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1 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Good afternoon. All
2 right, guys, we're gonna try to start the meeting already.
3 Gonna try to get this about two hours. I know everybody's
4 tired, so I try to make sure that we put it as fast as
5 possible. Right. And for the record, my name is Michael
6 Rodriguez, and I'm pleased to open the Board Meeting of
7 the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority. It is
8 1:04 p.m. and I'm now calling the Board Meeting for July
9 24, 2026 to order. I want to note for the record that the
10 public notice of this meeting containing all items on the
11 agenda was filed with the Office of Secretary of State on
12 July 9, 2026. Before we begin today's meeting, please
13 place also phones and other communication devices in a
14 silent mode. Also, our courtesy to others, please do not
15 engage in side conversations in the meeting room. I want
16 to welcome those who are with us for today's Board
17 Meeting. If you wish to address the Board or speak on an
18 agenda item during today's meeting, please complete a
19 speaker sheet at the registration table. Please identify
20 the specific item you are interested in commenting on,
21 your name and address and whether you are representing
22 anyone or speaking for yourself. If a comment does not
23 pertain to a specific agenda item, we will take your
24 comment during the general public comment portion of the
25 meeting. In accordance with the Department's

1 Administrative Rule, comments to the Board will be limited
2 to three minutes. To assist each speaker, the timer has
3 been provided at the podium. The timer light will be
4 green for the first two minutes, yellow when the speaker
5 has one minute left and the red when your time is up.
6 Individuals cannot accumulate time for other speakers.
7 Comments should be pertinent to the issues stated on the
8 comment sheet. When addressing the Board, please state
9 your name and affiliation for the record. There are a few
10 things that will assist in making the meeting run smoothly
11 and assist the court reporter in getting an accurate
12 record. Please identify yourself before speaking, speak
13 clearly and slowly, do not speak over others, and please
14 ask the chair for permission to speak and be sure to get
15 recognized before speaking. I would like to thank our
16 court reporter who is transcribing this meeting. Before
17 we begin today, I'd like to remind all presenters and
18 those in attendance of the rules of conduct at our board
19 meetings. In the Department's Administrative Rule, the
20 chair has the authority to supervise the conduct of
21 meetings. This includes the authority to determine when a
22 speaker is being disruptive of the meeting or is otherwise
23 violating the timing of presentation rules I just
24 discussed. We're going to go over to agenda item 1, Roll
25 call. Board Member Jones?

1 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Whitehill?

3 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Brotherton?

5 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ:BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Cantu

7 Serrano?

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Sloan?

9 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And let the record
11 reflect that I, Mike Rodriguez, are here too. We have a
12 quorum. Agenda item 2, pledge of allegiance. Please all
13 stand and honor our country and state with the pledge.
14 Thank you Member Sloan for leading us in the pledges.
15 Agenda item 3, approval of transcript of April 23rd, 2026,
16 meeting as minutes. Members, I will now take up item
17 number 3A, approval of transcript for transcript for our
18 April 23rd, 2026, meeting as minutes. Nicole, are there
19 any public comments?

20 NICOLE GILES: No, Mr. Chairman, there are no public
21 comments.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Members, if everyone has
23 reviewed the transcript, would anyone like to make a
24 motion approving the transcript as minutes?

25 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: I, Member

1 Brotherton, move that the Board approve the transcript of
2 the April 23rd, 2026, meeting as meeting as minutes.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Do I have a second?

4 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Member Whitehill.

5 Second.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Motion from Board Member
7 Brotherton and a second from Board Member Whitehill. Any
8 further discussion? I will now call for the vote. Board
9 Members, when I call your name please state your vote for
10 the record. Member Jones?

11 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

13 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

15 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Sloan?

17 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chairman
19 Rodriguez, vote aye. Let the record reflect there are
20 five votes for and zero against, motion passes. Agenda
21 item 3B. I do not have any chair reports today, so we are
22 not taking up agenda item 3B. We will now move to agenda
23 item 4. Agenda item 4, MVCPA Directors Report. I will now
24 turn over to MVCPA Director William Diggs on agenda item
25 4A.

1 WILLIAM DIGGS: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, William
2 Diggs, Director MVCPA. I'm happy to report that we
3 currently have all 15 positions filled with staff in the
4 MVCPA. And so we're in good shape there, and you'll hear
5 later during the meeting today about and some additional
6 requests for FTE's. But as of today we're fully staffed.
7 That completes my report.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you Mr. Diggs.
9 Moving on to agenda item 5. MVCPA Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
10 Overview. Chris Hayden, I'll turn it over the meeting to
11 Mr. Hayden.

12 CHRIS HAYDEN: Good afternoon Chairman Rodriguez and
13 Board Members. For the record I am Chris Hayden the Chief
14 Financial Officer for the Department of Motor Vehicles.
15 I'm here to present the 2027 budget overview. This is
16 just a briefing item only. This presentation will talk
17 about revenue, budget and remaining balances. As you know
18 MVCPA is self funded through motor vehicle insurance fees
19 deposited to the general revenue fund. And this is for
20 MVCPA support MVCPA programs. The revenue estimate for
21 2027 is \$51.6 million. In addition to the base, the Board
22 has the authority to carry forward any unexpended balances
23 from prior fiscal years. And this represents \$14.5
24 million. This brings the total available for 2027
25 estimated to be \$66.1 million. And then on the

1 expenditure side an obligations are a total of \$65.7
2 million for grants operating costs and agency contracts
3 with Texas state agency partners. Board staff also have
4 set aside some reserve funds in the event revenue is less
5 than the estimate or if there are other priorities that
6 the board identifies. It's \$400,000 reserve at this
7 point. Like I said this is a very simple 2027 budget and
8 that concludes my formal remarks and I'm here to answer
9 any questions that you may have.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Are there any questions
11 for Mr. Hayden? Thank you, Mr. Hayden.

12 CHRIS HAYDEN: Thank you.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Agenda item number 6,
14 MVCPA Grant Management Tracking System. It's an update
15 from Jan Brusevold, Brady Smith, and Jennifer Metu.

16 WENDY BARRON: Good afternoon Chairman, Board
17 Members, Director Diggs. For the record I'm Wendy Barron,
18 Chief Information Officer for the Texas Department of
19 Motor Vehicles. I am here to introduce agenda item 6
20 MVCPA Grants Management Tracking System Update. This is a
21 debriefing item only. I wanted to introduce this topic,
22 this briefing. Chairman last night you spoke to the MVCPA
23 team and their accomplishment in getting over 200 grants
24 out the door. I think adding to that accomplishment is
25 the fact that they've done it with a legacy system that's

1 limited in its functionality and its capabilities. And
2 because of that the decision was made to move forward with
3 replacing that system with the modern solution that will
4 optimize workflows and help them get grants out the door
5 even faster and more efficiently. And so today our vendor
6 partners who are implementing that solution are going to
7 share and update about the system status of the project
8 and the implementation. We're excited about this project.
9 It's moving forward very quickly and I will let the CGI
10 team go ahead and provide the rest of the update.

11 JAN BRUSEVOLD: Thank you Ms. Barron. For the record
12 I'm Jan Brusevold with CGI and myself and Ms. Metu and Mr.
13 Smith will talk briefly about the implementation of the
14 GMTS. I believe we have some slides today. Perfect. Yes
15 as I mentioned I'll talk a little bit about who we are.
16 Ms. Metu is going to talk a little bit about what the
17 application will do. And then Mr. Smith will give us an
18 update on the progress. So CGI is 90,000 person global
19 company with clients all around the world. Fortunately we
20 have 1400 plus Texas based consultants who work here in
21 the state of Texas. We are Texans helping Texans in
22 everything from management consulting IT services to IP
23 products that are used across dozens of agencies in the
24 state. Our team, our public sector and local teams are
25 headquartered in Austin, Texas and all of us and the

1 majority of our product team is also headquartered here in
2 Texas. So we've been excited about working with Director
3 Diggs and Ms. Barron and their teams on this application.
4 So I'm now handed to Ms. Metu to talk a little bit about
5 what it looks like and what we're doing.

6 JENNIFER METU: Thank you so much. For the record my
7 name is Jennifer Metu with CGI and I'm really excited to
8 talk to you guys today about the new grant management
9 system that we are helping to implement. So this grant
10 management system is going to be solving the problem of
11 modernizing the current grant management and tracking
12 system. We've been meeting with the MVCPA for the past
13 few months since March. Very frequently to ensure we
14 understand what they're expecting this new system to be
15 able to do and that we meet the needs of all the grantees
16 that would be using the system to apply for and manage
17 their grants that they receive with MVCPA. This system
18 will enable self service onboarding so that grantees can
19 go in and add other users from their agencies as well as
20 ensure that MVCPA is reviewing all users but without
21 having to necessarily add them. They can add themselves
22 and of course MVCPA can check who's got access to the
23 system. So there's a lot of capabilities for the
24 administrators of the system to ensure that only the right
25 folks will be in the system as well as some automation for

1 getting rid of folks that have been in the system inactive
2 in the system for a while. They're going to be
3 notifications and email notifications as well as
4 notifications in the website system for them to review so
5 that they get notified, they get messaging about their
6 progress reports, their expenditure reports when they're
7 due once they've been awarded a grant. This is going to
8 be a great place for visibility as the whole team will be
9 able to track the award and take actions in the system
10 that make things easier for the grantees. And essentially
11 all our conversations have led us to a streamlined version
12 that we're all very excited for the grantees to be able to
13 start using. We've streamlined the application, removed
14 multiple narrative sections in combination with the MVCPA
15 staff and are really excited to see the final product. We
16 do have some screenshots and some information that we're
17 going to show you to give you a preview of the system.
18 It's going to, we're aiming for to have it fully
19 operational by March 2027. And this will really help the
20 MVCPA be able to process the growing number of
21 applications that you all get. So this is going to lead
22 us into our design previews. You'll see here we'll have a
23 new more modern looking landing page for folks to log into
24 from this login page. They can also request an account,
25 which is something that was having to be done manually by

1 email. This will be really helpful. They'll have a form
2 to fill out that you see in our screenshot above or over
3 there and in that form they will list their information
4 for their agency as well as their own contact information
5 and MVCPA will get that access request and be able to
6 approve or reject it if it's approved they'll be given an
7 email automatically that will enable them to understand
8 how to now access the new system as well as what they
9 might be applying for and what they need to do in the
10 system to ensure that they can apply for that. Once they
11 get access to the system, they'll see something like this
12 where they'll come in and be able to see how far they are
13 in their application if they've started it, if they
14 haven't started it. And then if they've received an
15 award, it'll look more like the second one on the right
16 side where now they'll see the tasks that they need to
17 accomplish to ensure that they're on track with their
18 award, which will enable less manual hunting down and
19 communication from the MVCPA team and really help out with
20 making sure things are done in that systematic, well
21 processed way. So we're really excited to roll this out
22 next year and we're continuing conversations with MVCPA to
23 ensure we're meeting all their needs. I'm going to pass
24 it over to our project manager Brady to talk about our
25 timeline.

1 BRADY SMITH: All right. Good afternoon everyone.
2 Thanks for having us. I wanted to thank William Diggs for
3 inviting us. This was the people here are amazing. We've
4 had a great time. We've gotten a lot of feedback to make
5 the tool even better. For the record my name is Brady
6 Smith with CGI. We are currently in sprint 3 of an 8
7 sprint process. We plan to go live on March 2027. And
8 we've gone through the discovery phase where we had
9 current state, future state discussions with the MVCPA
10 team. We had about 40 meetings with them. Got a lot of
11 good feedback. We have access to the current TAMLU tool.
12 We have access to all the data and we'll be porting that
13 data over. Currently in Sprint 3, we are doing well.
14 We're on track. We have weekly status meetings with MVCPA
15 team to show them the status reports. How we're doing
16 things that we miss things that we need to catch up on and
17 working really well together. So the next phase that
18 we'll run into is the when the sprints are over then we'll
19 start system testing making sure that the system's working
20 well that it meets all the expectations. There's 318 user
21 stories that we are working through through these eight
22 sprints to make sure that the product's working well. So
23 after system testing we'll go into UAT testing and that's
24 where a lot of I've made a lot of good contacts with the
25 folks in the room on hey come in test this system try to

1 break it and give us feedback and we can improve from
2 there too. And then we run into the deployment phase
3 which will be March 2027. So that's the status report for
4 this project and that concludes our presentation. Any
5 questions from the Board that we can we can take?

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions? This is
7 great, and I love the fact that you guys are communicating
8 with our grantees and seeing where the gaps are at and
9 what is needed. I mean, at the end of the day, they're
10 going to be the ones that are be using this system. And
11 so it's important that we capture what is needed. Right.
12 So thank you for that, and I hope you know this testing
13 does get completed by December, because that way the next
14 cycle will be able to use this. So thank you very much
15 for that.

16 BRADY SMITH: Thank you. Thanks, everyone.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Director Diggs, on this
18 item, who's going to be responsible for managing on the
19 MVCPA side?

20 WILLIAM DIGGS: So, William Diggs, Director of the
21 MVCPA. So, Mr. Chairman myself and staff are navigating
22 this, with Wendy Barron, the CIO in our information
23 technology division. So we're managing it together.
24 Early on we brought in a number of task forces from around
25 the state. They've been involved in those discovery

1 sessions, as well as the grant management side of it out
2 in the field. So even our civilian workforce in the local
3 law enforcement agencies. So myself and staff are
4 navigating that with Wendy Barron and our chief
5 information officer, working together.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I saw there that MVCPA
7 would be and DMV would be the administrators and the ones
8 managing it, right?

9 WILLIAM DIGGS: Yes sir. And we'll actually be ready
10 to go the whole desire behind having it tested in
11 operational in March is so that we can put those RFA's out
12 through the new system for the FY28 system for the FY28
13 grant period.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, so when the
15 information is flowing through the system, who's going to
16 be receiving it and managing it?

17 WILLIAM DIGGS: It'll be us, sir.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: All of them, MVCPA, or
19 who's going to be the one responsible to manage this
20 program?

21 WILLIAM DIGGS: So the system will be managed by
22 MVCPA staff, myself, Earl, Yessenia. So the leadership in
23 MVCPA will be managing it and we'll be doing it with the
24 assistance of ITSD with Wendy Barron.

25 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. All right.

1 Moving on to agenda item 7. I will turn the meeting over
2 to Director Diggs. This is SB224, State Partner Agency
3 update.

4 WILLIAM DIGGS: So thank you. William Diggs,
5 Director MVCPA. So I've asked our state partner agencies
6 to come here today and provide us with an update on the
7 things that they've been doing in support of catalytic
8 converter theft and prevention. So the first up and she's
9 already in the chair is Corrie Thompson, our Enforcement
10 Director of Texas DMV.

11 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes thank you William. Good
12 afternoon. I was going to say good morning but we've
13 already had a couple of meetings this morning. Corrie
14 Thompson, Director of the Enforcement Division for the
15 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles here to provide updates
16 on our efforts with an enforcement following the
17 implementation of SB 224 on catalytic converter theft
18 prevention and detection. So we have a clicker up here I
19 presume for slides. This one. With the green buttons.
20 There we go. There are my slides. Handy and I can hold
21 it over here. So just as a way of reminder, I know I've
22 presented this information to the Board on previous
23 occasions, but the regulations under this bill see us
24 enforcing differently for some of our different licensees.
25 So our franchise dealers are independent dealers our our

1 distributors are converters and our salvage dealers are
2 excluded from the regulations here under SB 224. So this
3 regulation sees them having a new record keeping
4 requirement for catalytic converters that run through
5 their businesses. And they have to inform the department
6 whether or not they engage in catalytic converter
7 transactions. And if they do they have to inform the
8 department where those transactions take place. As part
9 of those requirements as well they have to maintain
10 records for a two year period. They have to be telling us
11 a detailed description of the item that was transferred
12 through the course of business to whom it was transferred
13 to and then the date that transaction occurred so that we
14 can then come in with staff and request those records,
15 take a look at those and make sure that they're being
16 compliant with these requirements and whether or not we
17 see any discrepancies that might need to be referred over
18 to law enforcement partners. So I have a dealer
19 compliance staff that I've had as of a couple of
20 legislative sessions ago that we received in support of
21 implementation of our metal plate bill that saw the
22 elimination of temporary tags and dealers beginning to
23 maintain a metal plate inventory at their license
24 location. So with the addition of these 26 additional
25 FTE's we felt it was beneficial to utilize the same staff

1 to implement catalytic converter theft prevention and
2 detection efforts. So we are conducting site visits with
3 those staff. Having them go out on location, visit dealer
4 premises to ensure that they're compliant with general
5 department requirements that require you to have a
6 permissible premise that you have the appropriate business
7 space, signage, hours, is staff available to conduct
8 business appropriately. But now also instead of just
9 visiting the main office staff, we're also visiting the
10 staff that might work in service areas that are associated
11 with those dealerships. And not all of our dealerships
12 are engaged in repair work. So it's also important to
13 note that historically the department has investigated
14 things related to sales and distribution with our dealer
15 licensees. And so this legislation sees us looking into
16 the repair world as well now too. So staff went on site
17 in addition to conducting those main premises inspections
18 are also now asking the catalytic converter questions. So
19 they're saying do catalytic converters flow through this
20 business in any capacity? And if so at what location does
21 that occur at? So we're doing that on the back end to
22 gather information about our licensees that historically
23 has not been compiled. We do not have a master list of
24 all of our 20,000 some odd dealer licensees who are
25 engaged in this business. So we're gathering that

1 information there, but we're also gathering it on the
2 front end through our Motor Vehicle Division, which is our
3 licensing section at the Department of Motor Vehicles.
4 And now there are additional application questions that
5 are asked when people come to be licensed by the
6 department asking them that same information. Are you
7 engaged in this type of work? And if so, you need to let
8 the department know where that's occurring. So our dealer
9 premises compliance staff have been in full force for a
10 couple of years now. We have been able to investigate a
11 good number of license locations and start asking the
12 questions. I threw in a couple of pictures here just to
13 show staff visibly at work because not everybody has a
14 good awareness of what a dealer location might look like.
15 As a reminder, you only have to sell five vehicles in a
16 calendar year in order to hold a license from the state to
17 sell motor vehicles. I know a number of us think about
18 the big franchise dealers, or the CarMax's, or the
19 Carvana's, or the larger used car dealers of the world
20 that you might be engaged in business with. But also we
21 do deal mainly with really small mom and pop dealer shops
22 that are selling that minimum number of vehicles per
23 calendar year. And so we are getting into those
24 businesses as well too. And since the inception of this
25 group at the end of 2024, they have visited almost 5,000

1 dealer locations and ask these catalytic converter
2 questions to those 5,000 locations. The number is climbed
3 since I marked this 4899 number on the slide here. And of
4 that number, we've got 248 that have indicated, yes, we
5 are engaged in this type of work. So now that's new data
6 that the department's able to track surrounding catalytic
7 converters. And of those, you'll see that the bulk of
8 those are our franchise dealers, which stands to reason
9 because franchise dealers have service facilities on site
10 where they can conduct warranty work and repairs. And so
11 it is a number of our franchise locations that are engaged
12 in these types of transactions for catalytic converters.
13 The most exciting thing properly that I have to offer
14 today is this dealer dashboard of which I saw the first
15 final draft actually earlier this week. So this map we
16 hope to be able to provide to law enforcement maybe in our
17 closed data portal, which I will talk about in just a
18 moment. But what this dashboard itself is showing is all
19 of the licensees with the department of which I said are
20 about 20,000. Law enforcement in terms of catalytic
21 converters isn't necessarily interested in the 20,000
22 dealers licensed by the department, but they are
23 interested in the 248 that we've identified so far that
24 are engaged in this type of work. And so this map details
25 where those dealers are located and this information is a

1 culmination of the licensing questions that were answered
2 affirmatively saying, yes, we are engaged in this type of
3 business as well as the dealers identified on the back end
4 through the dealer compliance staff that have found that
5 information as well too. So I mentioned our closed data
6 portal. Many of you might have attended EMA presentation
7 by one of my employees yesterday at 8 a.m. from my law
8 enforcement assistance team. That group is available via
9 email at txdmv.gov shameless plug. If you haven't
10 contacted them, you should. They're a great resource to
11 our law enforcement partners. You have to be vetted by
12 them once a year and then you can obtain information,
13 documentation and education about things that the
14 department regulates from that group. If you're looking
15 for plate information, title histories, vehicle
16 information to support criminal investigations. That
17 section is a great resource. They can also provide
18 officers with access to our closed data portal though.
19 That gives you 24/7 access to the data that's currently in
20 there, which is metal plate information that's gathered
21 through our dealer transactions. So if you're conducting
22 investigation on a particular dealer and you want
23 information about people they've sold vehicles to plates
24 that they've issued, you can get that through the closed
25 data portal. We hope to be able to provide this dashboard

1 in that closed data portal as well too, so that it's
2 available for officer use. And that concludes my
3 enforcement presentation, but I believe I will also be up
4 for your next agenda item as well as I'm subbing in for
5 our Vehicle Titles and Registration Division director.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I love the new map and
7 the dashboard that you guys have created. That's going to
8 be very helpful for all the grantees and actually all task
9 forces across the state. So thank you for that. I know
10 that you were pushing for it for a while now. So it's up
11 and running already, right?

12 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes, absolutely. But we need to
13 get it into the portal. So we're just making some final
14 tweaks, and it will be updated regularly as we gain
15 additional information about other licensees that are also
16 engaged in the business. But yes, once it's in the closed
17 data portal, it'll be available 24/7.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Any
19 questions on this? Moving on to agenda item 7B. Texas
20 Department of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Director Corrie
21 Thompson again.

22 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes. And so again, Corrie
23 Thompson, Director of the Enforcement Division for the
24 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, but this time speaking
25 on behalf of Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

1 Director Annette Quintero, who could not be here with us
2 today. And so in support of Vehicle Titles and
3 Registration Division operations, Annette would like me to
4 relay that in support of SB 224 efforts, the Vehicle
5 Titles and Registration Division has recently onboarded a
6 new policy and procedure analyst who is specifically
7 dedicated to fraud prevention activities tied both to SB
8 224 as well as other related initiatives. That new team
9 member is going to bridge the work of Vehicle Titles and
10 Registration with MVCPA, ensuring seamless communication
11 consistent with policy alignment. That person is also
12 going to support innovation efforts with our systems and
13 our processes and looking at how VTR can better use data
14 to flag suspicious activity and to support enforcement
15 partners here today at the conference. Also, a number of
16 staff members from VTR recently visited LKQ at their
17 location in New Braunfels to learn more about their day-
18 to-day processes and to gain a better understanding of
19 current industry challenges that they're experiencing.
20 The department does plan to continue communication efforts
21 with the UAPR community, and they will participate at the
22 upcoming Texas Recyclers Association conference in August,
23 where Vehicle Titles and Registration staff plan to
24 present on various industry topics and concerns. And as a
25 result of that site visit, VTR staff are also going to

1 work with MVCPA to determine how the department can
2 further support the UAPR community relative to title fraud
3 and licensing concerns that they are aware of by
4 unlicensed entities. And then finally, for Vehicle Titles
5 and Registration, they continue to identify ways that we
6 can enhance our systems and processes for salvage and
7 nonrepairable vehicles. Future enhancements to our
8 systems like webSALVAGE, which is the department's web-
9 based application used by licensed motor vehicle dealers,
10 salvage dealers, and insurance companies, have been
11 identified, and those updates include expanding
12 application throughput to include the rebuilt salvage
13 application title flow as well as other application
14 processes. The updates also include electronically
15 tracking major component parts that are damaged during a
16 salvage event reported by an insurance company to identify
17 whether those parts are being reported as repaired or
18 replaced appropriately. Component part tracking and
19 reporting will then be compared at the time of a rebuilt
20 salvage title application to verify that the salvage
21 dealer properly did repair the vehicle and the damaged
22 parts. These enhancements are going to improve reporting,
23 mitigate fraud, and ensure statutory compliance. And that
24 concludes my remarks for the Vehicle Titles and
25 Registration Division.

1 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions for Ms.
2 Thompson? So, we covered agenda item's 7A and 7B.

3 WILLIAM DIGGS: So, Mr. Chairman, we're at 7C now.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: We're going to 7C,
5 correct. We're now at agenda item number 7C, Department
6 of Licensing and Regulation Consumer Protection Manager
7 Michael Strawn. This is a briefing item. I'll move now
8 to our agenda 7C, and we turn the meeting over to Mr.
9 Strawn.

10 CHRIS RUSSEY: Good afternoon Chairman, Board
11 Members. Actually, my name is Chris Russey. I'm the
12 Director of the Field Inspections Division. Michael
13 Strawn was not able to make it. He's actually in a
14 different position now. But I will be doing the
15 presentation today for TDLR. And we have a slide. Again,
16 my name is Chris Russey. I'm the Director of the Field
17 Inspection Division for the Texas Department of Licensing
18 and Regulation. As it relates to Senate Bill 224, it was
19 mainly with the used auto parts recycler program that the
20 department regulates. Now over the years as we have
21 worked with this program, we have found that it perhaps
22 engages in a couple of more of the programs that TDLR does
23 regulate, and I'll go over that a little bit more.
24 Throughout this presentation, I'm going to cover the
25 program contacts including some four new inspectors that

1 we're very excited about to have with the agency. Also
2 some outreach and initiatives that we've been doing with
3 stakeholders throughout the state and then also cover the
4 expenditures that we've used with SB 224 funding. And of
5 course a couple of statistics. We can go back one. So
6 this is the four inspectors that I'm very excited to talk
7 about. When we began with this initiative with the MVCPA,
8 we took the used auto parts recycler inspections and
9 increased them as the bill asked it to do so. However, we
10 found that there was really a need for specialized
11 inspectors in this area. You know, I can spread it across
12 16 inspectors. But as we found in based off the number of
13 people here today, this does include working with law
14 enforcement agencies. And so we found that that
15 specialization is really important for this effort with
16 Senate Bill 224. I did want to introduce Sean Bowie,
17 who's going to be our East Region inspector. Jose Devora
18 is our South region, Eric Herron would be covering our
19 Central and West. And then William Cool is up here in the
20 DFW area. Many of these individuals, a couple of them
21 were internal promotions with the department and a couple
22 of external. However, every one of them has years of
23 whether it's local, state or federal law enforcement
24 experience. And I'm very excited. A couple of them
25 again, they are brand new as of next week. Otherwise I

1 would have put their contact information for everyone in
2 the room, but we will get that out to everyone once we get
3 them trained up. Their main responsibility is going to be
4 coordinating with all the different law enforcement
5 agencies around the state. Next slide. Some of our
6 outreach efforts. So again, I'm with the field
7 inspections division. We do have a compliance division
8 which Michael Strawn that was previously named. He was
9 the manager over that section. They do primarily outreach
10 activities within the regulated industries with used auto
11 parts recyclers, vehicle storage facilities. They will be
12 attending that same terror conference that Corrie
13 mentioned earlier. They also continue coordination with
14 the different stakeholder groups. And whenever there are
15 rule updates for these different programs, they will
16 provide those as well. I did want to cover a few
17 initiatives that we've done throughout the state of Texas.
18 We've done many more throughout the year, but these are
19 very unique as it relates to this effort. Maverick
20 County, for example, that one was actually requested by
21 Maverick County Sheriff's Office. And with that, we
22 participated inspections of used auto parts recyclers, but
23 also a vehicle storage facility. It was in relation to
24 stolen vehicles and we coordinated with DPS and other
25 partner agencies, including DMV for that operation. That

1 one is a little unique. We had some findings. I'm not
2 going to completely disclose it on this open meeting, but
3 it was a great collaboration between the different
4 agencies. Brazoria County, that's a little bit of a
5 different initiative. With that one, we trained Brazoria
6 County and also some local departments around there,
7 including Pearland PD, DPS and Brazoria County Precinct 2.
8 Many law enforcement agencies around the state don't
9 realize that they actually have authority to go in and
10 conduct inspections of these businesses just on their own.
11 Many times they'll reach out to us to coordinate
12 inspections. What we've been doing is actively training
13 the different law enforcement agencies around the state
14 that you can go in there, gain access, and inspect any
15 record they have. This is especially beneficial with the
16 used auto parts recyclers and the vehicle storage
17 facilities because you can look at every single record
18 that regarding inventory of every part, every vehicle on
19 site. That we have found very beneficial in law
20 enforcement agencies have because they have found many
21 stolen vehicles, especially on these used auto parts
22 recycler locations. Lastly was an initiative we did just
23 not too long ago here in Dallas County. With this one, we
24 were invited out with by the North Texas Auto Theft Task
25 Force, based off of some findings that they had with DPS,

1 the fire marshal's office and a couple of other agencies
2 out there. One thing that Corrie also alluded to was the
3 unlicensed activity and the concern with the industry on
4 that. What we found is a lot of these places not really
5 surprised anyone that are performing these larger
6 organized crime activities are going to be the ones that
7 hide in the gray. They're hiding in between the
8 regulation, whether be between us or DMV or even some of
9 the local ordinances. And so this is a very big
10 initiative that, and we're working with our general
11 counsel's office to maybe eliminate some of that
12 potentially through strategic initiatives coming up in
13 this session if we can possibly. So just to kind of brief
14 overview of expenditures, I am going to go through
15 basically what we're using the money for. Not only that,
16 how much and then how it's going to benefit the state
17 ultimately. So this is a breakdown of what we've done for
18 the past two fiscal years, as you see in fiscal year '25.
19 As I mentioned earlier, we were basically utilizing
20 existing resources to kind of spread out the inspection
21 activities. And so essentially it was just the hours we
22 spent on inspections and the mileage reimbursement. As
23 you'll see here in fiscal year '26, it is larger
24 expenditures. That first one in September is going to be
25 for a new electronic inspection system that I'm going to

1 cover here a little more in a bit also. And then
2 December, you'll see that larger expenditure, that was for
3 four motor vehicles that are going to be for these four
4 dedicated inspectors. As you all know, Texas is a very
5 large state. For example, my north region inspector up
6 here that's dedicated to the area, he covers everything
7 from Texarkana and Longview through the DFW area all the
8 way to include the entire Panhandle. So obviously a
9 dedicated fleet vehicle is much more responsible when it
10 comes to agency resources to reimburse through that.
11 Cover a little bit more on these specialized inspections
12 positions. You know, I covered before that, you know,
13 with specialization comes kind of a force multiplier.
14 These past few initiatives that we've done over the past
15 couple of years. This has been basically one of my
16 managers and then a couple of my inspectors who have
17 volunteered to kind of other duties as a sign kind of
18 thing. But with these specialized inspectors, they're
19 going to be responsible for gaining these contacts
20 throughout the region, whether it's going to be the local
21 law enforcement, state, county, federal and some different
22 instances. And some of the other programs we regulate,
23 especially in the larger organized crime schemes, we found
24 that even local code enforcement can be very beneficial to
25 this. So again, their job is going to be coordinate with

1 those local resources and to build out that network to
2 make it more beneficial. I covered a little bit about the
3 fleet vehicles. We ended up purchasing four of these, I
4 believe Traverses. A little fancier than I thought they
5 were going to be. But, you know, we did need an SUV
6 because many of these used auto parts recyclers are going
7 to be down dirt roads out in the middle of the country.
8 So a typical smaller car wouldn't have dealt with it.
9 Lastly, I mentioned the new electronic inspection system.
10 This covered the licensing and then implementation costs
11 for the system. We are looking to go live with the system
12 September 1. The benefits of this system are going to be
13 huge. Currently, we have a system however, it doesn't
14 allow us to track anything outside of a law or rule
15 violation. So one of the big benefits of this system is
16 it's going to be able to capture what we call indicators
17 of other types of motor vehicle crime. And yes, I noticed
18 sorry about the formatting. I noticed that the other day
19 when I was reviewing the presentation and apologize for
20 that. Some of these indicators though, some of them are a
21 violation of a statute or rule of the department. But a
22 lot of them are. As we found, especially with our human
23 trafficking initiatives that we're doing with other
24 programs, a lot of the violations and the things and the
25 larger, I guess, schemes of organized criminal activity

1 come from things that aren't a law rule violation. You
2 know, perhaps you've got a pile of catalytic converters in
3 the back, but only a few vehicles. You know, that's a red
4 flag that may come up. Perhaps they don't have any sign
5 of the vehicles being titled, you know, or they have a
6 bunch of titles that have not been surrendered to the DMV.
7 We created this list in collaboration with other agency
8 partners, including DMV, DPS and the local law enforcement
9 agency we've been working with. Of course, if any of the
10 law enforcement in the room can think of any additional
11 indicator, we'd be more than happy to discuss and add that
12 to the list. But one of the main benefits of this new
13 system is that we're going to be able to capture these
14 data points and then run data and reports to show any kind
15 of trend. That'll help us ultimately with our risk-based
16 inspection process because we can identify higher risk
17 facilities, but it also can help all the different partner
18 agencies and law enforcement throughout the state if they
19 have any kind of question about particular locations.
20 Just a couple of inspection statistics. As you can see,
21 this is for the entire last fiscal year and then through
22 the third quarter of fiscal year 2026. We did ramp up
23 inspections quite a bit, as you see. Again, with these
24 four dedicated positions, it's going to be significantly
25 higher this next fiscal year and fiscal year 2027. Some

1 of the additional inspection data that we've been
2 capturing in our current system, and I say current system,
3 it's really captured on a spreadsheet, you know, because
4 we don't have the capabilities within our current one.
5 But this is some of the stuff that we build based off of.
6 So the total time or the hours that it takes, but also
7 capturing data on the number of catalytic converters we've
8 inspected, whether it's actually inspected or the overall
9 estimate of the businesses. And this is a breakdown of
10 those different statistics. These are some of the top
11 violations. So these are the violations of law and rule,
12 whether it's through the occupations code or the
13 administrative code. You know, this is the top five that
14 we cite within our regulatory authority. It's going to be
15 failed to submit ownership documents to the DMV, failed to
16 remove or secure any license plates. Also failed to
17 maintain valid general liability insurance, failed to
18 maintain required records and failed to maintain records
19 on the sale and receipt of each motor vehicle salvage.
20 Overall impact. Again, you know, the overall goal of this
21 is to strengthen the APR program oversight. As I
22 mentioned earlier, many of our inspections that we've done
23 so far have been based off of the license facilities that
24 are licensed with the agency. But the true benefit is
25 going to be coming after more proactive efforts of the

1 unlicensed individuals that are trying to hide from state
2 regulation. From our website, we have a lot of different
3 information. We have news and updates, rules, new
4 legislation. We actively follow all the bills that relate
5 to TDLR and we regulate 42 programs. And now the lottery
6 says, as you can imagine, it's going to be a very busy
7 legislative session for us coming up. Also to anyone
8 that's interested, if they are interested in the location,
9 whether it's a vehicle storage facility, auto parts
10 recycler, we do have active license verification on our
11 website. And of course, if you have any questions, please
12 feel free to reach out to us. And I'm available for any
13 questions y'all may have.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions? Thank
15 you very much.

16 CHRIS RUSSEY: Thank you.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: We'll now move on to
18 agenda item 7D. I will turn the meeting over to Lisa
19 Cargill, Texas DPS Regulation Service Division Program.

20 LISA CARGILL: Good afternoon. I am Lisa Cargill
21 with the Department of Public Safety. I am the Compliance
22 Enforcement Service Director in the Regulatory Services
23 Division. Today I do want to talk to you about who we are
24 and what we do and how we are able to get our job done.
25 So the Regulatory Services Division actually we oversee

1 eight programs and those are listed. The license to carry
2 program which is self explanatory. Private security, we
3 regulate that program. That could be the alarm
4 installers, security guards, locksmiths, vehicle emissions
5 testing and the safety vehicle inspection program. We
6 still regulate the safety program on the commercial
7 vehicle inspections. Compassionate use, some folks don't
8 know what that is, you may know it as the Medical
9 Marijuana Program. Ignition interlock device, we actually
10 regulate those service centers that install those devices.
11 The Capital Access Pass and the Precursor Chemical
12 Laboratory Apparatus. I skipped over metal recycling
13 because I do want to go into more detail. That's why
14 we're here, correct? So CES, the Compliance Enforcement
15 Service actually oversees four of these programs and those
16 are the private security, vehicle inspection, ignition
17 interlock and metals. So sorry about that. We do have
18 the Compliance Enforcement Service and then we also have
19 the Licensing Review Service. Our Licensing Review
20 Service actually reviews the applications, once the
21 application is submitted to be a licensed metal recycling
22 facility all of our i's are dotted, t's crossed, their
23 backgrounds are checked and everything's clear, then the
24 Compliance Enforcement Service will receive those
25 applications. At that point, we conduct routine

1 inspections and investigations to ensure compliance is
2 within the laws and rules. So the law actually requires
3 DPS to license and regulate the metals recycling entities.
4 It requires limitations on the purchase of certain
5 materials and that certain information is obtained from
6 sellers of metals and maintained by the purchasing metals
7 recycling facility. We currently have 655 licensed metal
8 recycling entities throughout the state that we regulate
9 and we see, and I'll go into that when I talk about the
10 inspections, but we see them at least twice a year. The
11 transactions involving the sale of the regulated materials
12 are reported to RSD and monitored through the TOM
13 database, which is the Texas Online Metals database. And
14 this is as of June, the 655. This map here shows where
15 our metals recycling entities are located. So the 36,
16 that is region, what we refer to as Region 5, the Lubbock
17 area, the 49 Region 4, which is El Paso, and then the 62
18 South Texas. You can see the top three, the 238, that's
19 going to be our southeast Texas region, that's Houston,
20 108 is central, which is Austin, and then the 162 is our
21 North Texas region, which is Dallas. As the Regulatory
22 Services Division, we are responsible for the
23 administrative oversight of the metals program, and we
24 maintain that oversight in accordance with Occupations
25 Code 1956 and the Admin Code chapter 36. We also work

1 with law enforcement agencies across the state and with
2 reps of the metals recycling industry and those affected
3 by metals, and we do all this to improve and monitor the
4 program's effectiveness. So in 2024, with the funding
5 received from the MVCPA, we were allowed to create 16
6 grant funded positions. Fourteen of those are program
7 investigators, and then we have two case support
8 specialists. This map here shows where our investigators
9 are actually stationed. We have one in El Paso, one in
10 Weslaco, two in the San Antonio and Austin area. Our two
11 case support specialists work in our Austin headquarters.
12 We actually have five in the Houston area and five in the
13 Dallas area. As I said, we see these entities at least
14 once or twice a year. So our routine inspections, we do
15 inspect biannually. And based off of fiscal year 2025,
16 just for routine inspections, we actually did 32
17 inspections that were received by complaints. Now that
18 could be complaints from the public. It could be
19 complaints from other law enforcement agencies. It could
20 be that one of our investigators was in the field and
21 noticed something and turned it into a complaint. And
22 then in 2026 through third quarter, we've conducted 29 of
23 those investigations that were complaints. Our routine
24 inspections for fiscal year 2025 were 1,502 and then
25 fiscal year 2026 through third quarter were 1,967. And as

1 I said, that fluctuates a little bit dependent on the
2 inspection, whether it's an inspection or investigation,
3 how we received it. If there were violations, we will go
4 back out and do a re-inspect in what we call a risk-based
5 inspection. This here shows our violations that were
6 issued, the enforcement that was taken off of the
7 inspections that we conducted. So there again, in fiscal
8 year 2025, we had 133 reprimands, and then in 2026 through
9 third quarter 135. So the QR code there actually is a
10 link to our penalty schedule. So based off of the
11 violation depends on what enforcement we take. So there
12 are some violations that they will just get a reprimand,
13 but they get letters, and it could be something as small
14 as they may not have a sign up, and so we give them time
15 to correct that. So they basically get a warning, having
16 them correct that, and then we will do a re-inspect. Out
17 of the inspections that we conducted in 2025, 200 of
18 those, the enforcement resulted in fines, and then 2026
19 through the third quarter 286 were fined. And then we had
20 five suspensions in 25 and then 30 so far, and then two
21 revocations in 2025 and five revocations so far this year.
22 This report here we receive once a month. Let's see if I
23 can go back. Okay. This report here we receive once a
24 month. It shows this one has been redacted, but the
25 report we receive has the metals recycling entities'

1 business names on it. And what our investigators use this
2 for is to see the catalytic converter transactions. So if
3 Lisa's Metal Shop has never showed up on this report
4 before and now Lisa's Metal Shop is showing up, we will
5 conduct an investigation or an inspection at that location
6 to find out what's going on there. Same thing if we have
7 an entity that shows up quite often, but it only shows
8 they're doing 100 transactions a month and now it
9 skyrockets to 1,000; that throws up some red flags for us.
10 So we use this report every month. Our investigators have
11 it, and we have shared it with some of our law enforcement
12 agencies as well so that they can use it. It's been
13 useful for us. I do want to highlight some of the
14 operations that we have been involved in. I think I went
15 too far, there it goes. This one here, we worked in
16 conjunction with the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force,
17 the Galveston County Sheriff's Department, Dickinson
18 Police Department, Brazoria County Sheriff's Department.
19 We had an investigator and our special agents were out,
20 and when we went out, we did the inspection there. A
21 search warrant ended up being issued and 45 catalytic
22 converters and \$23,000 were seized on this operation. Two
23 individuals were arrested for that, and they did an
24 undercover where they went in and they sold two catalytic
25 converters and then they went in and completed the

1 investigation. This operation was in the Houston, Harris
2 County area. We did work with the Harris County Sheriff's
3 Department on this. This was someone operating with an
4 expired license. We did get arrests out of this; there
5 was one arrested for a Class A misdemeanor. This
6 operation we worked in conjunction with the Houston Police
7 Department, but TCEQ was contacted after we got out there
8 because you can tell there was red, green, purple,
9 different color liquid on the ground that we did not know
10 what that was. And this was a suspended license. Our
11 investigator went out and actually conducted surveillance
12 and saw that they were operating when they said they
13 weren't and also used the TOM database to monitor
14 transactions, and there were two arrests made out of this.
15 There's a couple more investigations that I want to
16 highlight that happened recently. One of our special
17 agents went out and arrested in Polk County for operating
18 with a suspended license. And just recently, even though
19 it wasn't directly involving catalytic converters, it
20 shows the impact that our investigators are making out
21 there in all of the metal recycling entities. One of our
22 investigators was contacted in the San Antonio area just
23 this past week by a metals recycling entity that an 18-
24 wheeler had pulled in with a load of smelted lead bricks.
25 The owner did not know what to do with that, so the

1 investigator asked him to stall the driver until she could
2 figure out was the load stolen, what happened. So long
3 story short, they stalled him, she was able to contact CID
4 agents, we got Commercial Vehicle Enforcement involved.
5 The truck, the trailer, everything, the load was stolen.
6 He stayed there, but he was arrested, and it ended up
7 being over a \$200,000 recovery. So our investigators are
8 out there, and even though I do want to highlight, even
9 though they are particularly stationed in one location,
10 they do travel. With the funding that has been received,
11 they've received updated computers, their cars, so they do
12 travel throughout the state. They go into other regions
13 and assist the other investigators. This here is a quick
14 reference guide. This is found on our DPS website. There
15 is a QR code there. It is a 32-page document, but instead
16 of trying to navigate the website and try to find answers
17 to questions, you can just go straight to this reference
18 guide. We keep it up to date with all the new updates.
19 This guide stays up to date and it's anything from how do
20 I get a license; that'll quickly give you that answer.
21 And last but not least, here's contact information. If
22 anyone needs any support, you have any criminal tips
23 submission, if you have any questions, please feel free to
24 reach out to us. Either one of these emails will get to
25 any one of us, but also our email addresses, I think it's

1 the same for most of us, it's our name, first name dot
2 last name, and then for DPS@dps.texas.gov. Earlier today,
3 I believe Sergeant Carson had made the comment about us
4 helping train other agencies that may not be familiar with
5 the METALS program. Please reach out to us; anyone, if
6 you need training in any areas, we're open to that. Thank
7 you all very much.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions for Ms.
9 Cargill?

10 DAVID RICHARDS: David Richards for the record,
11 excuse me, are your inspections unannounced?

12 LISA CARGILL: Yes.

13 DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. Thank you.

14 LISA CARGILL: They are unannounced. The only time
15 that we maybe would announce an inspection is if it's a
16 new location, maybe getting set up and we need to meet an
17 owner there. But most of the time we even try to have
18 those unannounced, just to go in and see that they are
19 conducting the inspections according to the rules and
20 regulations. Any other questions?

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Cargill.

22 LISA CARGILL: Thank you.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: We'll now move on to
24 agenda item 7E, and I will turn the meeting over to Major
25 Sharon Jones, Texas DPS.

1 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Good afternoon, Mr.
2 Chair. The two analysts that are funded by MVCPA funds,
3 their position will be effective September 1st for
4 transfer. If we have no internal transfers, then we will
5 have to hire external. And if we do hire externals, if we
6 do get candidates that are qualified, then the proposed
7 start date is October 15, 2026.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Awesome.

9 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you, sir.
10 The license plate project, those are moving along quite
11 nicely. We have 876 installed throughout the state. We
12 do have 279 that are not installed. 174 of those are non-
13 federal related, but maybe like 3 agencies or districts
14 that they're trying to get the permit going discussions.
15 Well, I'm not involved, I see all the discussions between
16 the LPR installer and TxDOT in those agencies. So all
17 parties are working together to get those 174 complete.
18 174 may seem like a large number, but in reality they're
19 bundled amounts like two or three remained in districts.
20 And the federal projects are moving along quite nicely
21 considering the fact that the Federal Highway
22 Administration has the entire United States to give their
23 blessing on as far as permits. So only about 105 of those
24 remaining. But one of the important pieces that are
25 linked into the border, those are in place. They're

1 coming along. As I mentioned to you before there, we can
2 look at a highway and we just see it as, let's say IH-35,
3 but for TxDOT, IH-35 has several districts in TxDOT and
4 they all approved separately by the feds. There's no
5 reason, they're just random based on how the feds get to
6 them. And so they're just, you have pockets of pieces for
7 a puzzle. But at some point in time, the puzzle will
8 connect. Same thing for I-10. Those puzzle pieces will
9 connect. So the feds are moving along quite nicely. We
10 have, we as in Texas DPS and regarding the statewide
11 cameras, there are many success stories. Captain Mena
12 would cover those in agenda item number 16. We do have
13 some state equipment that was vandalized. We have a
14 repeat offender. There's an ongoing investigation and we
15 do intend to seek prosecution. We also have other actions
16 planned regarding destroying and dismantling LPR's. And
17 that action that's planned will benefit the entire state
18 if it moves forward. And I will say this, I've said it
19 many times before, but as the sole person from the concept
20 of when we started discussing LPR's, there's no other
21 subject matter expert than me to say, and I say it again,
22 that the LPR's are used for law enforcement purposes. The
23 sharing agreements are in place. There's no agency that
24 has access to the state LPR's without a sharing agreement.
25 And also more importantly, the Texas Department of Public

1 Safety LPR's are not shared with ICE. We get it a lot.
2 We get a lot of open records. No federal agency has
3 access because federal agencies have to have overrides,
4 and that's the only way to get access to share the
5 cameras. So that is my presentation, sir, on 7E. If
6 there are any questions.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions from Major
8 Jones? Moving on to agenda item 8. We'll now turn the
9 meeting over again to Major Jones. Advisory committee
10 updates.

11 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: We had an excellent
12 meeting this morning. Member Nguyen and Carson from the
13 Houston Police Department, they had an excellent
14 presentation about precious metal and the effect of what
15 Texas is doing. We're doing a great job on stopping those
16 folks from trying to sell catalytic converters illegally
17 in Texas. However, the loophole is they're going to other
18 states. So they cross into state lines. They go in the
19 states where they don't have as tough laws and procedures
20 and policies and practices in place. We also know in
21 Texas, there are some businesses that voluntarily just
22 stop taking catalytic converters. And so we do have again
23 different actors that are going across state lines. And
24 also what was shared from the Houston Police Department is
25 that there are times when catalytic converters are stolen

1 and kept and they're kept for the market. So when the
2 market increases, that's when the catalytic converters
3 will come out of wherever they're stored, and then they're
4 sold. It's kind of like they're watching the stock
5 market. They're like stock brokers. They wait and they
6 sell. And that's what's happening. Member Foreman
7 discussed national and international trends of precious
8 metals. And it's the same. We're seeing a rise in the
9 price of precious metal. Therefore there's a rise in
10 catalytic converter thefts or those that are sold. And
11 it's also important to note that there are times where it
12 will appear as though catalytic converter theft is down.
13 But we cannot let that fool us into a like everything is
14 safe, because we know that again, there's a relationship
15 between precious metals and the price in catalytic
16 converters. So we should never drop our guard in that
17 regard. In the meeting, we also discussed an ongoing
18 conversation regarding how do you report catalytic
19 converter theft when they're not mandated. So that is an
20 ongoing discussion of varying ideas of how to count those.
21 Again, they're not marked. They're not associated with a
22 person per se. You can put them in a database. At the
23 end of the day, there's nothing that mandates Texas law
24 enforcement, when you seize catalytic converters, to
25 report them. So that's an ongoing discussion from the

1 very first meeting of 2024. We have a new committee
2 member, Michael Sullivan. He is an ex-public elected
3 official. He was a city council member for Houston, tax
4 assessor for Houston. He was the former director of the
5 North Texas Auto Dealership Association. And he is the
6 vice president of the 100 Club of Houston.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Awesome.

8 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: He has a lot to
9 bring to the team. That's my report, sir.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Major Jones.
11 We'll move on to agenda item 9, and then we'll break.
12 Agenda item 9, Grants GBR Committee Update, Major Jones.

13 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Me, Tom and I, we
14 saw a lot of well presented teams from throughout Texas.
15 And when I say teams, I'm referring to a law enforcement
16 partners. The presentations were they truly put a lot
17 into it. What they're asking for was definitely what's
18 needed to connect the dots in Texas. Again, the common
19 theme was license plate readers from varying vendors. But
20 again, those license plate readers had so many attached
21 cases that were solved. There are some of agencies that
22 within hours, like less than eight hours were capturing
23 what was needed to report crime. There were murders,
24 their targeted violence. There's a lot that connected the
25 dots within Texas. And so again a common theme is

1 automatic license plates. There are there they save
2 lives. That's what they're there for. And there are an
3 additional investigative tool to law enforcement to
4 protect Texas and those who visit Texas. That is my
5 report. Mr. Diggs will have some additional comments to
6 be made when it's his turn, sir. On number 9, that's all
7 we have for 224 committee.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Jones.

9 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: You're welcome.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: All right. Any
11 questions for Major Jones? Okay, it is now 2:15 p.m.
12 We'll be back in session at 2:25 p.m.

13 OFF THE RECORD

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: It is 2:35 p.m. and
15 we're back in session.

16 ON THE RECORD

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Moving on to agenda item
18 10. We'll now walk to move to agenda item 10, and I will
19 turn the meeting over to Major Sharon Jones. This is an
20 action item on Catalytic Converter Award Recommendations
21 for fiscal year '27.

22 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Member Sloan,
23 please make a motion.

24 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Board Member Tom Sloan, for
25 the record. I move the Board approved the fiscal year '27

1 Senate Bill 224 catalytic converter award recommendations
2 as recorded during the GBR meeting earlier this morning,
3 with the exception of Round Rock Police Department, of
4 which I will be recusing myself, and the Laredo Police
5 Department.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Before we make the
7 motion, let me ask Nicole, are there any public comments
8 on this item?

9 NICOLE GILES: No, Mr. Chairman, there are no public
10 comments.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, we have a, we have
12 a motion from Member Sloan. Do I have a second on that
13 motion?

14 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Sharon Jones, for
15 the record, second.

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Motion from Member
17 Jones. And a second from member. I'm sorry from Member
18 Sloan. Correction. We have a motion from Board Member
19 Sloan and a second from Board Member Jones. Any further
20 discussion?

21 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: No, sir.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: So for this one. Member
23 Sloan and Chairman Rodriguez will recuse themselves from
24 voting. We still have a quorum. So it would be up to
25 Member Whitehill, Member Brotherton and Member Jones to go

1 on this. I will not call for the vote. Member Jones?

2 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

3 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

4 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

6 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

7 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Sloan is recusing
8 himself and I Chairman Rodriguez and myself. Let the
9 record reflect that there are three votes for and zero
10 against, the motion passes. Moving on to agenda item 11.
11 Fiscal year '27 Task Force Grant Award recommendation.
12 Member Jones, this is an action item.

13 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Member Sloan,
14 please present a motion.

15 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Board Members Sloan for the
16 record. I move that the Board approve the fiscal year '27
17 task force grant awards as presented by Major Sharon
18 Jones.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Before we make a second
20 on this motion, are there any public comments, Nicole?

21 NICOLE GILES: No, Mr. Chairman, there are no public
22 comments.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Just for the task
24 forces here this is based on the recommendation that was
25 done yesterday. That is already on record. So in order

1 to for us not to read each and every single award. This
2 is what's on record. So whatever was approved yesterday,
3 that is what is getting approved today. So I have a
4 motion from Member Sloan. Do you have a second?

5 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Second.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any further discussion?
7 Hearing none. I will not call for the vote. Member
8 Jones?

9 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

11 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

13 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Sloan's
15 recusing himself. And I Chairman Rodriguez are recusing
16 myself. Let the record reflect that there are three votes
17 for and zero against, motion passes. Moving on to agenda
18 item 12. MVCPA 2027 Conference Venue Recommendation and
19 Selection. Major Jones.

20 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Recommendation is
21 for Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria. It is a 485-room
22 hotel, of which 400 of those rooms will be dedicated for
23 MVCPA attendees. It has a separate conference entrance
24 and exit. They also has valet, self parking is in a
25 sixth-floor garage with direct access to the conference

1 site. The event site itself is approximately 50,000
2 square feet, so would definitely accommodate us,
3 accommodate MVCPA conference attendees. And it's within
4 walking location to shops, restaurants and entertainment.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Awesome. So there you
6 go. So this is in Houston, right?

7 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Yes, sir. In
8 Houston by the Galleria.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Do we have the dates?

10 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: It's in August.

11 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: It's in August. No more
12 July.

13 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: July. Sorry, I'm
14 sorry I'm not here. It is July.

15 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Okay.

16 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: It's the same. Do
17 we have our dates? You remember the dates? It's the same
18 week in July.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Well, there you go.
20 There you have it guys. We're going back to Houston.

21 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: And this time with
22 air condition. All right, I promise.

23 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: And also, the
24 reason why we switched was to give Tarrant County a bit of
25 a break. They've done. That is why right there. It's a

1 great location. You guys will love it.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: All right. This is an
3 action item. Nicole, are there any public comments?

4 NICOLE GILES: There are no public comments.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Alright, I will now
6 entertain a motion on agenda item 12.

7 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Member Brotherton, I
8 move that the Board approve that of the 2027 MVCPA
9 conference venue site as recommended by Major Jones.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Do I have a second?

11 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Member Whitehill, I
12 second.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Motion from Board Member
14 Brotherton and a second from Board Member Whitehill. Any
15 further discussion? I will now call for the vote. Board
16 Member Jones?

17 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Whitehill?

19 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

20 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

21 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Member Sloan?

23 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And I Chair Rodriguez
25 vote aye. Let the record reflect that there are five

1 votes for and zero against. Motion passes. Moving on to
2 agenda item 13. I'll turn the meeting over to MVCPA audit
3 manager Yessenia Benavides. This is an insurance refund
4 request.

5 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: For the record, my name is
6 Yessenia Benavides. I have the pleasure of serving as the
7 audit manager for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention
8 Authority. Agenda item 13 can be found on page 19 of your
9 board materials. It is an action item. We only have one
10 refund request to put before you and this request comes
11 from Church Mutual Insurance Company for an overpayment
12 related to their second semi-annual payment for 2021
13 amounting to \$14,104. The overpayment occurred due to the
14 duplication of fees reported and MVCPA staff recommends
15 the approval of that refund. Are there any questions?

16 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: There's only one refund.

17 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: Yes, sir, just one refund.

18 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: \$14,000?

19 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: \$14,104.

20 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: How are we doing with--
21 the audits on the insurances?

22 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: So the collection process for
23 MVCPA is a very high priority and we are commencing the
24 drafts of those collection letters to the insurance
25 companies that have not remitted the required MVCPA fee.

1 I will say those collection letters are important as they
2 are part of ensuring compliance with statutory
3 requirements. And as we all know timely collections help
4 ensure that all insurers are contributing their fair share
5 and it will ultimately allow the MVCPA board to continue
6 funding grant programs that support the statewide motor
7 vehicle crime prevention efforts.

8 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you.

9 YESSANIA BENAVIDES: You're most welcome.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions from the
11 Board? Nicole, are there any public comments on this
12 agenda?

13 NICOLE GILES: There are no public comments.

14 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I want to entertain
15 motion agenda item 13.

16 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Member Whitehill, I move
17 that the Board approved a Church Mutual Insurance Company
18 refund request in the amount of \$14,104.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Do I have a second?

20 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Member Jones, I
21 second.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Motion from Board Member
23 Whitehill and a second from Board Member Jones. Any
24 further discussion? Hearing none, I will not call for the
25 vote. Member Jones?

1 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

2 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

3 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

5 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: I recuse.

6 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Let the record reflect
7 that member Brotherton is recusing herself. Member Sloan?

8 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Chair Rodriguez vote aye
10 as well. Let the record reflect that there are four votes
11 for zero against and one recuse. We'll now move on to
12 agenda item 14 and I will turn the meeting over to Chris
13 Hayden, Texas DMV CFO.

14 CHRIS HAYDEN: Good afternoon Chairman Rodriguez,
15 Members of the Board. Again, I'm Chris Hayden, Chief
16 Financial Officer for the Texas Department Motor Vehicles.
17 Today I'm here to present the 2028-2029 legislative
18 appropriation request. We will be requested that the
19 Department of Motor Vehicles will be requesting the LAR in
20 accordance with the governors and LBB's instructions.
21 There is only one exceptional item that we're requesting
22 for the department. I presented it on June 11 to the
23 TxDMV board. And it is a request to increase the FTE cap
24 for the Department of Motor Vehicles of 7 FTE for MVCPA.
25 In order to increase our FTE's, we would have to have a

1 cap increase otherwise we would have to cannibalize
2 current FTE within the department. So this would just be
3 an FTE increase. There will not be an additional dollar
4 request because we will be funding this within our
5 baseline request. I want to go over a couple of numbers
6 just to explain why this request is being brought forward.
7 In 2023 MVCPA had a funding of about \$14.9 million. And
8 by 2026 that had grown to almost \$51 million per year.
9 And then at the same time frame in 2023 there were 24 law
10 enforcement grants to support MVCPA. And then with the
11 addition of Senate Bill 224, that number rose to 58 grants
12 in 2024, 113 grants in 2025, 153 grants in 2026 and you
13 just approved 2027. So to be able to keep up with the
14 workload, the MVCPA staff is requesting to add 7
15 additional staff to run the program. And there's going to
16 be a mixture of four for the audit team, two on training
17 and grants and another will focus on law enforcement
18 liaison. And that is my presentation. Just request, oh,
19 this is an action I am requesting direction from the Board
20 to include this in the legislative appropriation request.
21 And I, that concludes my presentation and I'm available to
22 answer any questions the Board may have.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Questions for Mr.
24 Hayden? Thank you, Mr. Hayden.

25 CHRIS HAYDEN: Thank you. This is an action item.

1 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: It is an action. Any
2 public comments on this agenda item, Nicole?

3 NICOLE GILES: There are no public comments.

4 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I want to take a motion
5 for agenda item number 14.

6 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Board Member Sloan. I move
7 the Board approved the recommended increase in the MVCPA
8 FTE count for FY '28 LAR.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Do I have a second?

10 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Member Jones,
11 second.

12 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Have a motion from Board
13 Member Sloan and a second from Board Member Jones. Any
14 further discussion? Will now call for the vote. Member
15 Jones?

16 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

18 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

20 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Sloan?

22 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chairman
24 Rodriguez vote aye. Let the record reflect that there are
25 five votes for and zero votes against. Motion passes. On

1 agenda item number 15 it would be tabled. Agenda item
2 number 16 Texas DPS I-35 San Antonio to Laredo, 1604, Hays
3 County, and San Marcos LPR camera presentation. Captain
4 Mena, welcome.

5 JOSE MENA: Thank you. Good afternoon Chairman of
6 the Board, Board Members. Last time I was here I talked
7 about the ALPR cameras being a game changer for us and
8 earlier this week I heard I will not apologize for the
9 technology so if I could just take a second to brag about
10 the technology for a little bit. Right the list you see
11 above right there is of course we're doing our part when
12 it comes to motor vehicle theft and catalytic converter
13 thefts due to the integrity of the investigations we are
14 running in CID when it comes to DPS I'm not going to go
15 into the details. But every single one of those crimes up
16 there has been done and solved with the use of automatic
17 license plate readers. So when I look at that list there
18 I see how when I say game changer I mean game changer.
19 The bottom of the list in particular personally, I say
20 priceless. And there was a couple of those I've read
21 restricted briefs on every single one of these cases so
22 that's why I put that crime specifically up there. But do
23 know that there are multiple investigations and multiple
24 rests of suspects and fugitives within our investigations
25 on those crimes. Okay so in reference to item 16. In

1 relation to the agenda we have certain ALPR equipment
2 originally assigned a specific locations in Texas.
3 Strategically, throughout this state but we are going to
4 have to reallocate or move some of those. These
5 adjustments are necessary due to unforeseen variables at
6 original predetermined locations. And when I say that
7 what I mean is there's a long term construction that we
8 couldn't have planned for. There's utility conflicts,
9 drilling restrictions and other site limitations that
10 we're not going to be able to put those automatic license
11 plate readers where we wanted to. So those are going to
12 be moved and that actually helps with this item in the
13 sense that we were seeking \$385,630 for this agenda item.
14 But since we are relocating some of those cameras it
15 actually brings us to \$180,100 instead that we are
16 requesting. And by doing so we can fill some of those
17 gaps that we have within the state that we know we would
18 benefit from. And when I say we I know I'm sitting in
19 this chair but it's the entire state of Texas that
20 benefits from it. Last time I was here I said we help out
21 all the other agencies by putting these cameras up. So
22 they can further their investigations. And right now as
23 of yesterday DPS is sharing with over 206 law enforcement
24 agencies throughout the state. So can you take that
25 number and you and you take those crimes. And like I said

1 it's a force multiplier. This approach that we're doing
2 right now it's going to maximize the use of existing
3 assets while enhancing statewide investigative
4 capabilities. So I'm going to put my information up there
5 in case anyone wants it. I also have contact information
6 of my new supervisor now. So if y'all want to take that
7 down and give him calls feel free for that. And that
8 concludes my presentation.

9 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Captain Mena.
10 Any questions for Captain Mena?

11 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Just a comment. Thank you
12 for sharing the wins and the successes. There were a
13 couple of Amber alerts that went out while we're at this
14 conference and I can almost feel certain that because of
15 the use of Flock and what DPS has done those children will
16 be returned to their families.

17 JOSE MENA: And it's good that you mentioned that
18 because one of those cases was an Amber Alert where two
19 children were recovered. So thank you.

20 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And so you know in line
21 with this conversation right we myself and Member Sloan
22 and you know I know we had this conversation with Sharon
23 as well and our Board Members Brotherton and Whitehill.
24 As to what else do we need to do to make sure that we that
25 we put this this information out right as to how helpful

1 it is with technology right we said yesterday and last
2 night actually about reducing the number of auto tips.
3 You know from 100,000 plus auto 2024 to about 75,000 plus
4 auto thefts in 2025. And that contributes to the hard
5 work that the investigators do in every department here
6 does. But it also technology is a big contributor because
7 it is a force multiplier. We solve cases faster and we
8 get to the bad guy faster. And so by getting to the bad
9 guy faster we always say this right we prevent another
10 victim. And we prevent another crime from happening. And
11 so these things are very important that we push out and so
12 we we're going to circle back with all task force
13 commanders right that we need to continue pushing the note
14 of the great things that this technology has given us.
15 And more than anything is you know preventing crime
16 because it's not for us to be reactive. It's a thing of
17 the past right. Now we need to be proactive. With all
18 the new AI era that's coming on board, yes we have to be
19 very careful how we manage all that because it's scary
20 right sometimes. Things that that machine does is just
21 very scary. And so with this in mind I do want to say
22 that we need to get ahead of what it is especially right
23 now with social media and all the platforms that exist
24 right now that are trying to tear this apart. And I'm
25 going to be very upfront about this right because a lot of

1 these misinformation that's out there we have to counter
2 it. And talking about the information that's out there,
3 you know, the majority of it you know it's it's just
4 misinformation. And so putting this success stories and
5 putting the amount of crime that we've already prevented,
6 it speaks louder than all that misinformation. So I do
7 want to say thank you for bringing this up. I do want to
8 commend Texas DPS for always being the leader that they
9 are. And I want to commend everybody that has this
10 technology and has successfully used this technology. So
11 I am going to say it very loud and clear that we do need
12 to get louder in those platforms and saying the great work
13 that you guys are doing get very loud. So we're going to
14 circle back. We're going to have additional
15 conversations, additional meetings and make sure that we
16 have this out there not only but from MVCPA, but from
17 every other agency that's here. Right. So thank you for
18 that captain. Anybody else? All right. Thank you.
19 There's an action item. Are there any public comments on
20 this agenda item Nicole?

21 NICOLE GILES: There are no public comments.

22 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, do we have a
23 motion on this agenda item?

24 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Board member Sloan. I move
25 that the Board approve the Texas DPS funding request of

1 the change from \$385,630 to \$180,100 for the placement of
2 LPR's along IH-35 from San Antonio, Texas to Laredo, Texas
3 Loop 1604 in San Antonio Bexar County, Texas; San Marcos,
4 Hays County, Texas.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Motion from Member
6 Jones, do I have a second?

7 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Member Brotherton, I
8 second.

9 MIEK RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I have a motion from
10 Member Jones, a second from Member Brotherton. Any
11 further discussion. I have a motion from Member Sloan and
12 a second from Member Brotherton. I know it's already,
13 it's getting to that time, right. Do we have any further
14 discussion on this agenda item? Hearing none, I will now
15 call for the vote. Member Whitehill?

16 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

18 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

20 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I recuse myself.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones recuses
22 herself. Member Sloan?

23 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

24 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Mike Rodriguez,
25 Chair, vote aye. Let the record reflect that there are

1 four votes for, zero against, and one recuse. Motion
2 passes. We have no closed session. 19. Are there any
3 public comments?

4 NICOLE GILES: No there are no public comments.

5 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: All right guys agenda
6 item 20, Adjournment. Is there any there's any further
7 discussion I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

8 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Sharon Jones, sir,
9 for the record, I move that we adjourn.

10 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: I have a motion from
11 Board Member Jones. Do I have a second?

12 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Board Member Sloan, second.

13 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Board Members when I
14 call your name please state your vote for the record.
15 Member Jones?

16 MAJOR SHARON JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Whitehill?

18 KIT WHITEHILL-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Brotherton?

20 CHARLA BROTHERTON-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

21 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: Member Sloan?

22 TOM SLOAN-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

23 MIKE RODRIGUEZ-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chairman
24 Rodriguez, vote aye. Again, thank you very much,
25 everybody, and thank you, Member Jones. We are adjourned.

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