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Tammy McRae, Vice Chair

Chase Cooley

Mark Jones

Sharla Omumu

Mark Roesler

Brett Graham

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Stacey Gillman

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18 Greg Chaney, Chacon Autos
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Sandra Martinez

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1 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Good morning. It is 9:00
2 a.m., and I am Charles Bacarisse, and I'm looking forward
3 to having my Board join me up here. We have a lot of --
4 thank you -- we have a lot of friends here today, and
5 other citizens and people that are gathered, so thank you.
6 Thank you all for being here. It's 9:00 a.m., and I am
7 now calling Board meeting for February 12, 2026, to order.
8 I want to note for the record that the public notice of
9 this meeting containing all items on the agenda was filed
10 with the Office of Secretary of State on February 4, 2026.
11 And before we begin today's meeting, please place all cell
12 phones and other communication devices in silent mode.
13 Also, as courtesy to others, please do not engage in side
14 conversations here in the meeting room. I want to welcome
15 those who are with us for today's board meeting.
16 Certainly. And if you wish to address the board or speak
17 on an agenda item during today's meeting, please complete
18 a speaker sheet at the registration table just outside
19 there or send an email to GCOGeneral@txdmv.gov. One more
20 time. That's GCOGeneral@txdmv.gov. Please identify in
21 your email the specific item you're interested in,
22 commenting on your name and address, and whether you are
23 speaking for yourself or you're representing an agency or
24 a group. If your comment does not pertain to a specific
25 agenda item, we'll take your comment during the general

1 public comment portion of the meeting. In accordance with
2 the Department's administrative rule, comments to the
3 board will be limited to three minutes. To assist each
4 speaker, a timer has been provided on the podium. The
5 timer light will be green for the first two minutes,
6 yellow when the speaker has one minute left and then red
7 when the speaker's time is up. Individuals cannot
8 accumulate time from other speakers, and comments should
9 be pertinent to the issue stated on your comment sheet.
10 When addressing the Board, please state your name and
11 affiliation for the record. And there are a few things
12 also that will help make the meeting run more smoothly and
13 assist the court reporter who's back here to get an
14 accurate record. First of all, please identify yourself
15 before speaking. Speak clearly and slowly. Do not speak
16 over others and ask the chair for permission to speak.
17 And be sure to get recognized before you start. I would
18 like to thank our court reporter who is back there
19 transmitting everything that we do. Before we begin
20 today, I'd also like to remind all presenters and those in
21 attendance of the rules of conduct at our board meetings.
22 In the Department's administrative rules, the chair has
23 the authority to supervise conduct of these meetings. And
24 this includes the authority to determine when a speaker is
25 being disruptive of the meeting or is otherwise violating

1 the timing or presentation rules that I just discussed.
2 We obviously want to hear from those who have signed up
3 today, so we're going to give everybody an opportunity to
4 talk with us. And we appreciate you being here. I'd like
5 to have a roll call of the Board members, please, to
6 determine quorum, so respond verbally when I call your
7 name. Member Alvarado are you present?

8 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Cooley?

10 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Graham?

12 BRETT-GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Jones?

14 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Vice Chair McRae?

16 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Here.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Board Member Omumu?

18 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: You're always ahead of the
20 game, Tammy. Board Member Omumu?

21 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Roesler?

23 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

25 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Here.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: And let the record reflect
2 that I'm here too, so we have a quorum. Item number 2 is
3 pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags. And so
4 I'd like to ask you all to stand. And I'll ask Member
5 Alvarado to lead us in the U.S. Pledge, and then Member
6 Cooley will lead us to the Texas pledge.

7 EVERYONE: (Pledge to U.S. and Texas flags)

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Members Alvarado
9 and Cooley, for leading us in those pledges. Agenda item
10 number 3, our Chair reports. And I certainly want to take
11 this moment to recognize a recently retired member of this
12 Board, our good friend Stacey Gillman. She was appointed
13 by Governor Abbott in March of 2019, along with Vice Chair
14 McRae and myself, we were classmates. Ms. Gillman has
15 been actively engaged in many, many important issues
16 throughout her time on the Board. And even before that,
17 in the automobile industry and in her community, too. I
18 live in Houston, and you can't do anything without turning
19 the corner and seeing something that Gillman has done for
20 the community. I can't thank her enough for her good
21 fellowship and her friendship and her hard work as a
22 member of this Board. Ms. Gillman, I'd like to invite you
23 to the podium if you'd like to say a few words. We may be
24 here a while. Stacey, for you, not limit you to three
25 minutes, okay. But try to condense it.

1 STACEY GILLMAN: This is great. I have been in the
2 car business for 37 years, and in that experience, I have
3 worked with our association. I have worked with
4 government for a long, long time. This was by far the
5 most -- the hardest job, and I had the pleasure of working
6 with such amazing people and seeing the machine work. It
7 was a pleasure, a joy to be a part of it. Thank you to
8 the staff, thank you to the Board members that are here
9 and that are not here. I loved my time. I loved being
10 with you guys. Thank you all so much.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Stacey, don't go far,
12 because we're all going to gather down here in front and
13 have a picture with you. So take a sip of whatever you're
14 drinking there. And, members, can we assemble at the
15 front for a picture with Stacey? Thank you. Thank you
16 very much. Thank you. All right. Members, I want to ask
17 if any of you want to say a few words and tribute to
18 Stacey before we move from this item, so on the record.

19 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Chairman, I'd like to
20 say a few words.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Please. Member Schlosser?

22 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: So, Stacey, we've
23 known each other for a lot of years. In the Houston area
24 when I was at Houston P.D. And I worked with the Gillman
25 quite frequently, more than we'd like to say, but we were

1 there. And I truly have loved your organization you
2 created there. But more importantly, the friendship that
3 we have developed over the years. Thank you for welcoming
4 on the Board and I don't know if you had any
5 recommendation part in that, but if you did, thank you so
6 much because this has truly been an honor of my life. And
7 love you so much.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members. Anyone else?
9 Member Jones.

10 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Stacey, I feel like I got
11 cheated because of everyone on the Board, I got to be with
12 you the least amount of time. But I do want to thank you
13 for, from the very first time that I came to a meeting,
14 your guidance, your leadership, kind of explaining to me
15 how things work, because when you first get on this Board,
16 you may not necessarily understand all of that, but you
17 are so kind and generous. And I thank you and look
18 forward to keeping your friendship for a long time.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Vice Chair McRae.

20 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Stacey, my sister, I love
21 you. It's been such a pleasure getting to know you
22 throughout the years. You have taught me so much about
23 the dealer side of the industry, I think you taught us all
24 that. And we were joking last night, we don't see the big
25 binders up here that you would go through page by page and

1 put all your notes in. You did so much research ahead of
2 these Board meetings. And so I just want the public to
3 know that you worked so hard and did all of your research
4 ahead of time to make sure the decisions you made on this
5 Board were the right ones that you thought were the best
6 decisions. And it was just a pleasure to get to know you.
7 I can't wait for us all together for that crawfish boil
8 down there at Gillman.

9 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I'll just add on.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Graham.

11 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
12 I did not know Stacey before we met on this Board together
13 and served together. The passion, Stacey, that you
14 brought, not just on behalf of dealers but on behalf of
15 Texans, was very evident, and there's no question as to
16 why Gillman and its operations are so successful, because
17 of that passion behind it that's pushing it to serve
18 Texans. And it was just an honor and a privilege to work
19 with you. Thank you.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: I'll just add to my
21 comments. As one of two public members on this Board, the
22 only experience I had with the transportation industry in
23 Texas was buying a car for myself and for my kids. So I
24 have a lot to learn and I'm still learning. My learning
25 curve is very steep. You took me in and you spent time

1 with me, and you walked me around the dealership and we
2 went up to the title and clerks, and I really got a chance
3 to see just how challenging some of these things are that
4 dealers have to manage, and it was a real blessing for me.
5 I appreciate it greatly and I thank you for the work you
6 do every day and the team that you lead every day. So God
7 bless you, and we'll see you back in some other form of
8 state service in the future, I certainly hope.
9 Absolutely. Thank you. If we may now move to agenda item
10 3B. With the addition of our newly appointed Board
11 members, I've made a few updates to our standing committee
12 assignments and thankfully these Board members have
13 accepted. First, I've asked Member Chase Cooley to serve
14 on the Finance and Audit Committee, and that committee is
15 chaired by Member Graham, and now includes Members Cooley,
16 Jones, McRae and Omumu. I've also appointed, and he
17 accepted, agreed to do it, Mark Roesler to serve on the
18 Project and Operations Committee. That committee is
19 chaired by Member Darren Schlosser and now includes
20 Members Christian Alvarado, Brett Graham, Tammy McRae and
21 Mark Roesler. So two very important actions there and
22 then the composition of the Legislative and Public Affairs
23 Committee remains unchanged. It continues to be chaired
24 by Member Christian Alvarado, with Members Mark Jones,
25 Tammy McRae, Sharla Omumu, and Darren Schlosser. This

1 updated structure provides five members on each standing
2 committee, and each committee chair now also serves on an
3 additional committee, so these members are all very busy.
4 These appointments do not require any action by the Board
5 under Transportation Code Chapter 1001. So thank you all
6 for your willingness to pick up this additional work, and
7 thank you each for the work you're already doing. Agenda
8 item 4 is the Executive Director's reports. I'll now turn
9 it over to Executive Director Daniel Avitia for his
10 presentation, Mr. Avitia.

11 DANIEL AVITIA-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Chairman. Thank
12 you. Chairman, Members, good morning. For the record,
13 Daniel Avitia, Executive Director. Members, this is a
14 briefing item only. Agenda item 4 can be found on page 6
15 of your board materials. At this time, I'd like to
16 recognize our employees who have reached a state service
17 milestone. We celebrate these employees to show our
18 appreciation for their years of service and dedication to
19 the State of Texas. I'll begin with 20 years of state
20 service, we have one individual, Ms. Veronica Whitaker
21 with the Consumer Relations Division. Next, with 25 years
22 of state service, we have Rhonda Guajardo with the
23 Information Technology Services Division. Ms. Lindy
24 Hendricks with the Office of Administrative Hearings. Ms.
25 Lucy Prieto with the Motor Vehicle Division. Next, with

1 30 years of state service, we have John Dufour with the
2 Enforcement Division. April Marshall with the Vehicle
3 Title and Registration Division. Lastly, we have the
4 following retirees with 33 years of state service, Mary
5 Sedillo-Chacon with the Information Technology Services
6 Division. With 39 years of state service, Mr. Charles
7 Bennett with the Enforcement Division. Members, I'd like
8 to take a moment to speak about the individuals and team
9 members that are with us today. First, I'll start with
10 Ms. Lindy Hendricks. She's a hearings examiner with the
11 Office of Administrative Hearings. She brings more than
12 15 years of experience as an administrative law judge with
13 the State Office of Administrative Hearings, along with
14 additional service with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage
15 Commission in the Office of the Attorney General. Lindy's
16 extensive background in adjudicating complex
17 administrative cases and delivering fair and impartial
18 hearings makes her a valuable asset to the department.
19 Lindy, congratulations on your outstanding 25 years of
20 state service. Next we have Ms. Lucy Prieto. She began
21 her state service with the Texas Department of Criminal
22 Justice, spending 12 years on various roles within the
23 Parole and Warrants Division, you all be careful with Ms.
24 Lucy. She joined the TxDMV in 2013 as an administrative
25 assistant with the Motor Vehicle Division. In 2018, Lucy

1 advanced to a background analyst, where she played a key
2 role in establishing what would become the Background and
3 Fraud Section. She was promoted again in '22 to her
4 current position as Background and Fraud Supervisor, now
5 leading a team of 12 and responsible for detailed
6 analysis, identity verification, fingerprinting and
7 quality assurance for her dealer license applications.
8 Lucy, congratulations on your 25 years of state service.
9 Next we have Ms. April Marshall. She began her state
10 service in December of 1995, including more than 15 years
11 with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. She joined
12 the DMV in 2011 and since 2015 has worked in the VTR
13 Division, Vehicle Data Management Section. As a lead
14 worker of the Law Enforcement Support Unit, she
15 demonstrates strong leadership in effective collaborations
16 while supporting both agency staff, law enforcement, and
17 motor vehicle records updates to ensure compliance. Her
18 loyalty, dedication and service to the DMV are deeply
19 appreciated. Congratulations on your 30 years of
20 dedicated service. Last but not least, Chairman, I'd like
21 to take a moment to recognize our Deputy Executive
22 Director, whose last day will be tomorrow with our agency.
23 Deputy Director, Executive Director Luna, as he prepares
24 to leave his post with the DMV, makes a lot of us really
25 sad, but also happy that he's moving on to a good

1 organization with the Department of Public Safety. Roland
2 has been an incredible leader and a partner during his
3 time with us. His dedication, his professionalism, his
4 steady leadership have played a key role in strengthening
5 our organization. He consistently brought clarity during
6 complex moments, supported our team with care, integrity,
7 and more importantly, helped move our mission forward in
8 so many meaningful ways. While I'm sorry to see him go,
9 I'm truly grateful for the impact he has made and the
10 strong foundation that he will leave behind. His
11 contributions will be felt long beyond his departure. I
12 want to sincerely thank you, Roland, for your service to
13 the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. I always wish you
14 continued success and fulfillment in your next chapter in
15 your career. Chairman, Members, guests, please join me
16 also in congratulating Roland for his outstanding work and
17 leadership. Members if you can join me at the front of
18 the Dais one more time, please.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Before we do that, Mr.
20 Avitia would you like to make any comments to us before we
21 jump in here and do pictures?

22 ROLAND LUNA: Roland Luna, Deputy Executive Director.
23 Chairman, if I had a quarter for every time that someone
24 called me Daniel or a quarter for every time that someone
25 called Roland, Daniel. I just want to say thank you very

1 much to staff. All of the successes that we've had over
2 the years, even the challenges that we've worked through
3 with stakeholders, with our subject matter experts, with
4 all of our divisions across the agency, none of those
5 things are possible without people and relationships. And
6 I think that the agency has done a tremendous job of
7 working with people when we're implementing something,
8 when we're trying to figure out a solution. For whatever
9 challenge that we're dealing with. And I'm very thankful
10 for the commitment that all staff have exhibited over the
11 six years that I've been with the agency. I want to thank
12 the Board for the policy direction, the guidance that
13 you've provided from your vantage point with your
14 experiences that you've brought to the Board, very
15 thankful for that. I want to thank the executive
16 management team for their commitment, their unwavering
17 commitment over the years. And I'd like to thank Daniel.
18 Daniel and I have spent countless hours and we talked
19 about this earlier this week, countless hours talking
20 about strategy and talking about planning and organizing
21 and how we execute plans. And I will miss those sessions
22 that we've had, whether it's in 10 at night or 4 in the
23 morning when I get up and I respond to his 12:00 message.
24 I will miss that and I'll miss the agency. So it's a
25 little bit bittersweet for me, but it's a fantastic

1 opportunity, returning to the Department of Public Safety.
2 As you know, I grew up there, so having an opportunity to
3 return at the level that I'm returning at is an
4 opportunity that I have to take advantage of. And I will
5 miss everyone here, but I'm only a phone call away if
6 there's a question about something. But, Chairman, thank
7 you very much. I appreciate all your guidance and support
8 as well and Chairman Mach says hi.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: I got a text from the
10 Chairman Mach last night, yesterday afternoon, and said
11 it's official and I said, well, it better be. I'm excited
12 for you and your next steps and we'll stay in touch for
13 sure. I know that there are probably some Board members
14 who would like to say something, so I'll start with the
15 Vice Chair Ms. McRae.

16 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Roland, I just want to thank
17 you for all of the many projects that you have spearheaded
18 and have brought to fruition here. But the one thing that
19 I think that you did that will be your legacy is the unity
20 that you have brought from all of the stakeholders to this
21 agency, so I thank you for that.

22 ROLAND LUNA: Thank you.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members, anyone else? Yes,
24 Member Jones?

25 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Roland, I'd just like to

1 thank you. When House Bill 718 was in its works, the fact
2 that you and the executive staff were willing to travel to
3 every corner of this state to speak to the independent
4 dealers, to hold forums, breakout sessions, answer the
5 questions, work directly with the TIADA, I thank you. I
6 know you had a lot to do with spearheading that, and thank
7 you and your executive team for helping that transition
8 take place.

9 ROLAND LUNA: Yes, sir. Thank you.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: And, members, anyone else?
11 Member Schlosser.

12 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Roland, you're going
13 to be missed for sure. You having your law enforcement
14 background and me being in law enforcement, there's a
15 language there, and I really appreciated the conversations
16 we had and the energy drink discussions that we had. I'm
17 going to miss that. You'll have to keep me posted on your
18 favorite energy drinks from here going forward, I need
19 your recommendations. But thank you so much for helping
20 me when I first came on and for being there. Thank you.

21 ROLAND LUNA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members, anyone else?
23 Roland, we know you're just going to be down the street,
24 so we may have to call on you. We appreciate your
25 service. And it will continue to the people of Texas.

1 All the best. Okay, we'll now move on to agenda item
2 number 5. And we'll turn it over to Mr. Clint Thompson.
3 Ms. Thompson, please.

4 CLINT THOMPSON: Thank you. Good morning. Clint
5 Thompson, Director of the Motor Carrier Division. Agenda
6 item 5 starts on page 7 of your board book. This is an
7 action item to adopt amendments to 206.101 and new
8 206.102. Section 206.102 would create the Automated
9 Vehicle Regulation Advisory Committee, with the purpose
10 being to assist the Board and Executive Director with
11 recommendations regarding the regulation of automated
12 motor vehicles in Texas. It also supports implementation
13 of Senate Bill 2807, which requires the Department to
14 regulate automated vehicles. It establishes the
15 expiration of the advisory committee as July 7, 2031, to
16 coincide with the other advisory committees that the
17 Department has. An amendment to 206.101 merely adds this
18 committee to the other committees that allow public
19 comment at those committee meetings. The Board approved
20 the proposed rules at the December Board meeting. We
21 received no public comments on these rules. Adoption of
22 the rules allows staff to start taking applications to vet
23 members of the new committee, which ultimately is approved
24 by the Board, and the effective date would be March 5th if
25 adopted today. And I recommend adoption. I'm glad to

1 answer any questions.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members, any questions for
3 Mr. Thompson? Laura, are there any public comments on
4 this agenda?

5 LAURA MORIATY: No sir, none on this agenda item.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, I just wanted to
7 make sure. The Chair would entertain a motion on agenda
8 item 5, if a member.

9 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I would like
10 to make a motion.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Jones.

12 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board
13 approve the adoption of proposed amendments and the new
14 section in 43 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 206 as
15 recommended by staff for publication in the Texas
16 Register. In addition, I move that the Board grant the
17 Department the authority to make non-substantive changes
18 to the preamble and text as recommended by the Office of
19 the Texas Secretary of State for purposes of filing in the
20 Texas Register.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Is there a second to this
22 motion?

23 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: I will second.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member McRae. Vice Chair
25 McRae seconds. Any further discussion, Members, on this

1 agenda item? Seeing none, the Chair would call for the
2 vote, please. Member Alvarado?

3 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Cooley?

5 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Graham?

7 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Jones?

9 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Vice Chair McRae?

11 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Aye.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Omumu?

13 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Roesler?

15 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

17 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse vote aye
19 as well. It's unanimous, thank you. Okay, agenda item 6.
20 Chapter 217, Vehicle Titles and Registrations. Let me
21 just say, before I recognize Ms. Quintero, I do want to
22 recognize the hard work and the diligence of Department
23 staff in managing one of the most robust and inclusive
24 public rulemaking processes that I've seen in some time.
25 This rulemaking process began back in mid-November with

1 the submission of the proposed rules for public posting.
2 Following the statutory 30-day comment period and at the
3 request of more than 100 individuals, the staff hosted a
4 public hearing to allow additional public input. Some of
5 y'all were there. I watched a lot of it as well. And I
6 appreciate your ability to come then and be here today as
7 well. We hosted that public hearing to allow that input
8 and to accommodate this additional effort. The board
9 agreed to postpone our original consideration of the rules
10 from early January to this meeting. And as you'll hear,
11 this extensive public process yielded significant public
12 engagement. Which is good that staff heard and used to
13 amend the proposal that is before us today. It's
14 important that we all understand that the process is
15 required to arrive at this decision point. I think it's
16 key that we all kind of step back and appreciate where
17 we've been. While we can deliberate the policies
18 themselves or the needs that brought us here. There can
19 be no serious criticism that the department did not pursue
20 a rigidly transparent and public rulemaking process. The
21 process works and it has resulted in an improved product
22 from what we started with that is before us today. With
23 that, I would now like to turn this over to Annette
24 Quintero to lay out and walk us through agenda item 6.
25 Listen.

1 ANNETTE QUINTERO: Thank you, Chairman. Hello,
2 Chairman Bacarisse, Members, Executive Director Avitia.
3 I'm Annette Quintero, Director of the Vehicle Titles and
4 Registration Division, and presenting Agenda Item 6, which
5 begins on page 13 of your board book. This is an action
6 item for the Board to approve adoption of the proposed
7 amendments to Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative
8 Code. On November 18th and 19th, 2025, the Department
9 issued guidance to county tax assessor collector offices
10 and motor vehicle dealers clarifying the personal
11 identification documents required for vehicle registration
12 by Texas residents. That guidance was intended to ensure
13 compliance with existing registration laws in
14 Transportation Code 502.040. The guidance was
15 simultaneously submitted as proposed rule amendments
16 posted to the Texas Register for public comment. On
17 December 5, 2025, the Department initiated the public
18 rulemaking process to formalize the requirements
19 previously issued as department guidance. Public comments
20 on the rule proposal were accepted through January 5,
21 2026. In response to significant public interest, the
22 Department held a public hearing on January 21, 2026, to
23 allow members of the public and the regulated community to
24 provide additional comments on the proposal. The rule
25 updates 217.22 and 217.26 to strengthen the identification

1 requirements for the Department to accept an application
2 for initial vehicle registration by Texas residents so
3 that we only accept valid, unexpired identification
4 documents issued only to persons legally eligible to
5 reside in the United States. Under amended 217.26(b),
6 applicants must present valid, unexpired personal
7 identification. Valid document options include a REAL ID-
8 compliant driver license or state identification card, an
9 unexpired non-REAL ID credential from a state that
10 requires proof of lawful presence for issuance, or an
11 unexpired non-REAL ID credential accompanied by proof of
12 U.S. citizenship, such as birth certificate, certificate
13 of naturalization, or certificate of citizenship. The
14 rule also allows the use of an unexpired U.S. passport or
15 an unexpired foreign passport supported by federal
16 immigration documentation, such as the I-94 form or a
17 permanent resident card, as well as a valid, unexpired
18 license to carry issued by the Texas Department of Public
19 Safety. The effective date for the amendments to 217.22
20 and 217.26 is March 5, 2026. The Department also proposes
21 amendments to 217.28 and 217.29. These amendments would
22 require applicants for registration renewal to provide
23 personal identification, the same as for initial
24 registration. The effective date for the amendments to
25 217.28 and 217.29 is proposed to be delayed to January 1,

1 2027. The Department received 268 public comments.
2 Commenters largely expressed concern that the proposed
3 requirements could negatively impact vehicle sales and
4 registrations, increase administrative and compliance
5 burdens for dealers, counties, lenders, and state
6 agencies, reduce state and local revenue, affect insurance
7 coverage and road safety, and disproportionately impact
8 immigrant and low income communities. Additional concerns
9 were raised regarding implementation consistency, document
10 verification, data security, and the potential for
11 unintended economic and public safety consequences.
12 Twelve commenters expressed support for the rule
13 amendments. On January 21, 2026, at the January 21, 2026,
14 public hearing, the Department heard from an additional 41
15 members of the public, the dealer community, lenders,
16 county representatives, and advocacy organizations. The
17 testimony reflected the same themes raised in written
18 comments, including economic impacts, operational
19 challenges, equity concerns, and requests for additional
20 clarity, flexibility, and safeguards in implementation.
21 Public comments also included concerns regarding
22 implementation timelines and expressed a desire for
23 additional time to prepare for and comply with the
24 proposed rule change. In response to public comments,
25 Department staff is recommending several amendments to

1 these rules at adoption beyond what was proposed in the
2 Texas Register. In response to the comments noting that
3 many United States citizens choose to get identification
4 that is not compliant with REAL ID because it is easier to
5 get and they do not intend to fly, Department staff are
6 recommending changes to 217.26(b) to allow alternatives to
7 REAL ID. Department staff recommend allowing an applicant
8 to present an unexpired non-REAL ID credential from a
9 state that requires proof of lawful presence for issuance
10 or an non expired non-REAL ID credential accompanied by
11 proof of U.S. citizenship, such as birth certificate,
12 certificate of naturalization, or certificate of
13 citizenship. To streamline the ruling which staff also
14 recommends adding definitions of REAL ID and birth
15 certificate to 217.22. The Department also received
16 comments from winter Texans, people who come from out of
17 the country legally to spend part of the year in Texas.
18 To accommodate these individuals, Department staff
19 recommend adding to the immigration documents that an
20 applicant can use in conjunction with a foreign passport
21 to show legal eligibility to reside in Texas a Form I-94,
22 unless the Form I-94 shows that the bearer is in parole
23 status, because that status can be revoked at any time.
24 Department staff also recommend limiting the use of REAL
25 ID-compliant driver's license and state identification

1 certificates to exclude those that are marked limited term
2 or temporary since those are issued to non citizens with
3 temporary status. For those individuals, a foreign
4 passport supported by a Form I-94 provides a more accurate
5 record of their eligibility to reside in Texas. The
6 Department has also heard from motor carriers and
7 commercial, agricultural and industrial vehicle owners
8 that the new identification requirements as proposed would
9 create operational inefficiencies and administrative
10 burdens for these registrants. These registration types
11 are generally associated with commercial or industry
12 specific uses rather than individual consumer
13 transactions. As a result, Department staff believe a
14 more tailored approach is appropriate. Accordingly, staff
15 are recommending the Board adopt additional amendments to
16 create targeted exceptions to the strengthened
17 identification requirements in 217.26(b) for the following
18 registration types: registrations under Transportation
19 Code 502, Subchapter C, for vehicles used to transport
20 farm products, foreign commercial vehicles, and temporary
21 72 hour, 144 hour, one trip and 30 day permits commonly
22 used by the motor carrier industry; registrations under
23 Transportation Code 502, Subchapter I, including vehicles
24 associated with agriculture, like vehicles used to
25 transport fertilizer, seasonal agricultural products,

1 commercial farm motor vehicles, and soil conservation
2 equipment; registrations under Transportation Code 502.146
3 for farm vehicles, drilling and construction equipment;
4 registrations under 43 Texas Administrative Code 217.26
5 for rental trailers; registrations under 43 Texas
6 Administrative Code 217.46(b) for commercial vehicles like
7 city buses, combination registrations for trucks and semi
8 trailers, cotton vehicles, forestry vehicles, motor buses,
9 token trailers and tow trucks. These targeted exceptions
10 would allow applicants for these registration types to
11 satisfy the personal identification requirements under
12 217.26(a) without being subject to the heightened
13 identification requirements, thereby reducing unnecessary
14 administrative burdens while preserving the overall intent
15 of the rule. Additionally, the Department staff recommend
16 adding a new 217.26(h) to exempt certain registration
17 types entirely from the requirement to present personal
18 identification. First, staff recommend exempting
19 apportioned registration for motor carriers under the
20 International Registration Plan, recognizing the
21 commercial and multi jurisdictional nature of those
22 registrations. Second, staff recommend removing personal
23 identification requirements for exempt vehicles under
24 Transportation Code 502, Subchapter J. These vehicles are
25 already limited to use only by government entities and

1 qualifying nonprofit organizations that are not registered
2 as individuals. Staff further recommend creating an
3 exception for off highway vehicles owned by a state,
4 county or municipality under Transportation Code
5 502.140(c), as those vehicles are government owned and do
6 not present the same administrative considerations as
7 individually owned vehicles. Taken together, these
8 exceptions allow the Department to maintain the core
9 objectives of the rule while eliminating unnecessary
10 administrative requirements for clearly defined non
11 individual registration categories. At adoption, staff
12 also recommend adding cross references to 217.26(c) to
13 clarify that when the rule refers to current photo
14 identification, it is referencing the identification
15 documents described in 217.26(a). This clarification
16 improves readability and reduces the potential for
17 confusion in implementation. The Department also received
18 significant feedback from commercial fleet owners and
19 forestry vehicle owners regarding the renewal
20 requirements. Commenters expressed concern that requiring
21 personal identification at each renewal would prevent them
22 from using existing online renewal processes. In
23 response, staff recommend amending 217.29(d)(2) at
24 adoption to allow renewal of registration without the
25 presentation of personal identification for the following

1 registration types: rental trailers under 217.66; vehicles
2 with forestry license plates under 217.46(b)5; extended
3 registration for commercial fleets under Transportation
4 Code 502.0023; and extended registration for certain
5 trailers under Transportation Code 502.0024. These
6 amendments preserve online renewal functionality for
7 commercial registrants while maintaining the strengthened
8 identification requirements for individual vehicle
9 transactions. Several commenters and individuals who
10 testified at the public hearing requested additional time
11 to update internal systems, train staff and communicate
12 changes to customers. In response, Department staff are
13 recommending extending the effective date for the renewal
14 related provisions of the rule to January 1, 2027. This
15 phased implementation approach will provide counties,
16 commercial registrants, and the Department time to update
17 programming, adjust business processes, and conduct
18 stakeholder training while still moving forward with the
19 strengthened identification requirements for initial
20 registrations as planned on March 5, 2026. In parallel
21 with the rulemaking process, the Department has developed
22 a training plan to support successful implementation.
23 This effort includes nine one hour webinars scheduled in
24 February for TxDMV internal staff, county tax offices and
25 the dealer community, including a Spanish language

1 session. Training content focuses on the new
2 identification requirements, what has changed and what has
3 not, acceptable and unacceptable forms of identification,
4 special registration categories and practical tools such
5 as dealer checklists and Q & A. Updated guidance has been
6 distributed through GovDelivery, and more than 2,100
7 participants have registered for a webinar to date. The
8 Department considered the public input received and
9 structured the rule to balance clarity, consistency, and
10 administrative feasibility while aligning requirements
11 with statutory authority. The proposed amendments provide
12 clear standards for regulated parties, reduce ambiguity
13 for frontline staff, and support consistent application
14 across the state. Staff respectfully request the Board's
15 consideration and approval of the amended rules as
16 presented by staff for adoption.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Quintero.
18 Members, are there any questions for Ms. Quintero on all
19 this information she's presented to us? Seeing none from
20 the Board I would like to ask Laura Moriaty, our general
21 counsel. I know we have had a good number of people sign
22 up to offer public testimony today on this item, and
23 that's great. Let me just remind anyone who's walked in
24 recently if you have not registered to speak publicly, the
25 desk right outside is the place to go and get registered

1 if you want to offer comment on this particular agenda
2 item.

3 BRETT-GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman?

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Yes.

5 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I'm sorry to interrupt.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: No, no, Member Graham.

7 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I have a question. I
8 just wasn't sure if this was the right place. It's
9 regarding enforcement. Is this the appropriate time for
10 that?

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Sure, yeah. I want to get
12 Members' questions out, and then we'll go with the public.

13 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you very much.
14 First of all, the things I wrote down, I'm scratching
15 them. So thank you for the revisions on a lot of those
16 things, I think it improves the rule significantly, and
17 the decision to delay the renewal is going to be very
18 helpful in implementation. I have one of the concerns
19 that I have heard, both from dealers and independent
20 dealers, is regarding the potential for fine, potential
21 fines or penalties when they get caught up in a situation
22 where they end up with an ID that maybe they can't
23 recognize or don't have a way to recognize it's
24 fraudulent. And so I just kind of wanted to, and since it
25 does impact all dealers in Texas, I was wondering if the

1 agency could just sort of explain what approach the agency
2 would take in regards to these circumstances when they
3 arise. And, I mean, it's probably--fraudulent ID's are a
4 reality regardless of what you're talking about in the
5 state or agency. But yeah, when that comes up, I'd just
6 like to make sure I got my head around what that's going
7 to look like.

8 ANNETTE QUINTERO: Absolutely. If you don't mind, I
9 think it'd be best if Corrie Thompson, our enforcement
10 director, came up to speak through enforcement.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you Ms. Quintero. Ms.
12 Thompson, would you like to speak to Member Graham's
13 question?

14 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes. Good morning, Chairman,
15 Director Avitia, Members of the Board, Corrie Thompson,
16 Director of the Enforcement Division. And I would like to
17 say just generally, when it comes to enforcement under the
18 Department of Motor Vehicles, we do have administrative
19 authority over our licensed dealers, but as you know, as
20 members of the Board, we have a very heavy focus on
21 educating the dealer community. So just as with any new
22 change, new regulation, we do focus, as Annette said, on
23 that initial training that's going to be needed for people
24 to take the first steps to implement those new
25 regulations. That training will also continue outside of

1 the Vehicle Titles and Registration within the Enforcement
2 Division. So we'll incorporate these new training
3 requirements into our monthly dealer training seminars, as
4 well as one-off requests that we get from different dealer
5 populations to go out and speak at regional association
6 events and things of that nature. So the Department very
7 also heavily focuses on consumer-driven complaints. So
8 when complaints are received, we will investigate every
9 written complaint. Now, that a lot of times involves
10 gathering information from both parties, both from the
11 dealer, from the person who filed the complaint. And when
12 that investigation is conducted, that can result in
13 allegations that were initially made being negated. So
14 here it will depend on the dealer's willingness to
15 cooperate with the Department in terms of the
16 investigation, us providing education to the dealer, and
17 our sanction authority really only comes into play if
18 we're seeing a repeat pattern of wrongdoing and willful
19 wrongdoing here, because that's different than
20 administrative mistakes that are made. And what the
21 implementation looks like for these identification
22 requirements will be developed in the coming months as we
23 lead up toward the effective date for these initial
24 registrations. What the dealers are required to input
25 into the system will feed into how we implement that in

1 enforcement going forward.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you. Members, any
3 other questions of the staff on this item? Thank you, Ms.
4 Thompson. Appreciate it. Ms. Moriaty, I know we have a
5 good number of folks who wish to comment. So let me start
6 that and just remind everybody that you've got three
7 minutes. You'll have a light system up there on the
8 podium that's green when you start, then it goes yellow
9 and wrap it up when it hits red. That'd be great since we
10 have quite a few people today. So, Ms. Moriaty, who's
11 coming first?

12 LAURA MORIATY: So, Chairman, we have so far, we've
13 got 27 folks signed up. So my plan is to call them in
14 panels of three so that they can sit here and we won't
15 have as much time getting up. So our first panel is John
16 Ames, the Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector; Celia
17 Israel, the Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector; and
18 Michael Cuellar, the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: I think Mr. Ames had
20 requested to go last, if that's possible. Can we.

21 LAURA MORIATY: Okay.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Could we just. John, is
23 that. Where are you? Is that what you want to do?

24 LAURA MORIATY: That's what you want?

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Okay, all right. If we may

1 move Mr. Ames to last, thank you.

2 LAURA MORIATY: Okay, then we will call Christian
3 Martinez, the Texas United Auto and Community Alliance.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Good morning. I want to
5 thank each of you for making time to come this morning.
6 We look forward to hearing from you. So Ms. Moriatty will.

7 LAURA MORIATY: Sure. Let's start with Celia Israel.

8 CELIA ISREAL: Good morning, everybody. Good
9 morning, Chair. Thank you for your service. To the
10 state. My name is Celia Israel, I'm the Tax Assessor-
11 Collector for Travis County. Number five on your top
12 hits. Been in office a year. And thank you for the
13 hearing in January. I will keep my comments much briefer
14 than those comments. But you heard from a lot of, you
15 heard overwhelmingly during that hearing all of the
16 reasons why this is perceived to be bad policy. And I
17 concur with folks who have much more experience than I do
18 on the policy and the difficulties of implementation. I
19 would prefer to focus on the fact that, from my
20 perspective, I served in the legislature for nine years.
21 There was no legislation that asked you or mandated that
22 you draft up rules relative to what we're talking about
23 today. There is no statutory authority from this body to
24 do what you're doing today. I was glad to see you move
25 this forward to January the 21st of 2027. We will be in

1 another regular legislative session. My thoughts are, why
2 not wait another 140 days, more or less, and wait until
3 you have the legislative guidance that will make this a
4 clear path for you, and you will have a hearing from the
5 House and a hearing from the Senate and more thoughtful
6 debate around what could be a contentious topic, but what
7 is really involved policy. I will take this opportunity
8 to thank you for your professional staff, always helpful,
9 always open. Mr. Avitia, you and your team have been
10 amazing and supportive to me and my team, and we
11 appreciate the matter in which you have moved forward on
12 what is a difficult challenge for you. Thank you so much.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

14 MICHAEL CUELLAR: Morning, Chairman, Executive
15 Director Avitia, Board Members. My name is Michael
16 Cuellar. I previously served for the team at the DMV for
17 over 24 years and currently serve as the Chief Deputy of
18 Operations for Bexar County. I'm here on behalf of Bexar
19 County Tax Assessor-Collector Albert Uresti. We were
20 happy to hear about some of the amendments and the phased
21 implementation, but our county still has some concerns, as
22 alluded to the lack of demonstrated need. This initiative
23 was framed as a fraud deterrence measure. However, no
24 clear data, statewide data, has been published showing
25 that current ID standards are resulting in systemic fraud

1 that would justify and change this procedure or operation.
2 Secondly, one of our primary concerns is limiting access
3 in any form of fashion to residents, especially residents
4 who are otherwise eligible to register vehicles under
5 Texas law, including individuals with federal work
6 authorization, as well as senior citizens may be impacted.
7 They're going to face additional barriers, in our opinion,
8 unnecessarily. So together, these requirements risk
9 reducing overall compliance rather than strengthening it.
10 The amendment also requires tax offices to verify
11 compliance with REAL ID and passport standards and to
12 reject applications that don't make these criteria. This
13 would be a very challenging task without a centralized
14 verification system, standardized training that we hear is
15 upcoming, audit protections, or additional funding. In
16 essence, this effectively transfers implementation
17 responsibility, and risk to county offices without the
18 corresponding infrastructure. Lastly, the amendment could
19 increase rejected applications, require additional staff
20 training, raise postage costs, and generate customer
21 complaints. These are real costs that we anticipate
22 county offices will experience. We had a list of
23 requests, we were glad to hear some of them, as far as a
24 phased implementation period for this amendment. We would
25 also request a centralized verification tool that would

1 make verifying ID's consistent across the whole state of
2 Texas. The amendment we respectfully refers the Board and
3 appreciate their delay of adoption until the necessity
4 implementation framework and county impact are more
5 clearly defined. And in closing, we've enjoyed a
6 longstanding working relationship and partnership with the
7 DMV, and we look forward to working and developing a more
8 workable solution. In closing, I do want to thank the DMV
9 Board, the DMV team, and especially note out the
10 leadership and many wonderful contributions of Deputy
11 Director Roland Luna, Executive Director Daniel Avitia,
12 the Division Director Annette Quintero, and really all the
13 DMV leadership team and staff. Thank you for your time
14 and consideration.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

16 CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ: Good morning. My name is
17 Christian Martinez and I'm here representing the Texas
18 United Auto and Community Alliance, as well as my own
19 business, CM Insurance & Multiservice. Today marks a very
20 important day that can change the trajectory of the lives
21 of millions of Texans, including undocumented immigrants
22 that live here in Texas as well. Before the policy
23 change, yes, there are problems with undocumented
24 individuals not having registration, insurance, or plates,
25 but there are also a lot of undocumented Texans who do

1 have their vehicles registered in their name and who do
2 carry valid Texas insurance registration, and I don't
3 think that park is talked about enough. What concerns me
4 is how this was rolled out. This wasn't something that
5 was through a full legislative debate. It was an
6 administrative policy changed by the DMV that took effect
7 immediately after it was announced in November. That's a
8 huge decision to make quickly, especially when it impacted
9 that many people. I read the board materials, and
10 honestly, I don't understand how we're speaking in numbers
11 about revenue loss and uninsured drivers as if we already
12 know what's going to happen, when this hasn't even fully
13 played out yet. Those are projections, their estimates.
14 They're not real numbers. So we're about to vote based on
15 what we think might happen, and that worries me. Because
16 this isn't small. This affects families. It affects
17 people's ability to get to work. It affects state
18 revenue, and it affects road safety. If people who are
19 currently registering their vehicles and paying for
20 insurance feel like they are being pushed out of the
21 system, what do you think will happen next? We could end
22 up with more uninsured drivers, unregistered drivers. I'm
23 not here to argue, just to argue, and I feel like a lot of
24 you have already made up your minds on what you all are
25 going to vote on, but I want it on record that this

1 decision will have real consequences. It will break
2 families apart financially. It will cost Texans millions
3 over time, and it will make our roads less stable, not
4 safer. If someone is here working an honest job, paying
5 taxes, maintaining insurance, and registering their
6 vehicle properly, I believe that they should be allowed to
7 continue to do that. That's not asking for special
8 treatment. That's just asking for fairness. Thank you
9 guys so much for your time.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you for your remarks.
11 Thank you. Thank you, panel.

12 LAURA MORIATY: So, Mr. Chairman, our next panel will
13 be Karen Phillips from TADA, Greg Phgia from TIADA, and
14 Andre Martinez from the Texas United Auto and Community
15 Alliance.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Welcome and good morning.

17 KAREN PHILLIPS: Good morning. Karen Phillips,
18 General Counsel for the Texas Automobile Dealers
19 Association. The registration and title statutes have a
20 very specific purpose. One, they create a lien and
21 perfect that lien and they issue title of a motor vehicle
22 to owners. They tie insurance to registration. They also
23 tie emissions testing to registering vehicles in those
24 non-attainment counties for the state of Texas. They
25 lessen and prevent vehicle theft, and they provide recall

1 information to people who own an automobile. The public
2 safety for Texas drivers requires registering vehicles
3 driven on Texas roads. The Transportation Code demands
4 that after a vehicle purchase or becoming a Texas
5 resident, the owner applies for vehicle registration. An
6 owner is a person who holds legal title, legal right
7 possession, legal right of control of a vehicle. A
8 resident is defined in the Texas Motor Vehicle Sales Tax
9 statute. A resident is a person who lives in Texas. A
10 resident is a person who's physically located in Texas. A
11 person who's temporarily living in the state of Texas can
12 be a resident of the state of Texas for purposes of sales
13 tax revenue, as well as an entity. An ownership and
14 residency drives registration and motor vehicle sales tax.
15 Fewer vehicles that are registered on our roads are less
16 safe as an unregistered vehicle means fewer drivers will
17 have insurance. It will be an impediment for law
18 enforcement to identify stolen vehicles, to have the
19 identification of vehicles that are involved in accidents,
20 to identify vehicles that are used on the commission of a
21 crime. And we will have fewer recalls that will be
22 repaired. Emissions testing, we will have fewer vehicles
23 that will be compliant with those emissions tests. We
24 request that law enforcement is the only one capable of
25 verifying the validity of ID documents. No third party

1 has the wherewithal to do such. A licensee should not be
2 asked to assume the risk to verify government documents.
3 Registration renewal should not be asked that we have to
4 submit identification document each time that I register
5 my vehicle or each time that you register your vehicle,
6 expand the list of allowable documents to look at those
7 that are used by TSA, as well as those identifiable
8 documents that are used for the I-9 verification for
9 employment as well as identification that are currently
10 allowed under the federal government. TADA appreciates
11 the concern that this administration exhibits to protect
12 the Texas citizenry, ask the following does the proposal
13 benefit the Texas driver? If fewer vehicles are insured
14 identifiable for law enforcement emissions tested are
15 recalled than the proposal should be amended. If an
16 owner's identity is at risk because I am having to submit
17 identification documents each time I renew my vehicle in
18 the mail or electronically, then this should be amended.
19 Thank you.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Phillips.

21 ANDRE MARTINEZ: Good morning, Chair and Board
22 members. My name is Andre Martinez. I'm here on behalf
23 of Texas United Auto and Community Alliance and my
24 business, EZ Title Service in Houston, Texas. I want to
25 keep this very straightforward. You have stated that this

1 rule is about preventing fraud and protecting
2 identification standards. Fraud prevention is important,
3 but we ask for clear facts. How many confirmed fraud
4 cases were directly tied to the acceptance of foreign
5 passports over what period of time? Is this a widespread
6 problem or a small number of isolated incidents? Before
7 changing identification policies statewide, Texans deserve
8 to know the measurable problems being addressed. We also
9 respect who formerly initiated the request? Was based on
10 documented law enforcement data. Was it based on audits,
11 or was it based on general concern. The economic
12 statement states that there will be no measurable impact.
13 And if that's the case, please explain the data that was
14 used to research that conclusion. In today's agenda, it
15 is stated that only 341,000 vehicles will be affected with
16 the lost revenue of \$19.5 million. That's an average of
17 \$57 per vehicle registration. Information shows vehicle
18 registration cost is about \$85. At 341,000 vehicles that
19 the numbers that were given at \$85, that's almost \$29
20 million. That's almost \$10 million dollar difference in
21 revenue. Being that there's 7.4 million passenger
22 vehicles registered in the state of Texas, only 341,000
23 vehicles will be affected. Those numbers just don't add
24 up. If the problem is significant, show the numbers. If
25 the problem is limited, the response should reflect the

1 reality. We respectfully ask for transparency and
2 evidence supporting the ruling. Thank you.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you very much.

4 GREG PHGIA: Good morning to the Chair and Director
5 Daniel Avitia, who we had a long standing relationship.
6 My name is Greg Phgia, they did kind of butcher it a
7 little bit. It's okay. It's okay. Greg Phgia, I
8 represent Texas Independent Auto Dealers and also my
9 company of 37 years, Austin Rising Fast. I am here today
10 to issue a plea to this Board, an SOS, Save Our Stores
11 today. We need time for this rule. I see that there's
12 some carve outs that other people have had time if you'll
13 give the dealership body, time. We're still reeling from
14 House Bill 718, that put a significant weight on our
15 resources, our people, our staff, like you would not
16 believe, and we're still struggling with that.
17 Economically and dealerships right now, we are at the
18 highest prices of the cars in the lowest margins we've
19 ever seen. And our businesses, most of us, are very
20 delicate right now. So we're asking this Board, who has
21 the power to delay this thing until January of '27 and
22 give it more time and give us time as dealers to implement
23 it. If you think about it, less than 180 days ago, we had
24 the biggest legislation that's ever hit us. Give us time
25 to work that out, get that right, and then let's go round

1 number two. But right now, we're a little overwhelmed,
2 and I'm just making a plea. And I think this Board, this
3 morning, I know a lot of you and work with you, and we'll
4 continue to work with. Director Avitia, his crew is super
5 with education, but you can't educate us in 30 days. We
6 need more time. We need to. We want to, if this is the
7 rule, this is a law let's abide by it. But give us time
8 to do this. And I'm just asking you, as a business owner
9 and as the president of TIADA, to give us time. Give us,
10 give us. Be fair with us as dealers. We are fragile, but
11 we're together. We are better together, guys. And we
12 need everybody's help to achieve this goal. I thank you
13 for serving on this Board. I thank you for your time this
14 morning. May God bless America. And God bless and great
15 of Texas and TIADA. Thank you. Thank you for your time.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you all very much.
17 Laura, who's our next panel?

18 LAURA MORIATY: Our next panelist, sir, is Bill
19 Murphy and Angelica Higueros and Octavio Vasquez.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Y'all can start whenever
21 you'd like, whoever wants to go first.

22 ANGELICA HIGUEROS: Yes. Good morning. Thank you
23 for your time. I'm with the Texas United Auto & Community
24 Alliance. I'm not a dealer. I have a small business in
25 Titus County. We have seen changes since the

1 implementation of this item, number 6. I'm sorry, I'm a
2 little bit nervous.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: That's okay. You're doing
4 alright. Thanks for being here.

5 ANGELICA HIGUEROS: Thank you. But I was just
6 wanting to express my concerns. We do taxes, which has
7 nothing to do with automobiles, but we do have a lot of
8 clients that have called with their concerns regarding
9 them not being able to do their due diligence as far as
10 filing their taxes. My husband and I, we made
11 accommodations. We've been calling them on the phone,
12 doing Zooms, so that's helped out a lot, but it's still a
13 very huge concern for us, for our communities. And I ask
14 you all to please reconsider, to please help us out, or to
15 at least extend it to next year. Thank you so much for
16 your time, and I do appreciate all of you.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you for making your
18 way here today to give us your thoughts. Whoever would
19 like to go next? Yes, sir.

20 OCTAVIO VASQUEZ: Okay. My name is Octavio Vasquez.
21 Vasquez Auto Sales in Grand Prairie, Texas. I'm in
22 business for more than 30 years. And I don't feel too
23 good with new implements on this DMV. So I ask, not only
24 one year, but five or seven years wait on this
25 legislation. I know you're going to do is today, but

1 think about what are you going to do it? But before you
2 do it, think about how many dealers, families are going to
3 be affected by these implements. Okay, so I don't ask,
4 like I say, too much, I just thinking about what you're
5 going to do it. Okay, thank you. God bless Texas. God
6 bless America. America is the lens to everybody. Okay,
7 thank you.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, sir. Appreciate
9 it.

10 BILL MURPHY: Good morning.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Good morning.

12 BILL MURPHY: Dear Chairperson and Members of the
13 Texas DMV. Thank you again for the opportunity to address
14 the challenges we all will need to work together to
15 accomplish the goals and objectives that will meet and
16 surpass the mission statement of the Texas Department of
17 Motor Vehicles. That statement is to serve, protect,
18 enhance the citizens and industries in the state with
19 quality motor vehicle related services. My name is Bill
20 Murphy, I'm an independent insurance agent for the past 29
21 years, representing national lenders. We serve auto
22 dealers, banks, credit unions and their customers. Since
23 the last meeting held here on January 21st, I have
24 probably spoken with over 300 of Texas concerned
25 businesses related to the auto industry. Not one of those

1 businesses who in the mission statement of the Texas DMV
2 is to be served to protect in advance feels that the
3 industry will benefit from what is perceived to be and
4 have a negative impact on all of those related to the
5 automobile dealer businesses in the state of Texas. When
6 I was in the Air Force as a squadron pilot, the one thing
7 we did every week in our squadron meeting was to recite
8 the squadron mission statement, letting everyone know what
9 their expectations were so we would meet our squadron
10 goals and objectives. I took the time to read the Texas
11 DMV mission statement several times. Then I asked myself,
12 do the DMV team members read and review their mission
13 statement and then more importantly, do they meet the
14 expectations of the mission? All of us who are related to
15 the Texas automobile industry will only meet the
16 expectations of Texans if we all working together for the
17 betterment of our industry and our fellow Texans. The
18 state of Texas and all of the citizens will only benefit
19 and accomplish the goals we are challenged with if we work
20 together and do what is best for Texas and Texans. I asked
21 the question in the last hearing related to the rule being
22 discussed, how many auto dealers, both franchise and
23 independent, has the DMV met with to discuss the
24 implementation of this rule? How many lenders, banks,
25 credit unions, automotive finance company has the DMV met

1 with to discuss the rule and its potential negative impact
2 on these companies? How many state agencies that will be
3 impacted by the rule has the DMV met with? What kind of
4 timeline implementation discussions has the DMV had with
5 any and all entities that will be negatively impacted by
6 this rule? As a squadron commander, I would always make
7 sure that every plane in our formation knew what their
8 responsibility was so that all of us would return home
9 safe, having accomplished our missions successfully. As
10 someone who understands the value in listening.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Sir, I hate to interrupt,
12 but your time is up. If you want to just finish your
13 thought here quickly.

14 BILL MURPHY: I'll be finished, just a second.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

16 BILL MURPHY: Thank you. Before you talk. It
17 doesn't appear that those in command appear to not be
18 listening to not only businesses that will be negatively
19 impacted by this rule as it stands, but many state
20 agencies will be negatively impacted by the loss of
21 revenue and increased cost of operation. I haven't heard
22 any discussion about that.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Okay, sir thank you for
24 your time. We have a lot of other people who wish to
25 comment. Thank you. We appreciate your time. Thank you,

1 each of you, for being here today.

2 LAURA MORIATY: Mr. Chairman. Our next panel
3 involves Spanish translation. Patricia Curry has
4 volunteered to translate for us today, so if you can come
5 on up. And then our two folks are Maria de la Garza and
6 Jose Rodriguez. And the translator translated, translator
7 will get six minutes instead of three because it'll be two
8 folks trying to talk.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Understood. If I may,
10 please let them know how much we appreciate their time for
11 being here today, and we look forward to hearing from
12 them, okay?

13 JOSE RODRIGUEZ-INTERPRETED BY PATRICIA CURRY: Good
14 morning. Thank you for the opportunity to listen to us.
15 I'm a property owner of two businesses, Shell Auto Sales,
16 and Wichita Auto Sales. I've been in business for 22
17 years. Back then, nobody asked for any kind of
18 identification. Later they start requesting consular
19 registration. Later a passport, foreign passport. With
20 this new law you have implement, you haven't taken under
21 consideration any dealers, any agencies, any other
22 people's opinion. He has statements where he can prove
23 all the taxes that he's being collecting paying to the
24 county or the state. You haven't realized the impact and
25 the loss of profit that is going to happen. Their people

1 are going to find the way to buy a vehicle in another
2 state and drive it into the state of Texas. We're going
3 to, the state is going to lose their revenue. The people
4 are going to find the way to get to work because they need
5 to earn the income to support their families, and it's
6 going to be a way for them to do it. The easy way will be
7 for them to be able to register the vehicle under their
8 name, to have more control, more security in the state of
9 Texas. Probably you're not concerned about all the
10 amount of taxes that he collects and all of us collect for
11 the state, and most people that comes here, immigrants,
12 are come here to work hard, to have a vehicle register
13 under their name, and to pay the taxes, to do what is
14 right. And thank you for your time.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Gracias.

16 MARIA DE LA GARZA-INTERPRETED BY PATRICA CURRY:

17 She's Maria de la Garza, and she owns two dealerships,
18 Magic Motors Sales and Masute Auto Sales in Dallas, Texas.
19 I wish to take under consideration all the way that we do
20 things in our countries. We are different than United
21 States. In our countries, we are used to buy everything
22 cash and not finance. So is what people do when they come
23 to United States. We are Hispanic company that we work
24 with Hispanics and at the moment we feel discriminated
25 because we are not going to be able to do what is required

1 to help our community and our business is going to be. In
2 the business are going to be. I'm a single mother. And
3 last year, my daughter got a stroke. So I work for
4 myself. And this is going to impacting me. She said that
5 she never asked the government for anything. By
6 implementing this new law, she's going to have to force
7 her to close her businesses and ask for assistance,
8 because she has her daughter, that had a stroke. Also,
9 she said that all her clientele, who are Hispanics and
10 mostly, they're getting undocumented with trying to do
11 things right. And she's thanking for the opportunity to
12 be here. And hope that you listen to her testimony. The
13 way that it's going to affect in her is going to affect a
14 lot of us. Thank you.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Gracias.

16 LAURA MORIATY: So for our next panel, sir, we have
17 Rosie O'Connell, who will need translation. Ms. Curry.
18 Patricia Curry to testify on her own behalf. And then I'm
19 going to call up Omar Gonzalez as our third panelist.

20 ROCIO CANO-INTERPRETED BY PATRICA CURRY: Good
21 morning. I'm Rocio Cano Sanchez. She comes from G&C Auto
22 Dealer in Dallas, Texas and the organization Texas United
23 Auto & Community Alliance. First of all, she's grateful
24 for the opportunity to express her concern about this law.
25 The request of documents to a big chunk of our community.

1 And the one prior to this, was helping us for have a
2 successful business. We always in compliance with the
3 state and with the state and federal government. We're
4 not against the rights of implement better security laws.
5 We agree if you request the foreign passport including our
6 addition the IT number that the identification Tax
7 Identification Number that the IRS provides. So we make
8 sure they're active people in our economy. The sales, the
9 profit of the business is being affected concernly. And
10 the clients they have, their finance, active finance
11 accounts. They're very concerned about the future and
12 they're thinking about returning the vehicle to the
13 dealers. Because the reason is they cannot renew the
14 registration. We trust that your decision is going to be
15 the most congruent. There is going to. Be for us to
16 continue doing business and bringing revenue to the state
17 of Texas. Thank you for giving the opportunity to be
18 opposite to the rule and be here.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

20 OMAR GONZALEZ: Good morning. My name is Omar
21 Gonzalez. Thank you, members of the Texas DMV, for giving
22 us the opportunity to share our concerns. I have a small
23 business, File here pay here, Gonzalez Used Cars. And I
24 am here present to communicate my concern about the new ID
25 requirement rule. My father and I been in business for 24

1 years already. And I just inherited the business about a
2 year ago from him, he already retired. And now I'm
3 struggling to run my business on my own. I already laid
4 off two employees that were helping with repairs on
5 vehicles. And now I'm having to do the work myself.
6 Since this rule was implemented, I have followed, I have
7 respected because I don't want to be fined or penalized.
8 This rule was implemented with no warning or without an
9 impact study. And if this, if you allow me to share my
10 sales report. I print my sales report, last year, I sold
11 about four or five vehicles in one month. And now I'm
12 selling only one vehicle per month and that's not going to
13 pay my bills. We are probably going to be forced to go
14 out of business. Since we have followed the DMV rules and
15 I have been forced to deny business to many new customers,
16 customers that do not fall into the new ID requirement
17 guidelines, making customers upset, feeling they are being
18 discriminated by me. And if this continues, I'm going to
19 be forced to go out of business. I have a family and a
20 wife and two young kids that are depending on me as a
21 provider. And now I am in fear of not providing for them.
22 Please think about the economic impact, it's affecting
23 families auto shops, auto repair shops, auto parts.
24 Including tax, sales, local sales taxes. Probably the DMV
25 employment will be affected as well. So I want to ask you

1 to please consider making changes, good changes that is
2 not going to affect the people, the public, or the state.
3 Thank you.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you both. Thank you.
5 Oh, great. Okay.

6 PATRICA CURRY: Thank you, Chair, Director and
7 members. My name is Patricia Curry, and I'm with Texas
8 Alliance and also representing myself for my business
9 Bustamante Solutions. I have an insurance, income tax and
10 title services company in Jefferson County. It's been a
11 big impact to our business to not be able to do the title
12 transfer. We used to do about 100 month, right now we are
13 doing 10. And the sad part of this is not the revenue
14 we're losing, it's the face of the people that leaves my
15 office when I tell my can I help them. I've been in the
16 DMV, local DMV, asking for questions, nobody has an
17 answers. They don't know why the law was implemented and
18 they don't know when it's going to change and they don't
19 know what people their financing the vehicle is going to
20 do. Because it's the major concern, I'm financing my
21 vehicle, I'm not going to be able to renew my
22 registration. What I'm going to do. How I'm going to
23 drive to work. Nobody has answers. And I'm here because
24 I would like to bring answers to my community, to my
25 clients. It's a big concern. To me, it's a big concern

1 as well. All the revenue we all are going to lose,
2 including the counties, including the state of Texas.
3 State of Texas support a lot of us small business. And
4 with this new law, we're not feeling that support. We are
5 feeling neglected because we was not taken under
6 consideration our opinion or our thoughts. I had a lot of
7 big speech, but I not even read it because everything came
8 to my mind. And I have the same concern. When you said
9 this law was implemented because there was a lot of fraud,
10 well I have done a lot of titles and never had an issue
11 with a fraud document or identification and most of my
12 clients comes with a foreign passport. Also an accepting
13 agents for the IRS. So I took that class and
14 certification to verify documents and make sure I know how
15 to identify they are real or not. So concerning here and
16 here is where I find out there was that the concern that
17 you have. I do check every document before I go to the
18 Department of Motor Vehicles to do the title transfer or
19 renewal registration. We get a lot of the services
20 because people in my county works for the refineries, they
21 work seven days a week, 14-16 hours a day. They don't
22 have the time to go and do the service. And a lot of them
23 have work permits. That means that before they can get
24 registered the vehicle in the state and also renew their
25 registration now with a new law, not even when they have a

1 work permit to be in the state of Texas and work, they are
2 allowed to renew the registration. What's going to happen
3 to them. They're trying to do the right thing. They're
4 going to get pulled over by the police and they're going
5 to be denying their illegal status in the state or in the
6 country because they didn't compliance with the law, the
7 law that you're not permitting them to do. To follow or
8 to compliance. So that's my concern and the concern of a
9 lot of us. Not only for our business, but also for the
10 community. A lot of our people wants to compliance with
11 the law, but this new law is not allowing them to. And
12 we're going to have more unsecured roads. Because if it's
13 a hit and run, what is going to happen? We're going to go
14 after who? They're not going to have insurance. What I
15 would suggest is to implement, the lady here next to me
16 said, request more the foreign identification with the
17 ITIN and enforce with more severe penalties whoever drives
18 with no insurance for us to be protected. Thank you.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you very much. And
20 thank you for spending the time translating as well. We
21 really appreciate that. Thank you.

22 LAURA MORIATY: Our next panel is Steve Banda, Nick
23 Alvarez and Thomas Durant.

24 STEVE BANDA: Steve Banda with Texas Auto Alliance,
25 and I'm an independent dealer here in Texas, Dallas,

1 Texas, 15 years. Today is a big day for us. Today is a
2 big day for me, for my business, just for the simple fact
3 that I don't even think I'm going to be open anymore when
4 it all comes down to you guys' decision. So just take
5 that into consideration, guys. Today is going to be a big
6 factor for us, for all of us in here. All of us in here,
7 we probably will not if you guys vote to go with the plan
8 that you're having right now, there's going to be a lot of
9 businesses closing, and I'm going to be one of them. Not
10 only my business, but I own a location. I'm going to have
11 to sell it. Eighty percent of the community is Latino.
12 So what am I going to do? Who am I going to sell to? I'm
13 going to have to close my doors, as simple as that.
14 Fifteen years down the drain over a decision made by a
15 political agenda. Simple as that, political agenda,
16 causing me to lose everything. So I'm just asking for you
17 guys to take in consideration today and remember, your
18 decision is going to be based on if I stay open or close.
19 Thank you.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Banda.

21 NICK ALVAREZ: Good morning. My name is Nick
22 Alvarez. I've been in the automotive industry for roughly
23 20 years. I represent Texas United Auto and Community
24 Alliance. I am here in capacity of speaker, more
25 importantly, to put my statement on record. I'm not here

1 to debate whether it's right or wrong. I am a Republican
2 born to Democratic parents. I'm very,

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: You're a brave man.

4 NICK ALVAREZ: I am very fluid in my decision making
5 because I don't based on political party, I based it on
6 what I believe is right and wrong. So I'm not here to
7 debate whether this is right or wrong. I'm here to debate
8 the implementation of the process and I'm here to point
9 out that there are very lot of civil implications that
10 were done wrong, in my opinion. I'll give you a prime
11 example. Did the elected officials of our state even so
12 much receive an email that there would be million dollar
13 implications into their tax revenue in their cities and
14 states? Was that even something that happened so much as
15 an email? I've talked to some of these people in my state
16 and they had, I was the one that informed them of this.
17 And I just think that the DMV is opening themselves to a
18 large amount of civil litigation. And I say that to say
19 good luck convincing a jury of my peers that we're going
20 to allow policy to make multimillion dollar economical
21 decisions with our community. I just don't see you
22 selling that. And I think that Republican, Democratic, it
23 doesn't matter, we're going to make decisions based on the
24 fact that we are a democracy and we vote on these type of
25 things. And I don't know that we ever make million dollar

1 decisions without having more oversight and more
2 committees and more people involved they represent our
3 state. I think that we've also violated some
4 constitutional violations, procedural due process, of the
5 U.S. Constitution, the 14th Amendment, just simply
6 because we didn't do the process to take our time to do it
7 right. And if I could argue anything, it's just that I do
8 believe that we are moving at hyper speed and because the
9 data isn't available to combat each other, I can rest
10 assured that everybody is in here to agree one thing there
11 will be a financial economic impact that is not debatable.
12 What we are debating is maybe how big it will be. But
13 nobody here is arguing it's not happening. And I think
14 that when we involve that type of money and our decision
15 making for our community, there needs to be a whole lot
16 more involvement than one person pressured one person to
17 make a decision that impacted a bunch of community
18 members, all while bypassing our elected officials who we
19 voted to represent us and speak for us in these specific
20 topics. Thank you for your time.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, sir. Appreciate
22 it. Thank you.

23 THOMAS DURANT: Good morning, Thomas Durant. Many of
24 you may know me by my middle name, Bentley Durant. I'm a
25 member of your MVIRAC committee, and I also own 12

1 dealerships in Texas. The MVIRAC committee was not able
2 to give you all the proper feedback on this topic. But I
3 wanted to come here today and be sure I fulfilled my
4 obligation when I volunteered for that committee and give
5 you that feedback. The TAC's you heard earlier, they said
6 we want a centralized system. Well, I've got good news
7 for you, that centralized system does exist. The
8 Department of Homeland Security has a SAV system, and it
9 is the definitive system for adjudicating lawful presence
10 in the United States. You can and should negotiate with
11 the Department of Homeland Security to fulfill that
12 request. But once you do that, think about us dealers.
13 We are going to be reviewing paper documentation. Maybe a
14 week before the tax office sees the transaction, and we
15 are going to be making a good faith judgment call on that
16 paper documentation about whether that person in front of
17 us is lawfully present. Now, your director of enforcement
18 said that she's going to be very lenient and educate us,
19 and I appreciate that, she's been wonderful. That's not
20 why I stayed up last night. That's not why I can't sleep.
21 What I'm worried about, the average transaction price of a
22 new car is \$50,000. Once I make an honest mistake, a good
23 faith mistake, reviewing mere paper documentation, and I
24 put that car on the road in a customer's hands. And then
25 I go to my tax office and I cannot get a lien on that car,

1 what recourse do I have? I'm out \$50,000. If I'm in
2 trouble with your enforcement division, I know I can talk
3 to them. We can negotiate, we can settle. If I don't
4 like what I have, I've got an appeals process. There will
5 be no appeals process for this. So this is a \$50,000
6 penalty per transaction for making a good faith mistake.
7 You all have created no safe harbor for us dealers when we
8 make a mistake. For the tax assessor-collectors to turn
9 their back and grant a lien so I can repossess that
10 vehicle, well then they'd have to turn the back on the
11 regulations that they're trying to enforce right now, and
12 that's not fair on them. All I'm asking for is to go back
13 and review building a safe harbor to make this equal, put
14 some due diligence in it. Maybe send it back to my
15 committee, the MVIRAC, so we can give you proper feedback
16 on this regulation before you vote today. Thank you so
17 much.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, sir. Thank you,
19 panel. Appreciate it.

20 LAURA MORIATY: Sir, our next panel is Don Herring,
21 Tyler Simmons and Greg Chaney.

22 DON HERRING: I'm Don Herring from Don Herring
23 Mitsubishi, representing the North Texas Auto Dealers. My
24 family has been involved in the automotive industry in
25 Texas for over 50 years. I'm the chairman of the North

1 Texas Auto Dealers, a business association of 234
2 franchise automobile dealers in North Texas who employ
3 more than 30,000 Texans. I have a few questions and Mr.
4 Graham referred to them earlier, and I appreciate that,
5 Mr. Graham. First is, how do we determine if the ID is
6 valid? Because we don't have the facilities. We don't
7 have access to the SAV system that the federal government
8 has. And if an ID is later found to be invalid, as Mr.
9 Durant said earlier, that brings up a whole list of
10 questions for car dealers. Is the vehicle's title and
11 registration voided? Is the fee refunded? Is the motor
12 vehicle sales tax refunded? Who's responsible for the
13 refund? If a security interest has been perfected, is a
14 lender security interest now voided? And as the lender
15 records the contract back to the dealer, does the dealer
16 attempt to repossess the vehicle? And if the vehicle
17 can't be repossessed, as Mr. Durant had referred to, is
18 that a \$50,000 fine for that one mistake? If service
19 contract and other authorized charges for insurance, etc.
20 were purchased, are those purchases now required to be
21 canceled? And if the items are required to be canceled,
22 where's the refund go? Who does it get paid to? If the
23 buyer had a trade in, what's the seller required to do
24 with the trade? And what if the trade has been sold?
25 What if it's been wholesaled and sold because we got title

1 to the trade because we send it off the deal, off the tax
2 office and thought we had a deal. If the buyer had a down
3 payment once, the seller required to do with the down
4 payment, is it now to be turned over to the comptroller as
5 unclaimed property? If the buyer received a
6 manufacturer's distributor rebate, what's the dealer's
7 responsibility regarding the rebate? I'm concerned about
8 warranting the authenticity of documents to the
9 manufacturer, the state and the lien holders and the
10 potential penalties, including any legal and possibly
11 losing my dealer's license for breaking the rules if I
12 make a mistake. I believe there must be a way to achieve
13 the goals of the proposed rule change without imposing a
14 burden on small businesses, banks and lenders, county tax
15 assessors and the hardworking employees of the great state
16 of Texas. Thank you all so much for allowing me to speak.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, sir. Appreciate
18 it.

19 TYLER SIMMONS: Morning, Chair. Thank you, Board.
20 Thank you for allowing us to be here today. My name is
21 Tyler Simmons. I'm here on behalf of myself and the Texas
22 Independent Automobile Dealers Association. TIADA
23 represents more than a thousand independent dealers across
24 Texas, many of whom serve as also the lienholder for their
25 customers. When a dealer finances a vehicle, they assume

1 the full risk of that loan. Their ability to remain in
2 business, as you've heard many today say, relies on their
3 customers being able to legally operate and register their
4 vehicles. Under this rule, customers who have renewed
5 their registration legally for years are going to be
6 rejected at their next renewal. That denial interrupts
7 existing lien agreements and places a financial burden
8 directly on us lienholders. This impact is most severe in
9 rural and underserved areas where our members are the
10 primary source of vehicle financing for that community.
11 But today, in front of your stakeholders, I would like to
12 focus on accountability. I'm going to reference several
13 items from TxDMV's vision goals and Objectives Policy that
14 was approved by this Board December 14, 2023. Allow me to
15 quote Section 4.5, "putting customers and stakeholders
16 first, always." Section 5.1.1.1, "TxDMV works for and
17 with its customers and stakeholders, not the other way
18 around." Section 5.1.1.2, "TxDMV should listen to its
19 customers and stakeholders and implement best practices to
20 meet their needs." Section 5.2, "The Department shall be
21 an innovative, forward thinking organization that seeks
22 ways to promote the economic well being and development of
23 both the industry it serves and the state of Texas, within
24 established legislative and legal boundaries." You see,
25 your own goals emphasize customer and stakeholder service

1 while promoting the economic well being of the industry
2 you regulate. This rule will put economic consequences of
3 an executive demand on the already heavily regulated
4 businesses, without any legislative guidance or
5 accountability for the downstream impact. It will
6 increase the number of unregistered and uninsured vehicles
7 on Texas roads while simultaneously harming tax paying
8 businesses and consumers. In the military, we call that
9 collateral damage. So I'm asking each of you to align
10 your vote today with your own mission goals and
11 objectives. Vote to prevent financial harm for Texas
12 businesses and working families. Because accountability
13 requires owning outcomes, not just intentions. Thank you
14 for your time.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, sir.

16 GREG CHANEY: Good morning. My name is Greg Chaney,
17 and I'm with Chacon Autos, and I'm also a member of the
18 TIADA. And while we are supportive of measures to
19 increase security and safety, we are concerned that the
20 rules as proposed go far beyond that and will have many
21 unintended consequences. As Tyler mentioned and so many
22 others have mentioned this morning, many small businesses
23 are going to be harmed or even go out of business because
24 of these new rules. The existing liens and lien holders
25 who hold the liens on these vehicles that are already

1 titled and were sold under the current, or at the time
2 current, with current regulations for ID requirements, may
3 not be able to be renewed and the lienholders are going to
4 have a problem when they can't collect on those loans.
5 We've also seen at my dealership residents, legal
6 residents of the state of Texas, who come in with ID's
7 that do not meet, excuse me, the current or the proposed
8 requirements. One was an older gentleman. He had an ID
9 card that was issued by the Texas Department of Public
10 Safety with an indefinite expiration date because of his
11 age. He wanted to buy a car so that his kids and
12 caregivers could drive him around to go to his
13 appointments, take him places, but he could not because it
14 did not meet the Real ID requirements. Similarly, we had
15 a young teacher who did have a Real ID, but her credit
16 history and income was a little bit light because she was
17 just starting out, so her mom offered to co-sign for her,
18 but unfortunately her mom's ID did not meet it so we
19 couldn't sell her a car. Normally when I talk to other
20 dealers from around the country, I hear what they're going
21 through with some of their state regulations, and I feel
22 like I'm on the winning team, being a Texas dealer. But
23 today I don't feel like that. I don't feel like we're
24 winning when we harm Texas businesses. I don't feel like
25 we're winning when we make it hard for senior citizens to

1 buy and register their vehicles. And I don't feel like
2 we're winning when we keep young professionals or make it
3 hard for people to buy a car. Thank you for your time.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Chaney.

5 LAURA MORIATY: Sir, our next panel will be Sandra
6 Martinez, Arely Rivas and Carrie King.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Good morning. Just whomever
8 would like to start first.

9 ARELY RIVAS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members
10 of the Board. My name is Arely Rivas and I am a nurse and
11 a resident of Austin, speaking today as a private citizen.
12 I am joined today by three of my fellow nurses who stand
13 in solidarity with this testimony. We are here
14 collectively to voice our opposition to the proposed
15 amendments to Chapter 217. In my work in the healthcare
16 field, I see firsthand how policy decisions made in rooms
17 like this ripple out to affect the safety and well being
18 of every Texan. By restricting ID requirements, you are
19 not stopping undocumented immigrants from driving. You
20 are stopping them from being compliant in their vehicle
21 registration. If they cannot register their cars, they
22 are unable to obtain car insurance. As a nurse, my mind
23 immediately goes to the aftermath of a car accident. What
24 happens with a vehicle when it is, I mean, what happens
25 when a vehicle is unregistered and uninsured because of

1 this policy? This is a hazard for every Texan. It
2 affects you, me and our loved ones. I have already seen
3 the fear the use of this guideline has brought about in my
4 community. It leaves the parents wondering how long they
5 will be able to drive their kids to school, and people in
6 rural areas debating whether they can make it to vital
7 appointments. The proposed amendment does not serve to
8 protect the public. While it is being framed as a
9 security measure, it appears to be a political effort to
10 target specific communities. This results in the
11 groundless policy with cruel outcomes and a massive
12 increase in unregistered and uninsured vehicles on Texas
13 roads. This makes our state less safe, not more. These
14 communities are the workforce backbone of our economy and
15 will continue to drive out of necessity. They will
16 continue to drive to work, continue to drop their kids off
17 at school, and continue to receive, to drive, to receive
18 life saving medical care, such as dialysis and
19 postoperative follow ups. This rule forces them to either
20 neglect their health and family duties or risk a routine
21 traffic stop turning into a life altering tragedy. The
22 Texas DMV's mission is to protect the public. This rule
23 fails that mission. I implore you as a nurse, but more
24 importantly, as a human being, please find it in your
25 hearts to put yourselves in the shoes of millions of

1 families. How scary dropping off their kids at school has
2 become. How scary it is to go to work, to earn a living,
3 to provide for your family. This policy punishes those
4 trying to follow the law and creates a safety liability
5 for every driver in Texas. I urge the Board to redact
6 these amendments and instead work towards solutions that
7 encourage rather than block compliance with vehicle
8 registration laws. Thank you for your time.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

10 CARRIE KING: Hello. My name is Carrie King. I'm an
11 activist advocating for social justice. I'm here
12 representing myself. I've lived in Texas for 46 years.
13 I'm biracial, second-generation American citizen. I'm
14 here because I don't take for granted the relative
15 privilege that I enjoy, largely due to the lighter shade
16 of my skin. At this tense time in Texas and across our
17 country, if those of us blessed with privilege don't speak
18 out and speak up for our vulnerable neighbors against
19 draconian policies like these, then we are complicit. I'm
20 here to speak on behalf of all immigrants who are here
21 lawfully because I believe law-abiding undocumented
22 immigrants are entitled to the same basic human rights of
23 decency, integrity and self determination. It's well
24 known that our immigration system has been broken for
25 decades. Please don't fall in step with this shameful

1 government agencies that attack and blame lawful
2 immigrants for the failure of our immigration process.
3 Undocumented does not mean illegal nor criminal. Creating
4 policy around the assumption that undocumented immigrants
5 are those things that act should be illegal and criminal.
6 You are voting today to take away a crucial lifeline, the
7 ability to register a vehicle, the ability to pursue a
8 functional life, all based on the mindset that
9 undocumented immigrants deserve less opportunities and
10 more punitive measures. This line of thinking is not only
11 false, it's offensive and immoral and it's shamefully
12 joins in the wave of fascism sweeping across our country.
13 There's a disturbing visual, death by a thousand cuts.
14 Blocking law-abiding undocumented immigrants from the
15 ability to register a vehicle is a perfect example of a
16 deathly cut. It's not lethal by itself, but in concert
17 with all the various ways the immigrant community are
18 being victimized, being quietly stripped of rights,
19 wrongfully detained, viciously attacked and even killed.
20 Policies like this add to the bleeding. I'm a proud South
21 Austin resident, parent of three children who attend
22 Latino majority schools. My high schooler was recently
23 triggered into an acute phase of the mental health crisis
24 he's navigating after sighting four armed ICE agents
25 staging in a parking lot less than half a mile away from

1 his high school, just minutes before the start of the
2 school day. So, yes, this is not only a community wide
3 moral issue for me, it's personal as well. I care deeply
4 for the students and families at my children's schools.
5 Community members in my neighborhood are living in fear.
6 You should be creating policies that give extra protection
7 to law-abiding undocumented immigrants, not the opposite.
8 With rampant racial profiling, disregard for due process,
9 and unchecked violence, government agencies such as yours
10 should work to reduce the harm being inflicted upon our
11 immigrant neighbors. I urge you to do the right thing and
12 oppose this discriminatory policy. Thank you. Love wins.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. King.

14 PABLO HIGUEROS: Good morning. My name is Pablo
15 Higueros, I'm the President of Texas United Community and
16 Auto Alliance. As you saw, many have spoken. We are here
17 to offer solutions. We're not complaining. We just ask
18 it to let us work. Let us do our business, let us run our
19 business. I'm a business owner. What my wife was saying
20 is so true. I will receive maybe 100 to 200 calls every
21 morning, every day. I have a podcast in social media. So
22 people will ask, is this going to change? Is this going
23 to affect my life? I don't have the answers you guys do.
24 Out of curiosity, look around this room, look at all these
25 people, stand up if you're in favor of this law, take a

1 seat and just raise your hand if you oppose this law and
2 look around. I would just ask you to take this in
3 consideration. You have no idea how many families are
4 being affected by this. Also, what Nick was saying is so
5 true. Did you guys realize what's happening in
6 California? And then eventually, we will follow the same
7 steps, meaning laws like this will eventually break our
8 system, and then another law is going to be created to
9 bring all the money back that we're losing. California is
10 going through the same. Don't be that sample, don't
11 follow those steps. In California right now, they're
12 creating new laws. There is effect in the communities.
13 For instance, the new law that is about to pass that it's
14 regarding when they lose money with the gas, and now
15 they're charging \$.04 cents a mile in taxes just to
16 recover all the money they lose in revenue. So what's
17 next in Texas? Are we going to take money from school
18 fundings? Are we going to take money from our highways,
19 from our schools, from our kids, from your salary? Is
20 that fair? Just because two or three guys can come
21 together and blew all of these out of proportion. Not
22 taking, in fact, all business, you guys, the counties, the
23 district managers, and all of these just because might be
24 a new law that we don't know what's going to happen. Now
25 in revenue, we can talk about numbers. We still don't

1 know which figure, we just have amount. But if we realize
2 this fall, this effect will probably be within the
3 billions of dollars. And then I ask you again, where is
4 that money going to come from? Do you guys have any idea.
5 Because we do. We see their example in California. I'm
6 an immigrant, I'm from Guatemala. Also, Ms. Cano was
7 saying we are here to represent our community and to bring
8 different options, solutions to the problem. I think it's
9 a great idea if we just focus and see who is a taxpayer,
10 who is somebody that comes from another country, are
11 contributing to our system. Why not have an idea, have
12 some way that we can meet in the middle, for example, if
13 these people is willing to pay taxes, why not let them
14 drive legally? Thank you for your time.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you all. Appreciate
16 it.

17 LAURA MORIATY: Mr. Chairman, is Sandra Martinez here
18 and want to speak? Sandra Martinez. Okay, if you get
19 here, just let me know. Evelin Valenzuela, Julia Murillo
20 and John Ames as our final panel. That was Evelin
21 Valenzuela and Julia Murillo.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Good morning. Whomever
23 would like to start, may. Y'all ladies, whatever you like
24 to do.

25 EVELIN VALENZUALA: Good afternoon Members of the

1 Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Board. My name is
2 Evelin Valenzuela. I represented Texas United Auto
3 Community Alliance, owner of the Jasmin's Multiservices,
4 LLC. For the past two years I have worked in vehicles
5 title services across several Texas counties, assisting
6 working families in complying with registration
7 requirements in protecting their property. I am here to
8 express my opposition to the new identification
9 restriction for vehicle registration. Currently, Harris
10 County continues to accept foreign passports, however
11 other counties have stopped doing so. This lack of
12 uniformity creates confusion, unequal application of
13 procedure, and administrative across jurisdictions. This
14 issue is not political; it is operational and
15 constitutional. Article 1, Section 19 of the Texas
16 Constitution guarantees due course of law when legitimate
17 vehicle owners are unable to register and protect their
18 property because of identification barriers, even when
19 presenting an official foreign passport. Unequal access
20 to lawful compliance is created. From a public policy
21 perspective, we must ask what happens when identification
22 options are restricted. In my daily practice,
23 approximately 60% of my clients do not have legal
24 immigration status. However, they are active workers who
25 support essential sectors of our economy. When legal

1 registration pathways are restricted, compliance does not
2 increase; it decreases. We are already seeing
3 consequences: offers on social media selling registration
4 stickers for \$400 without insurance, inspection, or
5 identity verification. When administrative barriers
6 exceed realistic compliance capacity, informal market
7 grow. This results in more insurance vehicle, less
8 traceability, and greater risk for insured drivers. There
9 are also social costs, and I have seen cases where
10 individuals were unable to renew their registration due to
11 this restriction and faced consequences that directly
12 affect their families and minor children. Members of the
13 Board, this is a matter of administrative efficiency,
14 safety, and constitutional fairness. I respectfully ask
15 you to consider maintaining the acceptance of foreign
16 passports for vehicle registration in order to promote
17 greater compliance, safety, and stability of our
18 community. Thank you for the time.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you.

20 JULIA MURILLO: Good afternoon. My name is Julia
21 Murillo, and I'm the owner of SM Cert Resales, which is a
22 title servicing company that I proudly get to help all 254
23 counties across the state of Texas. I am here to formally
24 oppose the proposed Texas DMV restricted acceptance of
25 passports for vehicle titling and registration. I want to

1 be clear about my standing. I come from a mixed-status
2 family. My clients are my community and my community is
3 my family. This issue is not theoretical for me. It
4 directly affects the people I serve every day and my
5 ability to lawfully perform services across Texas. I'm
6 sorry. This proposed rule is not authorized by statute.
7 The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is an
8 administrative agency. Under Texas law, agencies may not
9 impose requirements that the Legislature did not enact.
10 The Texas Supreme Court held in FM Properties Operating
11 Co. v. the City of Austin, that agency rules exceeding
12 statutory authority are ultra vires and unlawful. The
13 Texas Transportation Code requires proof of ownership and
14 identification, not proof of lawful presence, immigration
15 status or DHS documentation. By conditioning vehicle
16 registrations on Real ID compliance, federal immigration
17 markings, the Texas DMV is converting a civil property
18 process into immigration screening. Immigration
19 enforcement is a federal responsibility, not an
20 administrative function of the Texas DMV. The U.S.
21 Supreme Court made this clear in Arizona v. The United
22 States, which prohibits states from creating parallel
23 immigration enforcement schemes through regulation.
24 Passports are federally recognized documents. Texas
25 cannot selectively invalidate them for civil transactions

1 without legislative authorization. Doing this creates
2 conflicts with federal standards and exposes counties to
3 inconsistent enforcement. We've already seen this exact
4 issue arise in New Mexico, where similar restrictions were
5 challenged and ultimately abandoned. Those lessons are
6 clear, identity is not immigration status. Public safety
7 has improved and not harmed when people can lawfully
8 register vehicles and obtain insurance. Finally, the rule
9 has foreseeably harmed, has a huge impact on mixed-status
10 families and immigrant communities, raising equal
11 protection concerns, recognized in Plyler v. Doe, a case
12 that originated here in Texas. As a U.S. citizen and the
13 owner of a statewide title servicing company, I will
14 defend my family's rights and my clients' rights, and I
15 respectfully ask the DMV to withdraw or revise this rule.
16 Thank you for your time.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, ma'am. Mr. Ames.

18 JOHN AMES: Good morning, Chairman Bacarisse, Vice
19 Chair McRae and DMV Board members. My name is John Ames,
20 and I'm the Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector. Today I
21 speak on behalf of all tax assessors in the state of Texas
22 through our association. If the tax assessors here would
23 please stand. The reason I wanted to go last today, these
24 are the individuals that are serving the citizens of Texas
25 with motor vehicle needs. These are the individuals that

1 are helping the dealers when cars are bought or sold.
2 These are the individuals that are renewing over 23
3 million registrations every year. Each of you has already
4 read hundreds of pages of comments that were submitted by
5 this rule. You've seen dozens of people testify, not only
6 the public hearing, but here today. I won't repeat all
7 the concerns that have been brought forth not only by tax
8 assessors, dealers, financial institutions and other
9 various community organizations. I will say tax assessors
10 across the state, from counties big, small and in between,
11 continue to have concerns about implementing the rule as
12 proposed today, even with the recent adjustments and
13 amendments. The Tax Assessor-Collector Association
14 reached respectfully request this Board to postpone a vote
15 on implementing this rule today. A postponement will
16 allow the Texas Legislative House and Senate
17 Transportation Committees to study the consequences of
18 this rule and provide guidance to this agency on the best
19 way to implement the ID role without harming thousands of
20 motoring Texans in its wake. We recognize that this will
21 take courage on your part. And please, trust that a
22 postponement today will allow better public policy for all
23 Texans who own an operator vehicle. We appreciate your
24 consideration in this manner.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Ames. Thank

1 you, panel. I want to thank all those that offered
2 comment today. And very much appreciate your time and
3 effort to be here. And speak with us. At this moment, I
4 think it would be wise to take a brief break. And we will
5 reconvene in about another 10 minutes. So this meeting is
6 currently in recess. It's 11:13 in the morning.

7 OFF THE RECORD at 11:13 a.m.

8 ON THE RECORD at 11:25 a.m.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you. Ms. Moriatty any
10 other public comments?

11 LAURA MORIATY: No, sir. No more public comments.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Okay. Thanks. Do we have
13 anything further that Ms. Qunitero needs to lay out for us
14 or members.

15 LAURA MORIATY: Yeah, if members have questions, Ms.
16 Qunitero can come back up.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Right. Members, do you or
18 any of you have any questions of Ms. Quintero about the
19 rule as it's been amended now.

20 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Just have a look at this
21 before us.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Graham.

23 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: just a general comment,
24 if I could. I appreciate everyone that has come to speak
25 on this topic today and taking the time. These are

1 difficult decisions. As a Board member, every decision we
2 make impacts someone in a positive way and someone in a
3 negative way. Every one of them, some more than others.
4 But I know this Board has deliberated greatly and I
5 appreciate everyone here taking the time to be here and
6 give us your input. Thank you.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Any other members have a
8 question of Ms. Quintero? Okay, the chair would entertain
9 a motion on agenda item 6.

10 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Chairman, I'd like to make a
11 motion.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Vice Chairman McRae.

13 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: I move that the Board adopt
14 approved the adoption of the amendments to 43 Texas
15 Administrative Code Chapter 217 as recommended by staff
16 for publication in the Texas Register. In addition, I
17 move that the Board granted the Department the authority
18 to make non substantive changes to the preamble in text as
19 recommended by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State
20 for purposes of filing in the Texas Register.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Is there a second in this
22 motion?

23 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: I second, Mr. Chair.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Omumu. Okay, any
25 further discussion? Any questions from members? Seeing

1 none, the chair will call the role. Member Alvarado?

2 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Cooley?

4 CHASE COOLEY: Aye.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Graham?

6 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Jones?

8 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Vice Chair McRae?

10 TAMMY McRAE-VICE CHAIR: Aye.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Omumu?

12 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Roesler?

14 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Schlosser.

16 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse vote aye.

18 It's unanimous. Rule passes. Let the record reflect its

19 unanimous. Moving on to agenda item 7. We will get an

20 update from Keith Yawn on legislative and bill

21 implementation updates. Mr. Yawn. Good morning.

22 KEITH YAWN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board

23 Members, Director Avitia. My name is Keith Yawn, Director

24 of Government and Strategic Communications for the

25 Department. Agenda item 7A on page 521 of your materials

1 provides a briefing on the Department's work to implement
2 legislation passed by the 89th Texas Legislature. The
3 89th Texas Legislature has enacted 40 pieces of
4 legislation that we're tracking and requiring some level
5 of Department implementation. Twenty-seven bills have
6 been implemented fully and are now part of ongoing
7 Department operations. Eight bills are under active
8 implementation with scheduled completion dates between now
9 and August of 2027. The next anticipated bill that we
10 expect to reach completion is Senate Bill 2807, creating
11 the new Automated Vehicle Authorization and Enforcement
12 Program. Department staff continues to work on
13 programming of systems related to that system that we
14 expect to be available by the end of April, and the full
15 enforcement of that piece of legislation will begin on May
16 28th of this year. That leaves five bills that are
17 remaining that are contingent on the external actions or
18 the receipt of direction from other governmental entities
19 before Department staff can initiate implementation work.
20 Staff are in contact with these entities in preparation
21 for potential upcoming implementation needs on our part
22 and are continuing to track what that might look like
23 moving forward. You have a handout provided outside of
24 your board book that lists the specific individual bills
25 included in each of these categories. Mr. Chairman, that

1 concludes my remarks, unless there are any questions from
2 the Board.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Yawn.
4 Members, any questions for Keith on any legislative
5 updates here? We're certainly going to see a robust and
6 busy session, that was always the case. Thank you, Keith,
7 and thank you for your good work on behalf of the agency.
8 Any public comments on this item, Laura?

9 LAURA MORIATY: No, sir. No public comments.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: All right. Great. You
11 have another role here, Keith. Go for it.

12 KEITH YAWN: I can't help but feel a little
13 responsible for clearing the room.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: We appreciate it.

15 KEITH YAWN: Again, Keith Yawn, Director of
16 Government and Strategic Communications. Agenda item 7B
17 is on page 522 of your materials and provides a briefing
18 on the department's plan schedule for developing
19 recommendations for the 90th Texas Legislature.
20 Transportation Code Section 1001.025 authorizes the Texas
21 Department of Motor Vehicles Board to recommend statutory
22 changes to the Legislature that would improve the
23 operation of the Department. Recommendations approved by
24 the Board this year could be considered by the Legislature
25 during the next regular session, which will begin on

1 January 12th of 2027. The proposed schedule allows staff
2 time to fully review and vet ideas and receive input from
3 both internal and external stakeholders. This month, the
4 Government and Strategic Communications Division will
5 begin working with department programs program divisions
6 to identify statutory changes that could improve the
7 efficiency and effectiveness of department operations.
8 Ideas come from a range of sources, including staff
9 experience administering our programs, stakeholder
10 interactions with program operations, and past inquiries,
11 and suggestions from state and local elected officials.
12 Proposed changes are then reviewed by impacted department
13 divisions, legal and finance staff, and executive
14 leadership. Approved staff proposals will be presented to
15 the Board's Legislative and Public Affairs Committee in
16 June, before board approval for final recommendations is
17 considered in August. Approved recommendations will then
18 be communicated to legislative offices. Learning from the
19 experiences of past regular sessions, we plan to be
20 intentional about the total number of recommendations
21 proposed to you for consideration and focus our efforts on
22 proposals with the highest potential impact to department
23 programs and customers. We welcome Board input and ideas
24 at any time throughout this process. Mr. Chairman, that
25 concludes my remarks, unless there are any questions from

1 the Board.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members. Any questions?
3 From Keith on any of these items. Keith, thank you.
4 Appreciate it. At this point, we'll move to John. Item
5 number 9. Which is 8A. Sorry, I'm just zooming through
6 here. Jason, we don't ever want to skip over you, man.
7 Jason will bring us an update on Internal Audit status
8 Division. And what's going on in your world. Our world.

9 JASON GONZALEZ: Good morning, Chairman Bacarisse,
10 Board members. Is that still morning? Okay. No.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Barely.

12 JASON GONZALEZ: Chairman Bacarisse, Board members,
13 Executive Director Avitia. For the record, I'm Jason
14 Gonzalez, Director of the Internal Audit Division. Agenda
15 item 8 is a briefing item to provide you with information
16 on the Internal Audit Division's activities. On page 522
17 of your board materials, there is a brief summary of our
18 current engagements. The first engagement is the quality
19 assurance or external peer review. The audit's objective
20 is to evaluate the Internal Audit Division's compliance
21 with the Texas Internal Auditing Act, the Institute of
22 Internal Auditors Global Internal Audit Standards and the
23 U.S. Government Accountabilities Office on Government of
24 Auditing Standards. The peer review is being performed by
25 the internal audit director of the Texas Higher Education

1 Coordinating Board and a senior auditor at the Texas
2 Retirement System. The peer review includes a review of
3 completed internal audit projects to include planning,
4 fieldwork and reporting. They'll also conduct interviews
5 of staff. This project is in fieldwork, and we anticipate
6 reporting the report to be completed by next month. Next,
7 the Information Technology Project Governance Audit is in
8 the reporting phase. This is a contracted engagement and
9 has been performed by a team with our assistance by team
10 at the Weaver Advisory Firm. The objective was to
11 evaluate whether the department's IT project governance
12 and prioritization practices are effectively structured
13 and implemented to address essential aspects of project
14 governance. A report has been drafted and we're currently
15 going through edits. Our next step is to formally discuss
16 the report with IT management and the Executive Director's
17 Office. We anticipate distributing the report next month.
18 Also. Next, we're conducting an advisory on the Finance
19 and Operations accounts receivables process. The
20 objective is to review the fund's adjustment process,
21 specifically registration and title with the Registration
22 and Title System and Texas.gov reconciliation processes
23 and tax assessor collector ticketing processes. This
24 project is in reporting, and we anticipate completing the
25 report within the month. Finally, the Motor Vehicle Crime

1 Prevention Authority audit is in the fieldwork phase. The
2 objective is to evaluate financial grant the financial
3 grant review and approval process, the audit. Is
4 completing the work testing this week and we'll begin
5 reporting or report process next week. We have one
6 external engagement which is being performed by the State
7 Auditor's Office. The audit objectives are to determine
8 whether the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has
9 implemented data management and data governance programs
10 for managing a data assets. The audit is in the reporting
11 phase and we anticipate the report being provided to the
12 department by the end of the month. That concludes my
13 update. Do you have any questions that we have to help.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Members are there any
15 questions for Jason? Great work. Thank you, Jason.
16 Appreciate it. Members, we do not have any issues or
17 items to go into closed session, if I understand things
18 correctly. Is that right, Ms. Moriaty?

19 LAURA MORIATY: As far as I know. Unless you need
20 advice, counsel, and I'm always.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Well, we'll take plenty of
22 advice, but maybe off the record, that might be better.
23 In that case, the chair would hear a motion to adjourn
24 this meeting and go into our lunch session, which is off
25 the meeting. Is there a motion to adjourn?

1 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: I'll make the
2 motion.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Schlosser, let me get
4 over to that page. Is there a second to that?

5 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Second.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Member Roesler. Thank you.
7 All in favor?

8 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-CHAIR: Opposed say nay. It's
10 unanimous. Thank you. It is 11:37 a.m., and this meeting
11 of the Texas DMV Board is adjourned.

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