreasing numbers -- you know year
7 to date--we have decreasing numbers in auto theft. You know we
8 have decreased numbers in catalytic converters.

9 We are going to have to get better at tracking catalytic
10 converter thefts. We talked about this several times but we
11 have some agencies, right? I couldn't provide that number to
12 the Texas DMV -- which they asked for it. But I can tell you
13 that in the jurisdictions that I've talked to, they have a
14 decrease in those numbers. So, what we've been doing, what
15 we've been implementing -- the tools that we've been giving all
16 these task forces across the state -- have been working. So
17 keep up the good work. This is what -- what makes people
18 believe in us.

19 And so I -- I wanna commend everybody that's here today
20 and all the commanders that are across the state working day in
21 and day out to get -- to get to the mission. Right? Which
22 is to reduce the number of auto theft, reduce burglary of
23 vehicles, and reduce catalytic converter thefts. So thank you
24 everyone for that. I also provided some -- some visibility to
25 the Board about what's happening in the border. Right?

1 And so we talked about that. They were very impressed as
2 to the work that our Board Task Forces have done, but more than
3 anything, the connection and collaboration within the other
4 task forces from the border. Right? So, the boarder
5 connecting to Houston, connecting to Dallas, connecting to El
6 Paso, coming -- I'm sorry connecting to Fort Worth -- you know,
7 all those task forces connecting and collaborating not only
8 within ourselves, but also with DPS and other agencies shows
9 the relationships that we currently have right now.

10 So with that being said, I can tell you that they
11 requested additional training to our dealerships. Right? So
12 we're going to be working together with Sharon, Tom, and the
13 Board here to making sure that we provide that training to
14 those dealerships. With that -- what was the -- was it Union?
15 No, it wasn't a Union it was -- the dealership the -- the, the
16 ones that had requested that training -- I forgot the name of
17 it. Do you remember what the name was? It's more like the --
18 the dealership Union that -- that the dealerships across the
19 state that come together, and they come together to a
20 conference and they requested for us to present there.

21 So, we're going to be doing that. We're going to be
22 engaging them a little bit more and making sure that we provide
23 them that training. Other than that, I can tell you that, that
24 meeting went really well, and I do want to thank everybody that
25 showed up to that meeting to support MVCPA.

1 But again, keep up the good work. This is what makes us
2 present better to anybody. And this year we're gonna -- we're
3 gonna do a couple of things very -- a little bit different.
4 But we do want to make sure that everybody in this room and all
5 the commanders across the state that have grants to make sure
6 that we're tracking the -- the stuff that we're doing.
7 Especially when it comes to catalytic converters. Member
8 Jones:

9 SHARON JONES: Sir.

10 WILLIAM DIGGS: We're gonna need to pause a minute. We
11 don't have audio working right now, they're working on it.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Take a what a 10 minute? You all want to
13 get more coffee? 10 minute and we'll be back in -- you
14 know, let's make it back at ten o'clock.

15 (Off the record, 9:43 a.m.)

16 (Back on record, 10:00 a.m.)

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Alright. It's 10:00 a.m., and we're back
18 in session. We left off on Agenda Item three, Major Jones,
19 we're you going to say something?

20 SHARON JONES: Yes, sir thank you. I'm working with one
21 of the Senate Bill 224 committee members and we have a
22 tentative plan to meet with dealership associations. The
23 meeting will be probably mid-January. We have possible
24 locations, but it will be the decision makers so it may be
25 about 20 to 25 or thirty-ish (sic), select persons for the

1 auto dealerships that will be in the meeting and the agenda
2 that we will have set for them will be very tailored and very
3 specific to their needs.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Great. Thank you for that. Moving on to
5 Agenda Item 3A, approval of transcript of -- from July 18th,
6 2025. Members we will now take on item 3A, approval of
7 transcripts from July 18th, 2025 meeting as minutes Cass, are
8 there any public comments?

9 CASSANDRA FLINT: Yes, sir, we do have one public comment.
10 No, not now -- I'm sorry, no comments.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: We read the minutes. Members, if
12 everyone has reviewed the transcript, would anyone like to make
13 a motion for approving the transcript as minutes?

14 TOM SLOAN: Board member Sloan, I will make a motion to
15 Board approve the transcripts for the July 18th, 2025 Board
16 meeting as minutes.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

18 SHARON JONES: Sharon Jones, second.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Motion for member Sloan and a second for
20 your Jones I will not call for the vote. Board members when I
21 call your name please state your vote before the record, member
22 Jones?

23 SHARON JONES: Aye.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

25 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Aye.

MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

1 CHARLA BROTHERTON: Aye.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

3 TOM SLOAN: Aye.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Is member Jackson online? No? And I
5 Chairman, vote aye.

6 Let the record reflect that there are five votes, four and
7 zero against, the motion passes.

8 Agenda item 3B, overview of the MVCPA provided to -- this
9 we already did in the Chair's Report. We're moving on to the
10 agenda item four, MVCPA Director's Report, I will now turn the
11 meeting over to Director Diggs for agenda item 4A.

12 WILLIAM DIGGS: William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, Mr.
13 Chairman, Board members, I did want to bring up a while ago we
14 spoke about one of the dealership organizations, and Keith
15 Young, reminded me that it was TIADA. The Texas Independent
16 Automobile Dealers AssociationÂ that was requesting that
17 training, so Keith, thank you for that; I appreciate that.
18 I did want to go ahead and talk just briefly, the staffing
19 update.

20 Again, we're so fortunate that we have 15 of the 15 FTE's
21 field. We've been -- we're marching along almost three -- two
22 years now without a vacancy. I do want to say, though, with
23 that, with all the growth that we've talked about this morning,
24 that we talked about back in July, I've had some preliminary.
25 conversations with the Executive Office at the Texas DMV, also

1 with the Chief financial Officer here today, Ms. Bowman.

2 We know that we're -- we're going to be asking for
3 additional staff to help support all these initiatives that we
4 have going on, and it will be in my three main sections. It's
5 going to be training that we're doing all over Texas to support
6 our mission. And then also it's going to be in our grants
7 section, and then also our audit section. So, we -- we are
8 going to be asking for additional staff. We're going to narrow
9 that down -- what is that like as we get closer to the Texas
10 DMV needing those numbers so we can get that in LAR. So, we
11 look forward to that, and we look forward to the additional
12 (sic), support and -- to actually help my staff, who have done
13 an absolutely phenomenal job juggling all the different grants
14 and programs that we got going on today. So, I look forward to
15 that. And with that, I'll close on 4A and take any questions
16 you may have.

17 SHARON JONES: Sharon Jones. Will there be administrative
18 staff increase to assist with the overall. Increase of
19 grantees?

20 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yeah, absolutely. That's what I -- I
21 myself am looking at, which would be both folks in the grant
22 side, and the audit side, to administratively help administer
23 all the grants that we have. And I'm actually look forward to
24 some conversations with some of the board members to talk about
25 possible additional assistance administratively for support.

1 SHARON JONES: That's what I'm asking.

2 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes, ma'am.

3 SHARON JONES: Yes, sir.

4 WILLIAM DIGGS: And I think that's a good conversation to
5 have over the next few months. Yes, ma'am.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Any other Board Members have a question?

7 SHARON JONES: No, sir.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Director Diggs.

9 WILLIAM DIGGS: Alright, so I'll go ahead and go on to 4B,
10 Mr. Chairman, if I may. So, this is a Grant Management
11 Tracking System update. This is something that we've been
12 talking about for a while now. You heard Wendy Barron give an
13 update back in July.

14 I am pleased to announce that the statement of work did
15 go -- go over to the Department of Information. Resources, and
16 on an expedited request they have sent back a few questions
17 when it comes to our State of work and I know our Information
18 Technology Division has actually answered those questions.
19 This statement of work should be on the -- on the street here
20 pretty soon. And we've actually already looked at picking a
21 review committee for whenever the request comes back in so that
22 we can do the scoring. And I believe we'll have that awarded
23 sometime right after the very first part of the year, if not
24 before the end of this calendar year. So we're getting real
25 close.

1 We wanted to take the time to make sure we didn't miss anything
2 and got it right the first time.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you for that update.

4 WILLIAM DIGGS: So I am pleased to announce, if you go to
5 Agenda Item 4C, something that we did a few months ago,
6 you've -- you've got a -- you've got a program here. It's the
7 Game Day Program for the Houston Astros, and there was a whole
8 lot of conversation about where to go first, right? And
9 then -- and then my staff grounded me and we went back, you
10 know -- where do we have some of the greatest issues at?
11 That's going to be in -- in Harris County -- you know, Houston,
12 and with motor vehicle theft and burglary, and so we decided to
13 start there. But what we did is we worked with a professional
14 sports publication and we've got a one-page full ad that talks
15 about who we are.

16 Who's MVCPA, and, you know, a QR Code is there that'll
17 take you to our Facebook page -- and sorry about that. That'll
18 take you to our Facebook page -- who -- one of our trainers,
19 Amber Odd, she manages that. Hover over that and go there;
20 she's doing a phenomenal job. And it just gives you some
21 awareness of who we are, what you can actually do to keep
22 yourself safer. You know, lock your vehicle, don't leave your
23 valuables -- you know in plain sight. So there's just a
24 lot of things that our citizens can do.

25 It talks about catalytic converter theft as well on our

1 Facebook page. And we actually repost what the -- our task
2 force is and our SB 224 grantees do around the same when it
3 comes to VIN etching and reposting some of that. I -- I looked
4 through the Facebook page this morning and I'm going to tell
5 you, I don't know a day that she doesn't post something. She's
6 doing a phenomenal job, we've got a little over 4,000 followers
7 now and that is growing -- and a so, but we did -- I'm going to
8 tell you that I feel like this was money well spent.

9 We -- we paid \$7500, dollars for this ad and this will run
10 all year long there at the Astro Stadium. And then the other
11 cool thing about it is -- you know this is not something that's
12 free. So people are not going to take this when they walk in
13 and just leave it in the. Stands -- they're paying \$10, dollars
14 for it. So I know if I paid \$10 for something, I'm going to
15 take it to the house and read it later. You know, I'm not just
16 going to throw it away. And Major Jones knows that -- she
17 knows who I am.

18 So anyway, the reality of it is, I think it was \$7,500
19 dollars well spent. And what we're going to do this year --
20 we're going to expand. This company actually does, I believe,
21 all of the professional teams in Texas. So all of you guys
22 from North Texas, you know, Brian, I saw you in here this
23 morning -- you know, I know you're all Cowboys guys and
24 everything. We'll probably be looking at the Cowboys this
25 year, we'll be looking at the Houston Texans, we'll be looking

1 at the Texas Rangers, and we'll also we'll look at basketball.

2 So I want to get the word out; I want to spread the word
3 around. I think it's money well spent and it provides a lot of
4 info and provides info around Texas and who we are and -- and
5 what we're doing all over the state. So with that, I'll take a
6 breath and take any questions.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Can we include the Triple A's? Like, for
8 example, El Paso has a team, San Antonio has a Triple A team,
9 baseball. I think it's the Flying Chancas and the El Paso
10 Chihuahuas if I'm correct. So, you know if we can include
11 those, they have -- they have a lot of fan base too those teams
12 as well.

13 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yeah. So, Mr. Chairman, I will
14 actually -- I will look at that, and I know I've got staff in
15 here making some notes. And we'll look at that and see how far
16 down they go -- do they go to those farm leagues, to the Triple
17 A teams? If they do, absolutely we'll look at those as well.
18 Yes, sir.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

20 SHARON JONES: Mr. Diggs.

21 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes, ma'am.

22 SHARON JONES: Is there a way to track the marketing
23 efforts? Did you see an uptake? Once the ad is placed? Is
24 there a way to determine, once that ad is placed, like a
25 specific uptake?

1 WILLIAM DIGGS: So I think that is an absolutely fabulous
2 idea. We know when this went to print, and I will have to ask
3 Amber if there is a way that she can look at the -- some of
4 the -- the metrics in Facebook and see if that's possible. I
5 would -- I would think that there's got to be a way to do it.
6 We'll actually look at that, thank you for that.

7 SHARON JONES: You're welcome. And I absolutely love the
8 idea of placing ad's throughout the state.

9 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes, ma'am. I -- I would like to give a
10 little credit to -- he's not here today, but our Senior
11 trainer, Herman Adair, actually came up with the design of the
12 home plate -- so, anyway, pretty cool.

13 And then, with that, I will go ahead and move on to agenda
14 item 4D. All of these are briefing items, I don't have any
15 action items today. I felt two things, it's important for you
16 as the Board to know one of our meetings and where are they
17 going to be at? So I get that put together. I worked with
18 Chief Rodriguez on the, to ensure that some of these dates were
19 good with him, as well as some of the locations. We're --
20 we're doing what makes sense right now. We tentatively, you'll
21 see it on Page seven of your workbook, and page eight, and this
22 takes us all the way through our July conference and the
23 timing, and so hopefully that -- that allows you as the Board
24 to be able to plan and get these on your calendar.

25 And then also I've been in a lot of conversations around

1 Texas.

2 A lot of our -- our task force commanders, they got to
3 have advanced awareness and some of them up to 45 days for
4 their travel policies with their local jurisdictions. And so
5 they need this as well and been able to provide this so they
6 can get advanced notice to their command staff and also for
7 their -- their HR and financial folks, so they can get those on
8 the books and they can be traveling and -- and coming to these
9 Board meetings and have some good conversations.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Director Diggs, I was going to ask you
11 here: is there a way that we can include a workshop somewhere
12 in -- before the conference, and in between these meetings? A
13 workshop with the task forces that is -- I would like to
14 see, maybe we can have in that workshop conversation as to
15 where -- where they're at in their city as far as statistics.
16 Challenges that they have and then path forward. That way
17 we're kind of -- kind of setting that structure. That way,
18 even before they go into live to GTR and submit their grants,
19 we can provide -- you know some visibility to everybody â€”
20 "Okay, maybe we can do this; maybe we can do that." With the
21 grants. Right? Before they start writing those grants -- and
22 you know we can kind of help in that matter as to what the
23 needs are.

24 And so, and so if -- if we can have a -- it's not going to
25 be a printout. I want it more like a workshop, a one to one

1 Open forum -- like kind of have a structured presentation where
2 we're at, where their cities are at as far as auto thefts,
3 burglaries and catalytic converters, challenges that they have,
4 and then what are they looking at to prevent -- you know to
5 bring -- bring down those numbers? And then that way, when
6 they go to GPR, closer -- or when they submit for grants, they
7 have a little bit of visibility in what they can do with the
8 Grant money that they're getting.

9 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes, sir. So I can do that. I will look
10 at when the RFAs for FY27 are going to go out, and then what
11 we'll do is we'll schedule something prior to the -- the end
12 date, you know for application. So, we'll look at doing
13 something like that, and we'll -- we'll try and find some more
14 centrally in Texas to be able to do it, because it sounds like
15 to me, Chief, you want to do something in person.

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Yes,

17 WILLIAM DIGGS: Alright.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Something in person, and that way we can
19 also have David there. And if they have a question, like...
20 "Hey, can we do this -- with the grant money"? Right? That
21 they're given -- that David can answer, you can answer. Right?
22 And that way they're -- they're not putting something on the
23 grant application that -- that they're going to come back and
24 say, well, you can't -- you can't put in for that.

25 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes, sir, that's an outstanding idea, and

1 we'll make it happen. Yes, Sir.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

3 SHARON JONES: So, Chief, we've been having a lot of
4 conversation about that subject. So, Mr. Diggs, just to be
5 clear from the GBR perspective, that we need to make sure that
6 in the workshop there are instructions on how to complete the
7 applications. They shouldn't get a lot of kickback. What's
8 missing? What are the trends and patterns? Why -- why are
9 these applications lacking required documents that are needed
10 for whichever grant -- that -- so refunds can be done in a
11 proper manner for these agencies?

12 So we need to have clear expectations, clear guidelines
13 for them -- definitely how to write these applications. And
14 also, I -- wait -- you guys to know, if an applicant does not
15 qualify, that person should not have to drive clear across
16 Texas to get to a board meeting for just three board members to
17 say you do not qualify, and then they have to drive back home.
18 Those are expectations -- very simple expectations that we can
19 do.

20 And also, it's extremely important for the new Task
21 Forces, or the grantees for the 224 Funds, that they know what
22 they can ask for, what's allowed. So that we're not having to
23 go back and -- and they're doing like a second request to ask
24 for something that they could have asked for in the first place
25 but they didn't know what to ask for. Because there been

1 plenty of times where I've had side conversations with, "Hey,
2 did you know that if you ask for -- for this it can assist
3 you?" And Earl and I sat in to a probably 30-40 minute
4 meeting with a -- a new grantee and it was Auto Theft Task
5 Force, and it was amazing just having that conversation with
6 them. They missed a grant application period. But due to lack
7 of knowledge on their part, it could have been avoided.

8 So there were a lot of hoops that we had to jump through
9 to make sure that they still remain relevant. So we definitely
10 need to let the new task forces, new applicants, and
11 awardees' -- possible awardees' know what's out there. What
12 they can ask for. As opposed to coming and they're sitting and
13 they're listening and saying, "Oh, we didn't know to ask for
14 that." And then that will also, cut back on the after
15 communication of asking and -- them coming back asking for
16 extra. So that's a huge advantage to having a workshop.

17 WILLIAM DIGGS: So, Major Jones, I -- I'm in complete
18 agreement with you. I -- I think, you know, some perspective
19 was that it wasn't -- you know, staff's position to say no. It
20 was -- it was the board members, the GBR committee, and
21 understanding the direction -- you know, today what y'all would
22 like to do, that makes absolute sense. We can make that
23 happen. I've got some of my main staff folks in here today
24 that I -- I know are thinking -- absolutely, we can manage
25 this. We can do this, it's a fantastic idea. I will -- I.

1 will tell you what -- what I have seen in the last year, we
2 can't control everything. There have been some local politics
3 around Texas that has created environments where, even after
4 awards were made, nothing got put in place because of some
5 challenges that they had locally. We're -- we're never going
6 to be able to control that, but everything that you just said,
7 Major Jones, we -- we can absolutely manage that and control
8 that. And I -- I look forward to that because I agree it's
9 absolutely going to make our process smoother, it's going to
10 make it better, and it's going to help us educate the ones like
11 you're talking about that they're new at it.

12 A lot of these -- a lot of these folks here today have
13 been involved in this thing for years and decades, and so they
14 understand it. Even though they might have turnover, someone
15 back home left them a rule book and said, hey, here's what you
16 gotta do every month, right? So we do have growing pains and
17 we are going to get better, and thank you all for the
18 direction.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And, if -- if I might -- might add to
20 this, Director Diggs, the a -- I think it would be a good idea
21 to also include our -- our subject-matter experts on the -- on
22 the accounting part of it. Right? So, David and -- and --
23 and, and our group here, that is always looking at the
24 numbers. I think it's important that maybe in -- in March we
25 bring everybody in and kind of say, "Okay, where are you at

1 with your grant. Right? Let's have a conversation. Because
2 in some of these jurisdictions they come in and say, "Well, I
3 still haven't spent my money." And then we're scrambling
4 around to see, what we have to write more. Or, "I spent my
5 money, but this -- this is where I spent it on." Then we come
6 in and say, "Well, you shouldn't have done that." Right?

7 And so, I think we're late, to -- to what we're trying to
8 fix. So, maybe if we do this we are -- we can prevent that
9 from happening.

10 SHARON JONES: And in addition, since I'm on a
11 role -- we are on a role. Legal teams, some of these agencies
12 do not have a legal department to help them write these grants
13 and apply for these grants. So they're hiring, correct me if
14 I'm wrong, working on the terminology, y'all caught me last
15 time. But they're hiring, like a -- some kind of -- I don't
16 know if it's a consultant, but there's a firm who applied for
17 the grants for them, correct? Yes.

18 So, with that said, that -- those people who are applying
19 for the grants for them, they don't know the rules either. So
20 it's very important that our Task Forces understand that when
21 you get those contracts from whichever company you're trying to
22 get something from, you don't let them dictate the terms to
23 you. So you don't let them tell you that you need to pay first
24 and then you get a product. So, you can negotiate that just
25 remember that you have the bargaining power.

1 So you don't let them write in a contract and say you give me
2 \$3,000 dollars first and then I'm going to give you a product.
3 It doesn't work like that.

4 So you make sure that you negotiate what is right for you
5 so that you're not stuck in the -- the environment. We can't
6 control politics, we can't control the external environment
7 when you've already paid for a product and it's months down the
8 road and there's no delivery. So just kind of keep -- keep
9 that in mind that it's super important; make sure you read
10 those contracts and there's something in there -- just because
11 it's Board or plate. That's what it is Board or plate, you
12 change it.

13 And, Mr. Diggs, also important for the GBR Committee is,
14 once -- if we're going to tell somebody no, then send it to us
15 so we can review it. And even after the awards have been
16 issued out and there are people who are asking before there's a
17 note, just send it to us so we can see if there's something --
18 if there's a little bit of wiggle room. Is there maybe instead
19 of asking for A, ask for B, because I want us to be able to
20 work with those that we're telling them, hey, apply for the
21 grant, but let us -- give us the opportunity to -- to see
22 before there's a definite no, how we can either accommodate or
23 get them to re-shift the asking.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: I think this is workshop appropriate,
25 this is for. Right?

1 To cover all of these questions though ought.

2 WILLIAM DIGGS: Sounds fantastic, I look forward to it.
3 So, Mr. Chairman, with that I will a close, I believe that is
4 all the agenda items on four.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions for Mr. Diggs?
6 Alright we're going to turn over to Agenda item five. I will
7 turn the meeting over to Glenna Bowman, Chief Financial Officer
8 for TxDMV. Glenna, good morning.

9 GLENNA BOWMAN: There's a green dot there, now it's really
10 green.

11 WILLIAM DIGGS: Ms. Bowman, there is a clicker right at
12 the end of the table right there.

13 GLENNA BOWMAN: We will test my clicker knowledge, but not
14 on this item. On this item -- good morning, Chairman
15 Rodriguez and Board Members. For the record, my name is Glenna
16 Bowman, I'm the Chief Financial Officer for TxDMV.

17 I am presenting the budget statements. So, here are two
18 of them in your packet. The first is for FY2025 as of August
19 31st, which is the last month of the fiscal year, and then for
20 FY2026, the current year as of the end of September 30th, which
21 is only one month into the new fiscal year. So, just for
22 reference, if you'll keep those time periods in mind.

23 In FY2025, MVCPA had an adjusted budget of \$61.7 million
24 dollars, and as of August 31st had expenditures of \$19.6
25 million dollars, and \$27.2 million in outstanding encumbrances,

1 primarily in grants, and those grants will continue to be paid
2 out as reimbursement requests are received from the grantees.

3 You will see that there's a \$14.9 million remaining budget
4 in '25 that reflects a combination of two things. There were
5 excess revenues in FY24 that were brought forward, as well as
6 some funding that was lapsed. And -- so that was brought
7 forward into '25, and keep in mind this is a point-in-time so
8 that's as of August 31st. So then, if we move into FY2026,
9 MVCPA now has a total adjusted budget for the current year of
10 \$74.3 million. That does include un-obligated funds from '25
11 that were brought forward to '26. We have a beautiful writer
12 in our appropriations bill, I appreciate the Legislature for
13 supporting you in that way. Where we can carry forward the
14 funds for all of the programs so you don't ever lose out on the
15 funding that's provided.

16 As of September 30th, the board only had \$111,000 dollars
17 in expenditures, which is completely normal. We have a 30 day
18 billing cycle, so even if we get a bill in on September one,
19 it's generally 30 days before it's paid. So that -- even
20 though that looks like a small number, that's not a surprising
21 number, and there are \$48.6 million in outstanding encumbrances
22 because you all made grant awards for this year in a previous
23 board meeting.

24 You will see that the grants budget line item shows a
25 remaining budget of \$23.2 million, but don't get too excited;

1 yet it's not all available for additional expenditures. Some
2 of it will be, but approximately seven and a half million
3 dollars will be -- so part of this is timing on accounting.
4 Right? We have to -- to get our books up to date -- well, they
5 are up to date, but when we printed this report, it was not
6 available.

7 We are moving seven and a half million dollars out of that
8 grant line item into purchased contracted services to pay for
9 the inter-agency contracts that you all approved with DPS and
10 the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. And then
11 you'll also see that there is \$1.2 million dollars in
12 professional fees and services, and that includes funding for
13 the Department of Motor Vehicles Technology Services to assist
14 in the development of applications related to the catalytic
15 converter program. Those are the high points of the budget.
16 Overall, the board finances are in very good shape. There
17 aren't any surprises at this time, and I'll be happy to answer
18 any questions.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Outstanding job. Thank you for that.
20 Any questions, form Board Members?

21 SHARON JONES: So, I can be clear, you have \$7.5 million
22 that is earmarked for the IACs.

23 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes.

24 SHARON JONES: And then \$1.2 million for professional
25 fees. So those are technically -- technically already spent.

1 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes.

2 SHARON JONES: Okay. What cash on hand do we have? If we
3 had to write a check today to the Dallas Police Department
4 because they want another fan for the outdoor space and we have
5 to write a check today, how much cash do we have on hand?
6 Right?

7 GLENNA BOWMAN: So, I don't have the cash balance right
8 now, but what I'm going to say is there is enough cash, just
9 because we have obligations outstanding, that the cash is
10 already in the bank in order to make payments as reimbursement
11 requests are made.

12 As far as additional amounts that you might be able to
13 obligate, we are still working on that to make sure that we
14 have a good number. I -- I would point out that over the last
15 couple of years we've been in a transition, in terms of trying
16 to -- we've got excess revenue that were not anticipated
17 originally. We've changed the timing on when grants are
18 awarded. So, I'm working with Mr. Diggs so that we can finish
19 working through the numbers and give you a better estimate of
20 how much is actually available for the rest of this year to
21 award for other things that, that you all may want to do.

22 SHARON JONES: So we can possibly expect an answer before
23 our next board meeting, correct?

24 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes.

25 SHARON JONES: Is that a good time?

1 GLENNA BOWMAN: I believe so. Yes.

2 SHARON JONES: Believe?

3 GLENNA BOWMAN: I have to talk to Mr. Diggs.

4 (Simultaneously speaking)

5 SHARON JONES: I think you can do it.

6 GLENNA BOWMAN: We should be able to do that with no
7 problem.

8 SHARON JONES: Okay. Perfect. Thank you, ma'am.

9 GLENNA BOWMAN: Um-hum.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Any other questions? Thank you Glenna,
11 appreciate it.

12 GLENNA BOWMAN: Okay. And I'm happy to have an off line
13 conversation and go through all of the numbers with you in
14 excruciating detail if you'd like.

15 SHARON JONES: I just want to know just how much we
16 literally have off hand.

17 GLENNA BOWMAN: No. Yeah, I can give you a cash balance
18 that's actually easy to do. If somebody will make a note and
19 remind me please. Okay. Yes, I can move on to the next item,
20 but at your discretion, Chairman.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: We'll now move to Agenda Item Six and I
22 will turn the meeting back over to Ms. Bowman.

23 GLENNA BOWMAN: Thank you, Chairman. Again, for the
24 record, Glenna Bowman, CFO for the Texas Department of Motor
25 Vehicles. I'm actually very excited about this presentation,

1 it's a fun presentation. It's an update on our Camp Hubbard
2 Renewal Project, on our campus in Austin. Let's see if I can
3 work this thing, maybe I can. Do what? I have to aim it back
4 here? Okay. I'm going to just work with my friend Zach.
5 Zach, would you give us the next slide, please? Thank you.
6 He's always got me it's awesome. There we go.

7 So this is a rendering of what our campus is going to look
8 like in the near future. We are -- we've already knocked down
9 some buildings on campus, and I'm very excited for those of you
10 who have been on our campus, and the Chairman was there, and
11 member Jones was there last month, and -- so you can already
12 see the girders and the concrete going. We're -- we're onto
13 the second floor already with some of the construction.

14 So the building that you see on the right is where our new
15 CH1 will be. That's our brand new building, and it's in
16 progress now. And to the left, we have what used to be CH6,
17 now re-branded to CH2. So we'll have two primary buildings on
18 the campus, and you can see from the picture that our new
19 boardroom is going to be in Building One. This board will be
20 able to take advantage of that, it's going to be a beautiful
21 space.

22 And then the staff for MVCPA will be in Building Two, to
23 the left. You can see the parking lots, there'll still be
24 plenty of parking available campus. And I think those are the
25 highlights of that particular thing -- let's see. Yes.

1 Can -- and then I think there was going to be a question. We
2 do have a current CH1 -- like we're like my office is, and
3 several others. When we are done with the new building, that
4 building will actually be demolished.

5 We'll have additional parking space, and then some very
6 beautiful landscaping that's going to be added, I'll have some
7 renderings. Okay. And at this time, CH1 construction is 12%
8 complete as of the end of September, and CH2 renovations are
9 over halfway done. We expect those renovations to the -- to
10 the CH2 to be complete in January of next year. The structure
11 completion for the new building is scheduled to be finished in
12 March of next year. And then the final completion, which
13 includes all the interior and furniture and all that, we're
14 looking to late fall of 2026, next year.

15 Okay. Let's -- can you go back one Zach? I apologize.
16 This is just a rendering from the parking lot that will be in
17 front of the new building, and if we go to the next slide.
18 This is looking from the north side of campus over to Building
19 Two. Next, we just have some pictures. This is the lobby
20 area, the lobby space of the building. We're going to have
21 some beautiful terrazzo tile there.

22 Our security guard will be there, and then all the offices
23 will be behind that, next slide. Okay. So here's the
24 boardroom, there will be a dais at the front as well as
25 presentation tables. And if we move on to the next slide

1 Uh-oh, I'll go ahead and mention that, in the boardroom, the
2 dais is going to be fixed, but we will have movable tables and
3 chairs so that the room can be reconfigured in a number of
4 ways.

5 WILLIAM DIGGS: So, Ms. Bowman, if you could hold one
6 moment.

7 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes, sir.

8 WILLIAM DIGGS: Do we need to hold For a second Zach?

9 ZACH WARDEN: Yes, we just lost Internet through the hard
10 connection. I'm going to put it on the Wi-fi.

11 GLENNA BOWMAN: You do have the picture stating your board
12 materials or?

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: So, we're going to have to pause again?
14 Right? I had a question about the MVCPA suite, but we're gonna
15 pause. Let's take another 10 minute break. Sorry, guys, 10
16 minute break -- let's be back in 10. It's -- what is it --
17 10:37 a.m.

18 (Off the record, 10:37 a.m.)

19 (Back on record, 11:01 a.m.)

20 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. It's 11:01 a.m., and we're back in
21 session. Ms. Glenna Bowman, can we continue with the awesome
22 building?

23 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: I'm -- I'm seeing some of the renderings
25 and impressive.

1 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yeah, I do want to go ahead and make one
2 comment before I forget. I was at least mentioned in passing,
3 so we are building a brand-new building, and we are renovating
4 one that's on campus, that's -- sixty -- seventy years old. I
5 can't remember. But, lest there be any concern about that
6 renovation, our contractor is doing a fabulous job. And so,
7 first of all, all the finish-outs are going to be exactly the
8 same as what's going to be in the new building. We're trying
9 to make sure that -- that our designers make sure we have a
10 cohesive campus so -- and they replaced insulation and walls,
11 they replaced windows, they replaced all the ductwork. So it
12 is basically like a new building. We're just using the
13 existing structure. So,

14 SHARON JONES: Good Wi-Fi?

15 GLENNA BOWMAN: Pardon?

16 SHARON JONES: Good Wi-Fi?

17 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes. Yes, we've got IT involved and they
18 are going to make sure we've got good Wi-Fi.

19 SHARON JONES: Good. I know the last time Roland said
20 that everything was under the -- the ground and under there.
21 So, I just want to make sure that we don't put a brand-new
22 brick building on top of the underground, and then we, still
23 have horrible Wi-Fi.

24 GLENNA BOWMAN: No cell phone service and all of that no,
25 IT is -- Wendy Barron and her team are taking care good

1 care of us.

2 SHARON JONES: Perfect. Thank you.

3 GLENNA BOWMAN: Okay. This is the view from the dias
4 this is, what y'all's view would be of the board room looking
5 out and again we can re-configure that room any way that we
6 need to, depending on the presentations that will be made.

7 Next slide please. Is Zach there? There he is, thank
8 you. Oh, this is just another configuration, you can see it's
9 just set up with chairs there are -- there will be TV monitors
10 throughout the room to make it easier to see. Next slide.
11 This is -- we are going to have what's called a catering
12 kitchen. So we don't -- we don't have enough people on campus
13 to have a full cafeteria with hot meals cooked every day. So
14 instead of that -- and one, we also have to work with the Texas
15 Workforce Commission because we use the industries for the
16 blind and visually impaired to run any food service that we may
17 have on campus.

18 So, we will have what's called a catering kitchen. So we
19 will have this nice prep area, and we'll have microwaves and
20 refrigerators, and then you can see where it says market and
21 it's kind of around the corner. We'll have refrigerators and
22 dry goods on shelves and so forth. I know that employees can
23 pick up, people -- anybody can pick up and pay for and then
24 heat it up if needed, whatever, and -- and have food on campus.
25 But it's scaled back from a full cafe, and then where it says.

1 Cafe we've got another picture. If you'll go to that Zach? We
2 have a seating area, you can see it's going to be really nice
3 with booths and tables and -- and different kinds of furniture
4 there.

5 It's also just a good break area if people want to take a
6 break and relax for a few minutes. Next slide. This is very
7 exciting, we're going to have an outside shaded area outside of
8 that cafeteria with, again, tables. We'll have some walking
9 trails that'll be a nice place to sit outside. Maybe not like
10 today but in the spring and in the early fall. So that -- that
11 will look really nice. Next. Again we're going to have
12 walking paths and landscaping, that will make it a beautiful
13 campus. And then slide -- next slide please.

14 This actually if you can look -- o this is a top down
15 view of the new building and you can see CH2 to the left. And
16 if you look below the windows there, there is actually a
17 covered walkway between the two buildings. Because right now,
18 you have to go outside in recurrent building, walk on the
19 sidewalk, go all there. So it's raining, or if it's bad
20 weather, you're out in the elements; this way you just walk
21 directly between the two buildings. So that's going to be much
22 nicer for everybody.

23 Next. This is -- then you can see, I showed you
24 previously the lobby of the new building. This would be what
25 the lobby is going to look like in the new building.

1 In fact, they're already starting on the terrazzo tile in that
2 building. And the door that you can see -- the glass doors at
3 the end that's coming off of that sidewalk and you'll be able
4 to come through this reception area and go all the way through
5 to the south parking lot. Right now, that is not how it was
6 configured at all within the original building.

7 Next slide, please. And then, this used to be this lovely
8 little cave-like entrance into the building, that has been
9 opened up, and it's now going to be a really nice entrance and
10 exit with the parking lot on the other side of it, and shade
11 trees, and even possibly a bench or a little table out there to
12 sit. Next.

13 Okay. If we go inside the building, this is a floor plan
14 of what you've got -- the green space, the long -- you can see
15 the security area and lobby. On each end, in the yellow, are
16 those entrances and exits between the building. And then
17 there's a leg on the green part that goes to the elevator bank,
18 so you can go up. This is actually a five-story building
19 currently. And so, MVCPA will actually be up on the third
20 floor, and I'll show you that in a minute. The two blue areas
21 are meeting room -- they're are actually a couple of meeting
22 rooms that are available for anybody who needs to reserve those
23 rooms. Next slide.

24 Okay. This is the third floor, the part in blue, excuse
25 me, on the right-hand side is the MVCPA suite.

1 So you can see the green elevators on the left, the skinny --
2 long skinny part: we actually are not finishing out all of the
3 third floor. But when I say that, there will be ceiling tiles
4 and carpet on the whole floor. It's all painted; it's all
5 fresh and new. But we're waiting to build out any additional
6 workspaces until the future if we need it, depending on what we
7 need.

8 But, MVCPA will walk across that open space, and it's
9 actually an enclosed suite just for The Crime Prevention
10 Authority staff. And so you've got a couple of meeting rooms,
11 or, excuse me, there's storage space that's lockable. There is
12 a meeting room in that space for smaller meetings with, you
13 know, I think like nine or ten people. We have some manager
14 and director offices. And then the way that the entire
15 building is set up -- and we're doing this in the new building
16 as well -- is modular furniture is going to go on the outside.
17 So you've got a rectangle that goes on the outside and then the
18 walled offices are actually in the middle. So, that means
19 everybody gets to take advantage of the really nice windows and
20 the natural light coming into the building, so it will make it
21 lighter and everybody gets to take advantage of that. Not just
22 people in enclosed offices.

23 And then there's another large green rectangle on the left
24 that's actually what's called Conversation Cafe, and it will be
25 a break area. We'll have one on each floor, with a.

1 refrigerator, and a microwave, and a sink and those kinds of
2 things -- ice maker. So there is a place where people can get
3 away from their desk for a few minutes or take a lunch break or
4 whatever, without necessarily going over to the big cafeteria.
5 And that -- that will be available there. Okay. Next slide.

6 And this is just a closer-up of the MVCPA suite, where you
7 can see the storage and the offices, meeting room, and the
8 modular furniture for the rest of the staff. Next slide.

9 We're getting close -- we're almost done this is -- excuse me,
10 it's the Collaboration Cafe. This is what that's going to look
11 like. So there's counter space for storage and preparation and
12 heating, a coffee machine, microwaves, that sort of thing.

13 Next, please.

14 This is actually finished work that's going on in the
15 building. These are pictures that were taken on September
16 29th, so you can see the ceiling tiles going in. Those are
17 still concrete floors. If we go to the next slide, which is
18 our last slide -- next slide Zach, thank you. We'll have
19 carpet -- I don't think this is quite as nice a picture as I
20 would like. It's actually really great-looking carpet. It's
21 black and white with a pattern, so it will help with
22 controlling -- you know shoe marks or whatever else might be on
23 the floor. And those are all of the pictures that I have
24 today. But, we are just anticipating that Builder 2 will be
25 ready around the first of the year so that we can start moving

1 people back in, unless we find something else that breaks.
2 Something tends to always break every time we think we're
3 track. But do you have questions or comments?

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: It looks great. My -- my only question
5 would be the space. Right? If we -- if we -- adding more
6 personnel is going to require more space. Right? So, all that
7 white area on that floor plan that's available for other
8 divisions, or is it for MVCPA?

9 GLENNA BOWMAN: It is for whoever needs it. So, it is for
10 all of TxDMV, but that includes MVCPA. So, if we need to look
11 at how we're configuring that. Yes, sir, William -- Mr. Diggs?

12 WILLIAM DIGGS: Mr. Chairman, if I may? I was just going
13 to add that we -- we do have ample space for who we have
14 currently, today. And then also a number of MVCPA staff are
15 remote in other parts of Texas. So everyone won't be there in
16 headquarters nor would there be a requirement that they be at
17 the HQ building. So I -- I think we're in great shape as far
18 as growth and space.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Okay. Thank you. Awesome
20 building. I love it. I think the -- what we're talking about.
21 Right? The whole thing with the Collaboration Cafe, having
22 those spaces outside. You know, being in Austin is hard for
23 the workforce because you have to attract a new generation, and
24 having this type of setting when you go to work, I think it
25 speaks very loud as to the type of people that we want to task

1 to come and work for Texas. Right?

2 GLENNA BOWMAN: Yes.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: So, it's a great job. I think all around
4 it's -- it's a great architecture, and congratulations.

5 GLENNA BOWMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. We're going to go on Ludacris
7 speed now. Agenda item seven, I will turn the meeting over to
8 Major Sharon Jones. Is this an action item?

9 SHARON JONES: Yes, sir. So, I want to start off first by
10 thanking all of the task force personnel who gave me ideas of
11 hotels, where to check, sent me down different paths. But the
12 reality is that MVCPA, we're high maintenance. So we're high
13 maintenance in terms of needs for space, technology, and living
14 in a world where we have a specific limited budget. So for
15 rental space, by state statute, you can't go over a certain
16 amount, and then also for AV.

17 So we -- obviously, you guys know this, we rely a lot on
18 our vendors and sponsors to get us over the hump a bit. So I
19 will tell you, I have reached out to over 10 venues throughout
20 the state. Our group is growing, these venues either were
21 like, oh no, that's not happening, or they wanted to change us
22 so -- we have our specific time frame for our conference. Some
23 of them wanted to move us to Aug -- August, some of them wanted
24 to move us to right after July 4th. Someone suggested the day
25 after New Year's, like that week after New Year's.

1 That's not going to happen. So in speaking with the commander
2 of Tarrant County -- I already knew that our Dallas-Fort Worth
3 location -- where we had it this past July, they'd already
4 asked us to come back because we're great guests.

5 So they asked us to come back. So I spoke with Tarrant
6 County and they were on board. But also, I do know that it's a
7 lot for one task force to have to do this back to back. So I
8 did ask the commander to tell me what to get off your plate.
9 So we -- we have it to where Tarrant County will only be
10 responsible for getting the Honor Guard. We have to have the
11 Arlington Police Officer, he has to sing for us the national
12 anthem. That's, that's not negotiable, we have to have him.
13 And then they're going to handle getting the sheriff back for
14 us and the police chief. So that's a light lift for them, they
15 also will help us with sponsorships. But, what I want to do is
16 ask Dallas PD if you guys can help out a little bit more. I
17 know Fort Worth -- Dallas, but to the rest of us who do not
18 live there, Fort Worth and Dallas is one city. And if you can
19 help -- help us out Tarrant County with anything extra that's
20 needed. Maybe some extra sponsorships that will be great, but
21 in speaking with Yessenia, we believe that we can manage what
22 we know to manage because we've done it before.

23 We've also made some flip flopping with the -- the venue
24 as far as where we will have our business meeting. We are
25 going to have it instead of it being in A, which was obviously

1 too small. We're gonna have that in D, D holds a lot more so
2 ballroom D, that's where we will have our -- our business
3 meeting. Also, Yessenia and I -- we're going to sit down and
4 we're going to work with Justin to come up with a schedule that
5 will also dictate when we have certain classes.

6 So, for instance, when we're having our business meeting
7 with the commanders, we don't want them missing pertinent
8 training. So we just have to tailor the training to make sure
9 that what's not pertinent to them is not done during business
10 meetings. And then also, we're going to pay particular
11 attention to those classes that were only offered once, that
12 were exceptionally great, but we weren't able to attend based
13 on schedules.

14 So, if the board agrees with having it back at the same
15 hotel, the Downtown Hilton Fort Worth, before I leave today.
16 Those of you who attended in July and you missed a class or you
17 thought a class was really great and you wanted to come back
18 for 2026, let me know, and then I will do my best to make that
19 happen. In addition -- the date, we usually have it the week
20 of the 13th. Well, that's FIFA, I see the Dallas guys were
21 like -- they're like looking at me like, did she know FIFA is
22 going on? Yes, I remember you're outdoor fan. So it will
23 be -- I will never let that go.

24 It will be the following week where FIFA is over with.
25 The -- my understanding as well is that the sheriff convention,

1 who usually have theirs the same week as us, they -- they've
2 already switched theirs to the following week as well. So it
3 will be the week of the 19th. And yes, there's baseball team
4 doing our stay. Chief, that's for you. Let me see if there is
5 anything else?

6 Something that we are struggling with is again, where we
7 asked a lot for AV, AV is super expensive. So for instance,
8 just the setup in the main ballroom that we had all week, that
9 is literally, if it -- with no state involved, that is 2,000
10 per day. But we can't do that -- so we're negotiating, trying
11 to figure out how to adjust schedules, what we need to do to
12 get on board with AV, because it's super expensive. So that's
13 something that I work with literally almost on a daily basis.
14 But, we -- we're almost there with our AV needs from the -- for
15 the conference for -- the hotel. I will also ask that to also
16 help out, and this is for you guys. You did a tremendous job
17 in getting door prizes. If you will continue that help out
18 Dallas PD and the Fort Worth guys, if you would continue that
19 process, did an excellent -- excellent job helping us with
20 the -- the door prizes.

21 And we like, literally -- we recognize that having it in
22 the same location, it's not necessarily best for the task
23 force. But Yessenia and I that we went through -- we came up
24 with this we wanted to do. And then we listened to Tarrant
25 County and they told us -- look, here's what will help and we

1 listen.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Sharon. Any questions for
3 Major Jones? Okay. Hearing none. Cass, are there any public
4 comments?

5 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: Sir, for the record, this is
6 Yessenia, there are no public comments on this agenda item.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now entertain a motion
8 on Agenda item seven.

9 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill, I move that the
10 Board approve the 2026 MVCPA conference venue recommendation
11 made by Member Sharon Jones.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

13 TOM SLOAN: Board Member Sloan, I second.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Motion from Member Whitehill and a second
15 for Member Sloan, any further discussion? I will now call for
16 the vote. Board members want to call your name please state
17 your vote for the record. Member Jones.

18 SHARON JONES: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill.

20 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Aye.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton.

22 CHARLA BROTHERTON: Aye.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan.

24 TOM SLOAN: Aye.

25 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And I Chairman Rodriguez, vote Aye.

1 Let the record reflect that there are five votes to none.

2 Motion passes.

3 SHARON JONES: I have one more thing (whispers). Mr.
4 Chairman, something else I failed to mention. We -- we're
5 always planning a year ahead for the conference, especially how
6 large we've grown. We need to start planning two years ahead.
7 So for instance, in 2027 the week that we would normally have
8 for our conference, the original week, the Hilton Fort Worth,
9 that's already taken. I'm just using that as an example, that
10 week is already taken, so the following week, once again, we
11 will be pushed back. So we need to start planning two years in
12 advance, just like other -- other venues, other conferences and
13 events.

14 And then also, just understand that there's no event place
15 that is going to let us be on the books for two years without
16 something in writing. So we're going to have to start getting
17 our contracts together two years in advance so we can make sure
18 that we accommodate everything that we need to, and then we're
19 not being pushed aside because they're waiting on some type
20 of -- of event that will pay top dollar while we're asking for
21 a discount.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: That's something we can discuss with
23 Director Diggs and David. Okay.

24 SHARON JONES: Thank you sir.

25 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

1 Agenda Item 8: LPR Permit Update. Member Jones.

2 SHARON JONES: Since the permits have been issued by
3 TxDOT -- which the first one I -- I thought was just such a
4 symbol. The first one was issued when we were at our
5 conference in July of '25. But since then, we have had from
6 them and this is statewide, 43 permits that have been issued
7 with 273 locations and some of -- now this includes MVCPA
8 grantees and Non-NVCPA grantees. But statewide there have been
9 23 permits that have been issued. I know as far as our
10 grantees, there's Cook County; I think Rains County got theirs.
11 So they're -- they're working through the process as needed.

12 Part of the issue -- we -- you all know this, they're
13 already behind, but it's -- it just sat there. So now it's a
14 matter of them checking locations. Even with the -- the DPS
15 process, which is separate from the locals, it's the same thing
16 for us. They'll tell us, hey, can you move this camera 200
17 feet to the left, 200 feet to the right, or it's in a railroad
18 right-of-way. So then Flock has to contact the railroad to get
19 approval. And then, by the way, oh there's construction
20 planned for the next two, three, four years.

21 Like, gosh, that reminds me when I lived in Houston --
22 construction. So then we're -- we're making the decision
23 to -- well, we're not waiting for three or four years. So we
24 will relocate those cameras. One thing that we absolutely will
25 not do, we will not get in the way of a local agency who has a

1 plan for a particular location for a pole. So we've already
2 seen where the TxDOT dis -- districts -- and there are 25 of
3 them -- will come back to -- I'm in conversations with Flock
4 and TxDOT and they'll come back and say hey, this -- there's
5 another agency, this is their plan, and it's very easy their
6 instructions are move. We're not going to get in the way of --
7 a local agency wants theirs. We have the whole state, so we --
8 that's super easy.

9 We're not going to just say, oh, we got ours in first; it
10 does not matter, we will move ours, we've already done that.
11 I've gotten a lot of questions about retention period. So, if
12 your agency has a seven-day retention period and you are part
13 of the agreement with Texas DPS, your retention period is
14 honored. We're not keeping it. If you tell us it's 10 days,
15 10 days. If it's 30 days, it's 30 days. If you don't tell us
16 anything, by state statute, record retention -- it's one year.
17 But I was told that there are no agreements being sent out
18 without some kind of end period. That's not good business
19 practice with these LPRs. So the average that I've seen is 30
20 days, -- like nationwide. So just kind of keep that in mind.
21 But for those chiefs and those bosses that are concerned,
22 whatever your retention period is, that's what it is.

23 We will not go beyond that. As far as record keeping,
24 also extremely important theres -- so far there is only one
25 agency that was a little that gave us a little bit of push

1 back. There's a sharing agreement. The only reason that the
2 Texas department got these cameras is to share with the locals
3 where you don't have placement -- we're just here to assist.
4 So sharing means literally that sharing. So, if you want
5 access to the 1183 cameras that DPS is placing throughout the
6 state, you're going to have to share as well. So we have a
7 sharing agreement in there -- it's the right thing -- it's only
8 fair. And when you're sharing, you're sharing with everyone --
9 it's the entire state. So just keep that in mind.

10 So, I do respect the fact that if your city council or
11 whichever governing body says no, you -- you will not share
12 outside of our city; I respect that. But also respect the fact
13 that for those who want to share and want to access
14 information, as well -- you have to share. There's a
15 reciprocal agreement to share. That was what I pushed to get
16 the cameras. This is what the Board voted for, is to make sure
17 that the cameras are being shared. So, we've only had one push
18 back with that. And something that's very important, those of
19 you who have the trailer LPR in your city -- in your county,
20 you can put them wherever you want. When it comes to TxDOT
21 right-of-way, you can't. You're going to have to go through
22 the same process of getting approval.

23 They're going to want the trailer to be behind a
24 barricade -- something, whether it's a tree, a pole, a fence.
25 There are certain requirements that has to be met.

1 Also, if you're going to put wording TxDOT has to approve it.
2 All of this for TxDOT is to make sure that you don't have
3 someone that is -- who wrecks out and then they hit the pole.
4 Nothing stops them -- you guys know where that's going to go.
5 The same thing for Texas DPS: we have two trailers that are
6 like a pilot for us and we can't put them on a TxDOT highway
7 without getting approval. So just kind of keep that in mind.
8 I've had several conversations about that. Other agencies keep
9 using the trailers, but just know outside of your city and
10 county, you need permission. And sir, that ends my LPR
11 presentation.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, member Jones. Any questions?
13 Moving on to agenda item 9, insurance fee refund requests. I
14 will turn things over to Dan Price, CPA Audit Manager.

15 DAN PRICE: For the record, my name is Dan Price, CPA
16 Audit Manager. We have two refund requests to put before you
17 today. We'll be handling them separately. The first request
18 is on page 42 of your workbooks. It is a request from
19 Berkshire Hathaway Home State Insurance Company. It is for an
20 overpayment for the second half of 2024 in the amount of
21 \$19,740 dollars, and we recommend approval of that. The reason
22 for their overpayment was that when they filed the second-
23 period return for the year, they included the first half in the
24 second half. So they basically paid the first half twice. And
25 we do see that as a fairly frequent occurrence.

1 So We have reviewed it. It will be for \$19,740 and we're
2 requesting a motion for that item.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Any questions? Cass, are there any
4 public comments?

5 CASSANDRA FLINT: No, sir there are no comments.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Alright. I will now entertain a motion
7 on Agenda item nine.

8 TOM SLOAN: Board Member Sloan. I move the Board approve
9 the insurance fee refund request made by Berkshire Hathaway
10 Home State Insurance Company in the amount of \$19,740 dollars.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

12 SHARON JONES: Member Jones, I second.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Motion from Member Sloan, second from
14 member Jones. Any further discussion? I will now call for the
15 vote. Board -- board members when I call your name please
16 state your vote for the record.

17 Board Director Jones,

18 SHARON JONES: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill,

20 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Aye.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton.

22 CHARLA BROTHERTON: I Abstain.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan.

24 TOM SLOAN: Aye.

25 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And I Chairman Rodriguez, vote Aye.

1 Let the record reflect that there are four votes for, zero
2 against, one abstained. Motion passes.

3 Moving on to Agenda Item 10, I will turn the meeting over --
4 back over to Dan Price, Audit Manager. This is an action item
5 again.

6 DAN PRICE: Hi, again, for the record. This is Dan Price,
7 MVCPA Audit Manager. Next is -- is Agenda Item 10, it is on
8 page 45 of your workbook. It is a request from National
9 Liability and Fire Insurance Company for the overpayment in the
10 second half of 2024 in the amount of \$58,985 dollars. The
11 staff recommends approval of this request. Again, their
12 explanation is the same as before: they wound up paying for the
13 full year -- the second half -- but had already paid for the
14 first half, resulting in a duplicate payment for essentially
15 the first half.

16 We do recommend approval of this item. There is
17 supporting documentation in your Board Book. Any questions?

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Questions? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Price.
19 Cass, any public comments on this item?

20 CASSANDRA FLINT: No, sir, there are no comments. Thank
21 you.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: I will now call to entertain a motion on
23 Agenda item 10.

24 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill, I move that the
25 Board approve the Insurance Refund Fee Request made by

1 National liability and Fire Insurance Company, in the amount of
2 \$58,985 dollars.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

4 TOM SLOAN: Member Sloan, I second.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: A motion from Member Whitehill, and
6 a second from Board Member Sloan. I will now call for the
7 vote. Member, Jones.

8 SHARON JONES: Aye.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill.

10 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Aye.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton.

12 CHARLA BROTHERTON: Abstain.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan.

14 TOM SLOAN: Aye.

15 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And I Chairman Rodriguez, vote Aye.

16 Let the record reflect there are four votes for, zero
17 against, one absatain. Motion passes. Agenda item 11, thank
18 you Mr. Price.

19 Agenda item 11, I will turn the meeting over to MVCPA
20 Deputy Director, Earl Pence.

21 EARL PENCE: Good morning, Earl Pence, Deputy Director,
22 MVCPA for the record. On September 16th, 17th, and 18th we had
23 the honor of attending the Texas District and County Attorneys
24 Association Conference in Round Rock at the Kalahari Resort.
25 The following staff president during the three days Director

1 Diggs, myself, General Counsel David Richards, Trainer Amber
2 Ott, Executive Assistant Cassandra Flint and Grant Specialist
3 Santa Castro. We actually -- this became an idea believe a
4 couple weeks before and we got the table our little space for
5 fifteen hundred dollars. I'm a skeptic, I admit.

6 I said they're not gonna talk to us because we're police.
7 They're not gonna, they're prosecutors -- it's a different
8 world. It opened my eyes because what we did, we brought
9 little bitty pin cars and we set them in front. Everybody
10 walked by, looked at them, rolled them smiled and then they
11 received a pamphlet about the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention
12 Authority and then we engaged in conversation. We went through
13 probably 500 little cars. We had to make another trip to the
14 office to get more. We did talk with investigators,
15 prosecutors, DAs from all over the state.

16 Those that have grant -- grantees in our area were aware
17 of us. Some that didn't were not aware. We did kind of
18 explain to them what we do -- it's all in the pamphlet
19 locations of every task force, the history of MVCPA. Just a
20 lot of good information, and also you got on the back -- you've
21 got this -- you got the little QR code. We even received a
22 visit from Senator Pete Flores, Senate District 24. He's a
23 friend of criminal justice, had a very good talk with him.
24 He -- he, he received a lot of information about us. We -- we
25 made so many contacts the first day it surprised me.

1 It wore me and Amber out. So I warned Director Diggs and Mr.
2 Richards, I said get ready, dress comfortably. I think they
3 had as many. We have also from that meeting been asked to
4 speak at the Texas District & County Attorney Association
5 Investigators Conference next year in February. So we're going
6 to do a presentation for them at their conference. This was
7 money well spent - it surprised me, it shocked me. We made a
8 lot of new friends, exchanged a lot of cards and we've got more
9 training going to prosecutors next year from that meeting. So
10 it was definitely -- definitely the trip.

11 WILLIAM DIGGS: Mr. Chairman. Also, you have a day in
12 December at the Elected Prosecutors of Texas Conference in San
13 Antonio.

14 EARL PENCE: Yes, sir. Forgive me that too. What turned
15 out -- what I really -- I was skeptic but it really I would do
16 that again, I enjoyed it.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Outstanding Earl. You know, and this is,
18 you know, we -- we, you found out. Right? That -- that not a
19 lot -- a lot of people know about us. Right?

20 EARL PENCE: Yes.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: We've -- we've been here since 1992?

22 EARL PENCE: Yes, sir.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And -- and you know, to go out there
24 about MVCPA and people know about it -- it's kind of crazy.
25 Right? But, grate job -- you know, I think this -- this

1 is the direction that we want to take this.

2 EARL PENCE: Absolutely.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: This agency. Right? And, making sure
4 that everybody knows about MVCPA.

5 EARL PENCE: Yes, sir.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: And so, great job. And more than
7 anything, is whatever other ideas come your way -- outside the
8 box ideas bring them over. I'm -- I'm sure this Board would
9 approve for -- for you guys to attend.

10 EARL PENCE: Awesome.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

12 EARL PENCE: Thank you. I appreciate it.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Alright. We'll move on to Agenda item
14 12. I will turn the meeting over to MVCPA Grant specialist
15 Sandra Castro. This is for the FY2026 awarded Task Force and
16 Catalytic Converter grant update, this is a briefing only.

17 SANDRA CASTRO: Good morning -- good morning, Board
18 Members. My name is Sandra Castro, and I'm a grant specialist
19 with MVCPA. This morning, I will be sharing the final award
20 amounts for the FY24, 25, and 26 Task Force and Catalytic
21 Converter grants. Next slide. We will begin with FY24, there
22 were 26 Task Force grants awarded and 32 SB224 Catalytic
23 Converter grants awarded. On the right-hand side of the
24 screen, you will see the pre-negotiation total, which reflects
25 the amount initially awarded by the Board, followed by the

1 final award amount after negotiations, as well as the status of
2 closeout for each grant. For the Task Force grants, the pre-
3 negotiation total was \$23,120,974 dollars and the final award
4 amount after negotiations was \$22,819,307. All FY24 Task Force
5 grants have been closed out, and for SB224 catalytic converter
6 the pre-negotiation total was \$16,363,059 dollars and the final
7 award amount was \$16,215,979 dollars.

8 Closeouts for these grants are projected by summer of
9 2026, as many of these grantees received an extension. Next
10 slide. Next, we will look at FY25. There were 30 Task Force
11 grants awarded and 82 SB224 Catalytic Converter grants awarded.
12 For the Task Force grants, the pre-negotiation total was
13 \$26,148,000, dollars and the final amount after negotiations
14 was \$25,429,698 dollars. These grants are projected to be
15 closed out by the end of the first quarter of 2026. And for
16 SB224 catalytic converter grants, the pre-negotiation total was
17 \$12,514,457 dollars. And the final amount after negotiations
18 was \$13,270,784 dollars. Closeouts for these grants are
19 projected by the end of the second quarter of 2026.

20 Next slide, and lastly, for FY26, there were 31 Task Force
21 grants awarded and 122 Catalytic Converter grants awarded. For
22 the task force grants, the pre-negotiation total was
23 \$30,105,873 dollars and the final award amount after
24 negotiation was \$29,968,107 dollars. For SB224 Catalytic
25 Converter grants, the pre-negotiation total was \$20,000,970 --

1 I'm sorry, \$20,778,236 dollars and the final award amount was
2 \$21,341,036 dollars. The FY26 grant cycle just began on
3 September 1st of this year, so closeouts are not projected
4 until next year.

5 And that concludes my overview of the FY24 through FY26
6 Task Force and Catalytic Converter grants. And if there are
7 any questions, I will be happy to answer.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Great job, thank you.

9 SANDRA CASTRO: Okay. Thank you.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Alright. Agenda item 13, I will turn the
11 meeting over to Internal Audit Division Director, Jason
12 Gonzalez. This is the MVCPA Audit Engagement Preview, briefing
13 only.

14 JASON GONZALEZ: Good morning. Good morning, Chairman
15 Rodriguez, Board Members. For the record, my name is Jason
16 Gonzalez, Director of Internal Audit for the Texas Department
17 of Motor Vehicles. We're starting a project with MVCPA, and
18 I'd like to introduce the audit team. The project will be
19 performed by Senior Investigator Sonia Murillo and Auditor
20 Danaisha Lewis. I'm going to hand the mic over to Sonia, who
21 will discuss the audit process.

22 SONIA MURILLO: Thank you, Jason. My name is Sonia
23 Murillo, Senior Internal Auditor of the Department of Motor
24 Vehicles. Thank you for having me here today. Next slide,
25 please. Perfect, thank you.

1 So to start, an audit consists of three phases: planning,
2 fieldwork, and reporting. In the next slides, I will discuss
3 the process Internal Audit takes to identify areas for audit
4 and the process to perform audit. Next slide.

5 Why conduct an audit? This is the first question auditors
6 receive from management when we notify them of an upcoming
7 audit of an area they oversee. In order to identify areas of
8 audit, Internal Audit conducts a department-wide risk
9 assessment. This risk assessment consists of meeting with
10 division directors and discussing what keeps them up at night,
11 or any operational, compliance, and financial risks that could
12 impact their operations in the coming year.

13 Once a risk is identified, we will discuss the control
14 that management has in place. This control or process is
15 evaluated both with management and by the Internal Audit team
16 to determine the risk ranking of high, medium, or low.
17 Considerations that are taken are the likelihood the risk will
18 occur with or without mitigating control in place, and the
19 impact it could have on the department if the risk were to
20 occur. Once the highest risk areas for the department are
21 identified, Internal Audit will build their audit plan for
22 either year. Next slide.

23 So what is a control and why are they not only important
24 to have, but also important to be evaluated periodically?
25 Jason has a professional story he'd like to share to find some

1 insight on controls.

2 JASON GONZALEZ: For the record, Jason Gonzalez, Internal
3 Audit Director. So, the reason we decided to use the safe as
4 an example of Internal Controls is that years ago I was working
5 on a project for a school district, and we were looking at
6 their financial controls, which included their blank checks
7 stocks. Their standard operating procedures were -- were
8 written, and they were required -- they were required to lock
9 the checks in a blank -- excuse me, the blank checks in a safe.
10 Which could only be opened by two people.

11 So when I went to physically inspect the safe, the safe
12 was stored in the building's lobby and there was a large sign
13 that read: "Please do not close the safe, as the door is
14 broken." So I went, I looked in the safe, and the blank-check
15 stock was there where the public could walk and take checks if
16 they wanted. So I like to share the story because no matter
17 how well controlled -- or how well the control is designed, we
18 still have to look at it and make sure that it still makes
19 sense. So -- and I'll hand it back to Sonia, Thank you.

20 SONIA MURILLO: Thank you for that explanation, Jason.
21 Sonia Murillo, again for the record. Next slide. So, once the
22 audit has been -- sorry. Once the audit plan has been
23 completed and approved by the Board, projects can begin.

24 The first phase of an audit is the planning phase. The
25 goal of planning is to first understand the program that we

1 Are auditing. We will do this by conducting interviews with
2 subject-matter experts, performing walkthroughs of key
3 functions, and then building flowcharts that will be used to
4 validate information learned and also to identify any
5 additional gaps and processes. Auditors will also request
6 access to and perform walkthroughs of any relevant IT systems
7 to further identify areas of improvement. Next slide.

8 Next, auditors will conduct an engagement-level risk
9 assessment to determine what part of the process should be
10 evaluated further. This assessment consists of
11 evaluating both risks from the department-wide risk assessment
12 and risks identified during the planning phase of the audit. A
13 plan is created to describe the risks, controls, and details of
14 how the auditor will evaluate controls to determine if they are
15 working as management intended. Now that the plan has been
16 formulated, fieldwork can begin.

17 Auditors will develop a process of documenting and
18 evaluating the supporting evidence that is collected. We will
19 perform our evaluation of the controls and then perform an
20 analysis to determine if improvements can be made. If
21 improvements are identified, auditors will document the results
22 along with recommendations on how to improve the process in the
23 form of the report. Next slide.

24 As I mentioned, in the reporting phase of an audit,
25 auditors will document evidence-based areas of improvement

1 along with recommendations of how -- for how the process may
2 be improved. These recommendations, along with the audit
3 draft report, will be reviewed several times by the Internal
4 Audit Director to ensure that it is clear, concise, and
5 accurate.

6 Once the audit draft report has been reviewed by Internal
7 Audit, it will be provided to MVCPA management for review and
8 to receive responses to recommendations for improvement. Once
9 responses to recommendations are received, auditors will
10 incorporate the feedback provided by management as necessary to
11 ensure again that the report is clear, concise, and accurate.

12 A client survey is also distributed to everyone involved
13 with the engagement. This survey is a way for Internal Audit
14 to receive vital feedback into how auditors conducted the audit
15 and any suggestions for improvement. Once MVCPA management has
16 reviewed the final report, it will be distributed to the
17 executive team and to the department's board of directors.

18 That concludes our presentation of how we conduct our
19 audits. I'm excited to be leading this project and getting to
20 learn more about the department and the good work you'll do. I
21 look forward to working with you in MVCPA throughout the
22 engagement, and thank you for having us. And I'm open to any
23 questions you may have at this time.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Any questions for the audit
25 team? Director Diggs?

1 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yeah. William Diggs, director, MVCPA,
2 for the record. Mr. Chairman, Board Members, I've -- I've
3 explained to Jason and his team that -- that I'm, I'm kind of
4 somebody that's a little different. I love my auditors and I
5 love my attorneys. And I welcome -- you know, the extra set of
6 eyes on it, the timing is amazing, you know, we're -- we're
7 fixing to go into developing our new GMTS system.

8 The timing could be more perfect. It'll be -- it'll be a
9 fresh set of eyes; they don't quite see it like we see it every
10 day. We had our preliminary meeting the other day with the
11 audit team. I believe I had 13 people on the call because 13
12 of us, of the 15 in MVCPA, were touching GMTS, touching the
13 grants at some different level one way or the other. And so we
14 want to all be engaged. We want to add what we can to the
15 process during the audit. I look forward to it and I think
16 they're going to bring some things to us and say, hey, you can
17 do it a little differently to help mitigate risk. And so I
18 welcome it, and Jason, thank you for putting us on the list
19 this year.

20 JASON GONZALEZ: No, thank you. Thank you for having us.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Well, I mean I -- what -- what can I say,
22 but you know, they're -- they're young, so you know, be careful
23 what you wish for because they're going to come back with
24 really good ideas. You're going to have to pivot, Director
25 Diggs that's all I can say.

1 But, you know what? I appreciate the presentation, it gives us
2 clarity as to where you guys are taking this. Right? And we
3 welcome any new ideas -- we're excited to get this report and
4 see where our -- our gaps are at. And I -- I do -- and I do
5 know that you're probably going to call all of us to see our --
6 you know what's our take on this and what we do in and out.
7 Right? And, more than anything, it is to give us more
8 visibility also for the future. Right? What we need to
9 change.

10 JASON GONZALEZ: Thank you.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Agenda item 14, remember there are no
12 items for closed session today, so we'll move on to Agenda item
13 16, Public Comment.

14 CASSANDRA FLINT: Mr. Chairman, there is one open comment
15 from Paul Applebaum, from Exxon LPR Real-Time Crime Center.

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Welcome, Exxon.

17 MATT APPLEBAUM: Can You guys, hear me? Okay, typo for
18 the record, my name is Matt Applebaum, with Axon. I
19 appreciate the time here. So, appreciate the time this morning
20 just being able to talk to you guys. I'm going to spend the
21 next minutes, essentially walk through about three different
22 pieces of technology from Axon can help make auto theft cases
23 solved faster and safer. These pieces of technology are both
24 our fixed LPR units that we announced earlier this year, our
25 Fuses by Axon platform, and our drones for First Responder

1 Program. The goal is ultimately to get from detection, to
2 Intel, to response faster. So, for the detection side
3 regarding our fixed LPRs, at the beginning of this year Axon
4 announced our Axon Outpost and Axon Light Post programs. These
5 are both license plate reader cameras that also offer the
6 capabilities for agencies to live stream directly through the
7 same of hardware. Not only do these give you access to be able
8 to search LPR reads from these cameras, but we believe that you
9 guys owning this data is incredibly important. So you have the
10 right to share if you would like to with whoever you would like
11 down to the specific camera.

12 Now, we are also opening up the availability for people to
13 share the LPR reads that they get today from their Fleet 3
14 cameras. There are hundreds of agencies in the state of Texas
15 that leverage Fleet 3 LPR, today and millions of reads every
16 year that come in around the country. The goal of this is
17 ultimately to consolidate all of your reads and create a
18 network that's a little more easily accessible.

19 Now, once you get these alerts, these appear in our Fuses
20 by Axon platform. What this allows you to do is search these
21 alerts in real time and then also consolidate all this
22 information to a map with real-time feeds coming from the
23 community as well, such as businesses, traffic cameras, CCTV,
24 private entities and more.

25 This allows for one map that a city, an agency, or a

1 region can get a picture of everything that's going on in real
2 time and also be able to collaborate across jurisdiction as
3 well.

4 Now, once we have that detection, we have that Intel as to
5 what's going on in a scenario, we want to make sure to respond,
6 and that's where our American-made drone first-responder
7 program starts to come in. With a single click of a button,
8 the agency can actually deploy a drone to a location, be able
9 to follow all the cars in that scenario, be able to send that
10 information back to their real-time crime center, whoever is
11 managing all this, and then be able to fly down to low altitude
12 to ensure that a car has been abandoned, if it's still running,
13 or if there's someone in it or what not.

14 Now, all of these pieces of evidence actually feed back
15 directly into the Axon ecosystem that many of these agencies
16 today are using. So the case management does not change as far
17 as digital evidence management, work flow. They'll be able to
18 share evidence back and forth, how they do with all their body
19 cam, in car recordings, and be able to view any videos, data,
20 or LPR reads side by side. Ultimately, this is how we get
21 ahead of theft, not chase it. Connected, real-time technology
22 protects officers during these cases and makes it easier. So
23 if there are any questions about this, I'll be in the back
24 after this meeting adjourns, happy to answer any, but really
25 appreciate the time and everything you guys do. Thank you.

1 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Matt. Well, we made it,
2 theres three minutes left. Agenda item 17, adjournment.
3 Unless there's any further discussion, I would like to
4 entertain a motion to adjourn. Nobody wants to lead?

5 TOM SLOAN: Board Member Sloan, I'll make a motion to
6 adjourn.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

8 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill, second.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: A motion for Member Sloan. A second from
10 Member Whitehill. Board Members, when I call your name, please
11 state your vote for the record. Member Jones,

12 SHARON JONES: Aye.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill.

14 KATHERINE WHITEHILL: Aye.

15 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton.

16 CHARLA BROTHERTON: Aye.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan.

18 TOM SLOAN: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Member Jones.

20 SHARON JONES: Aye double Aye.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. They still have member Gonzalez
22 here. Okay. And I, Chairman Rodriguez vote Aye. Let the
23 record reflect there is, five votes to adjourn. It is now
24 11:58 p.m. I'm sorry -- a.m. -- for the record a.m., this
25 meeting is adjourned. (Off the record, 11:58 a.m.)

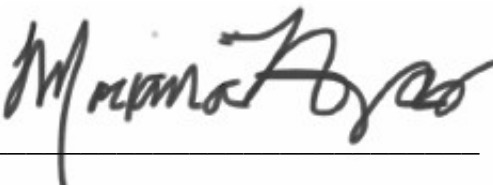
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