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1 LAURA MORIATY: For the record, the public notice of
2 this meeting, was containing all the items on the agenda,
3 was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on
4 June 18th, 2026. This meeting is being held by telephone
5 conference call in accordance with Texas Government Code
6 Section 551.125. Members of the public may attend this
7 meeting in person at 4000 Jackson Avenue, Building One, in
8 the Lone Star Conference Room, and that is in Austin,
9 Texas. Also, members of the public may attend this
10 meeting via Microsoft Teams by clicking on the attendee
11 link on the posted agenda and following the instructions.
12 Members of the public can also attend this meeting by
13 remotely calling in to the conference dial-in telephone
14 number, which is listed in the posted agenda along with
15 the phone conference ID. At this time, I'm asking all
16 attendees, please mute your phone for the entire duration
17 of the meeting, unless I recognize you to speak. Callers
18 will be removed for any disruption, including feedback or
19 background noise. I would like to remind all participants
20 again, this is a conference call meeting. Because this
21 meeting is being held by conference call, there are a few
22 things that will help the meeting run smoothly and assist
23 the court reporter in getting an accurate record. Before
24 you speak, please identify yourself, say your name before
25 you start, speak clearly and slowly, do not speak over

1 others. Please ask the presiding officer--that's me for
2 now--to proceed and be sure that you get recognized before
3 you start talking. And for members who are participating
4 in the room, please remember to press the little button on
5 your microphone until you see a green light, before you
6 start talking and when you're done, please press it again
7 to get the red light, so you won't have any feedback. I'd
8 also like to thank our court reporter, who is transcribing
9 this meeting. If you are not a member of the advisory
10 committee but wish to address the advisory committee or
11 speak on an agenda item during today's meeting, please
12 complete a speaker sheet at the registration table prior
13 to the agenda item being taken up by the committee, or
14 send an email to gco_general@txdmv.gov to register by
15 providing the required information before the agenda item
16 is taken up by the committee. Please identify the
17 specific item that you are interested in commenting on,
18 your name, address, and whether you are representing
19 anyone or speaking for yourself. If your comment does not
20 pertain to a specific agenda item, then we will take up
21 your comment during the general public comment portion of
22 the meeting. When addressing the advisory committee,
23 please state your name and affiliation for the record.
24 Before we begin today, I'd like to remind all presenters
25 and those in attendance of the rules of conduct at our

1 advisory committee meetings. I have the authority to
2 supervise the conduct of this meeting. And this includes
3 the authority to determine when a speaker is being
4 disruptive. Disruptive speakers will be muted and given a
5 warning about the disruptive behavior, but then they will
6 be removed from the meeting for any continued disruption.
7 Advisory committee members who are online, if you become
8 disconnected from the call, please rejoin as soon as
9 possible. And if you encounter technical difficulties,
10 please reach out to our tech support team, they are at
11 board.tech.help@txdmv.gov. So, again, if you get
12 connected or have problems, please email
13 board.tech.help@txdmv.gov. I will now move on to agenda
14 item 1, which is our Roll Call and Establishment of
15 Quorum. Members, please respond verbally when I call your
16 name. If you're online, please don't forget to unmute
17 yourself if you're in the room. Don't forget to push the
18 magic button so your mic turns green and indicate whether
19 you are present. So, I'll start with Member Ali-Sullivan?
20 Member Anderson?

21 DARRAN ANDERSON: Here.

22 LAURA MORIATY: Member Bearden?

23 CARRELL BEARDEN: Here.

24 LAURA MORIATY: Member Calvert?

25 RAMSEY CALVERT: Here.

1 LAURA MORIATY: Member Cao?
2 DZUY CAO: Here.
3 LAURA MORIATY: Member Carmichael?
4 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Here.
5 LAURA MORIATY: Member DeWitt?
6 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Here.
7 LAURA MORIATY: Member Dupuis?
8 NICOLE DUPUIS: Here.
9 LAURA MORIATY: Member Edwards?
10 ETHAN EDWARDS: Here.
11 LAURA MORIATY: Member Ferguson? Member Fishback?
12 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Here.
13 LAURA MORIATY: Member Hardeman? Member Heinemeyer?
14 JEFFREY HEINEMEYER: Here.
15 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kim?
16 ANITA KIM: Here.
17 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kneip?
18 CLINT KNEIP: Here.
19 LAURA MORIATY: Did I say that correctly, sir?
20 CLINT KNEIP: You did. Thank you.
21 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Okay, Member Luna?
22 OSCAR LUNA: Present.
23 LAURA MORIATY: Member Majid?
24 SLY MAJID: Here.
25 LAURA MORIATY: Member McAuley?

1 ANNA MCAULEY: Here.

2 LAURA MORIATY: Member Pickford?

3 JOHN (TRAVIS) PICKFORD: Here.

4 LAURA MORIATY: Member Sullivan?

5 MICHAEL (MIKE) SULLIVAN: Here.

6 LAURA MORIATY: Member Swanson? Member Teeter?

7 BART TEETER: Here.

8 LAURA MORIATY: Member White?

9 WILLIAM WHITE: Here.

10 LAURA MORIATY: And Member Woodard? Well even
11 without that one we still have a quorum. We are good to
12 go. So we will move on to agenda item two. That is our
13 welcoming remarks from Executive Director Daniel Avitia
14 and I will turn it over to him.

15 DANIEL AVITIA: Good afternoon y'all and welcome to
16 the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles headquarters. I
17 have way less authority than Laura does so I will not be
18 removing anybody from a meeting for any good reason.
19 Thank you for the time and certainly your dedication in
20 serving on the Automated Vehicle Regulation Advisory
21 Committee. As you know in Texas the motor vehicle
22 industry plays a very vital role in the Texas economy and
23 the daily lives of Texans. Beginning in May of this year
24 the Texas Legislature granted the Department the authority
25 to issue and revoke authorizations for commercial

1 automated motor vehicles. In response the Department's
2 Board establish AVRAC to provide recommendations on issues
3 related to the regulation of automated motor vehicles.
4 Through this advisory committee, the Department seeks to
5 ensure that an inclusive and transparent process is
6 undertaken for rulemaking and policy development. I know
7 that the Board, myself and staff greatly appreciate your
8 expertise, your perspective and your candid input. Your
9 willingness to share your time and knowledge is essential
10 to this committee's work and I appreciate that. So thank
11 you again for your participation and your future
12 commitment to this committee. I know staff and I look
13 forward to working with you throughout the duration of
14 this committee. Thank you again and welcome. Laura back
15 to you.

16 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you sir. We will now move on
17 to agenda item 3, where I will provide you with some
18 background information and cautionary moments for your
19 service on this committee before we get started. The
20 purpose of this committee is to assist the Department in
21 obtaining feedback regarding important legislation
22 policymaking and rulemaking. The AVRAC provides valuable
23 input for the Department by advising on issues related to
24 the regulation of automated motor vehicles and the
25 industry. No other topics will be addressed by the

1 committee. The committee provides advice and
2 recommendations only as requested by the Texas Department
3 of Motor Vehicles or our Board. I would like to
4 congratulate each and every one of you on your appointment
5 to this committee and thank you very much for your
6 willingness to serve and to assist the Department by
7 serving on the committee. As appointed members of the
8 committee, I need to caution you that you are subject to
9 both the Open Meetings Act and the Texas Open Records Act.
10 So the Open Meetings Act provides that all business should
11 be performed in public view. That means that any
12 discussions you have regarding your work on this committee
13 must be done in a properly scheduled and posted public
14 meeting. It is important that you refrain from discussing
15 with other advisory committee members any matter of
16 business that's going to come in front of the committee.
17 And that includes not meeting and talking with members
18 outside of a meeting, not texting or emailing about public
19 matters outside of the advisory committee meetings and not
20 using social media to discuss matters that are going to
21 come in front of the committee. So in addition to those
22 Open Meetings Act problems, we also have the Public
23 Information Act and that says that information is
24 exchanged with you in your role as an advisory committee
25 member is public information and it's going to be subject

1 to the Public Information Act, even if it's on your
2 private email or cell phone. So please be aware that any
3 communications you have regarding this committee may be
4 required to be disclosed in response to an open records
5 request from the public. So before I go on with those
6 ground rules, does anyone have any questions about any of
7 that, before we get started? Okay, terrific. Well then I
8 will move on to item 4. So this is the nominations and
9 selections of the advisory committee presiding officer the
10 moment you've all been waiting for, I'm sure. Texas state
11 law requires that each advisory committee select a
12 presiding officer from among its members. The presiding
13 officer is in charge of making sure that Robert's Rules of
14 Order are followed to keep the decorum of the meeting.
15 And the presiding officer will open the meeting much as I
16 did today and then make sure a quorum of members is
17 present. The presiding officer makes sure that the
18 members make a motion and second the motion before voting
19 and make sure that no one member has the floor longer than
20 any others wishing to provide input. The presiding
21 officer also reports and makes any presentations from the
22 advisory committee to the Department of Motor Vehicles
23 Board at its Board meetings. Now we will be happy to
24 provide training materials and overview materials on
25 Robert's Rules to anyone who is willing to volunteer to be

1 the presiding officer for this advisory committee to make
2 sure that it runs efficiently. Some examples of how
3 Robert's Rules are used in these meetings is, for example
4 no member can talk over, can speak twice on the same issue
5 until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken once. All
6 remarks must be directed at the presiding officer and
7 asked for permission prior to speaking. A member obtains
8 the floor by raising their hand or asking the presiding
9 officer for the floor and they only do that after the
10 preceding member has finished speaking. So it's important
11 not to interrupt others and to share the right to speak
12 with all members. Remarks must remain courteous and
13 members must avoid referring to viewpoints by alluding to
14 other members by name or by suggested motives. You expect
15 the presiding officer to protect your right to speak even
16 if you are a minority of one. The presiding officer helps
17 to ensure other members hear you and allow you the same
18 courtesy as everybody else. This ensures that you give
19 fellow members their rightful turn to speak and listen to
20 them. You could hear something that affects the way you
21 think as well. So we are recording this meeting before
22 you speak please state your name, so that we have a record
23 of what each person said and who said it. Does anybody
24 have any questions about how any of that works before we
25 get started? Okay, so the first plan is we're going to

1 have each member introduce themselves. Give us a little
2 synopsis of your background and state whether you are
3 interested in being presiding officers. So I'm going to
4 read the roll call and each person will have the
5 opportunity to introduce themselves and tell me whether or
6 not you're willing to be a presiding officer. So let's
7 start with Member Ali-Sullivan? I think they're not here.
8 Member Anderson?

9 DARRAN ANDERSON: And I'm the Senior Director of
10 Strategy and Innovation at TxDOT, and I have also been
11 chair of the governor's Connected and Autonomous Vehicle
12 Task Force for the last six or seven years. And because
13 of my role in that task force, I'm probably not interested
14 in being the presiding officer for this advisory
15 committee.

16 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member Bearden?

17 CARRELL (PERK) BEARDEN: My name is Perk Bearden. I
18 have been in the motorcycle industry for 55 years now. I
19 am also, I think, the oldest active motorcycle safety
20 instructor in Texas, that's current. I'm currently in the
21 process of building a new facility, and so at this point
22 in time I would not have the time to devote to that role.

23 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member Calvert?

24 RAMSEY CALVERT: Blake Calvert with-- with Kodiak AI.
25 So been with Kodiak a little less than a year now, but

1 been in and around state government between TxDOT, the
2 governor's office, and a handful of other roles here in
3 the state. And yes, I'm willing.

4 LAURA MORIATY: Great. Member Cao?

5 DZUY CAO: Hello, my name is Dzuy Cao. I am with the
6 Tesla AI team. I'm a staff technical program manager
7 responsible for our autonomous vehicle deployment and data
8 collection program, and I would be interested as well.
9 Thank you.

10 LAURA MORIATY: Member Carmichael?

11 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Katie Carmichael.
12 I've been, I'm the senior manager, policy public affairs
13 with Waabi. I've been with Waabi for about six months.
14 Been in Texas politics for almost 17 years now though.
15 I've done work on tech and AV policy in the past. And I'm
16 open to being chair if anyone wants to know.

17 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, Member DeWitt?

18 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Hi, I'm Cathy DeWitt with
19 General Motors and we're much more focused on the personal
20 AV space, but happy to be here and share our thoughts on
21 things. And I think there's a lot of other people who
22 probably be better at the chair top, so I will defer to
23 them.

24 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, Member Dupuis?

25 NICOLE DUPUIS: Good afternoon, everyone. Nicole

1 Dupuis, I'm the policy and advocacy lead at May Mobility.
2 We're an AV company that specializes in commercial and
3 transit service. I'm open to the role. So, you know, if
4 anybody needs me to take any sort of leadership position,
5 I'm happy to do so.

6 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Member Edwards?

7 ETHAN EDWARDS: I'm Ethan Edwards. I don't have any
8 big affiliation with any automotive stuff, but I've done
9 hot shot for a number of years. I've been around a lot of
10 heavy industry in the oil field. I ran a lot of cattle
11 haulers, commercial trucking in that realm. Lots of--
12 Excuse me, lots of rural type navigation and hauling.
13 That's kind of my background. Not a whole lot of
14 automated, but a lot on-- Rural industry and
15 transportation. And I would not be interested in being
16 presiding officer.

17 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member Ferguson?
18 Member Fishback?

19 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Good afternoon. My name is Liz
20 Fishback. I'm the director of state government affairs
21 for Stack AV, a Pennsylvania-based autonomous trucking
22 company that is here in Texas and 12 other states. We've
23 been around for about three years. Before that, I was
24 with Argo AI, so I've had a lot of experience with
25 autonomous vehicles in Texas. But as I'm someone who says

1 y'ins and not y'all, I respectfully decline and will look
2 forward to nominating someone else.

3 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Member Hardeman? Member
4 Heinemeyer?

5 JEFFREY HEINEMEYER: Jeff Heinemeyer. Safety and
6 compliance manager with Volvo Autonomous Solutions here in
7 Fort Worth. I've been here right at a year, on the
8 industry side for six years. Prior to that, retired from
9 Carrollton PD as a roadside inspector. Sorry, not in a
10 position to take on an additional role.

11 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Member Kim?

12 ANITA KIM: Hi, Anita Kim, senior director of state
13 and regulatory affairs over at Torc Robotics. We're an
14 autonomous trucking company. In terms of my background,
15 I've spent some time in the AV space, both at the state
16 level and also at the USDOT at the federal level. But due
17 to time commitments, I'm not interested in a role at this
18 time.

19 LAURA MORIATY: Thanks. Member Kneip?

20 CLINT KNEIP: Clint Kneip. I'm with Gatik AI. We're
21 an autonomous trucking company. We're based in Mountain
22 View, California, but we currently have operations here in
23 Texas. Prior to that role, I'm retired from the
24 California Highway Patrol as the commander overseeing the
25 state's entire commercial enforcement program, including

1 autonomous vehicles, and so have a lot of knowledge and
2 expertise in that space. And I would be interested.

3 LAURA MORIATY: Member Luna?

4 OSCAR LUNA: Good afternoon, Oscar Luna with the
5 Texas Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle
6 Enforcement Service. Been with the Department a little
7 bit over 20 years. And just over a little bit over a year
8 in the role of the autonomous vehicle side. With that
9 said, I would not be interested at this point.

10 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member Majid?

11 SLY MAJID: Good afternoon. I'm Sly Majid. I'm
12 representing MOIA America, a division of Volkswagen Group.
13 Having spent several years with Volkswagen and prior to
14 that, with Liz at Argo AI. Engaged in level four AV
15 operations here in Austin. Prior to my time in the AV
16 space, I spent nearly a decade with the city of Austin and
17 the mayor's office, engaged on a variety of issues, but
18 also in the transportation and technology space. I am not
19 interested in the presiding officer role, but I would be
20 interested in a first vice chair role.

21 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Member McAuley?

22 ANNA MCAULEY: Hey there, good to see y'all. My name
23 is Anna McAuley. I'm a research engineer at University of
24 Texas at Austin Center for Transportation Research. We
25 call it CTR for short. So my background's in research. I

1 did my doctoral work at UT in civil engineering. We've
2 done quite a bit of work both with industry, robotaxi
3 freight, personal delivery devices, and public agencies,
4 so local, city, state. So my background is as a third-
5 party independent objector, evidence-based evaluation,
6 that world of research. And I'm happy to serve as an
7 officer. Probably not presiding or first chair, but I'm
8 interested in second chair.

9 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Member Pickford?

10 JOHN (TRAVIS) PICKFORD: Hi, good afternoon. My name
11 is John Travis Pickford. I go by Travis. I am the
12 assistant chief of police for the Austin Independent
13 School District Police Department. I know it doesn't look
14 like it, but this is my 23rd year with the police
15 department. All of my career has been focused in school-
16 based law enforcement and the safety of school zones and
17 our school buses, our kids getting to and from school
18 safely, both by foot, car, and bicycle. So that's going
19 to be my primary area of focus. I'm currently not
20 interested in a leadership role. Thank you.

21 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member Sullivan?

22 MICHAEL (MIKE) SULLIVAN: I jump every time you say
23 Ali-Sullivan, so forgive me if I speak out of turn. Mike
24 Sullivan, after spending nine years as director of
25 governmental affairs for Group 1 Automotive, formed my own

1 government affairs practice January 1. I came into the
2 meeting prepared to be an officer, but certainly not now.
3 Thank you.

4 LAURA MORIATY: Member Swanson? Member Teeter?
5 Teeter.

6 BART TEETER: I'm Bart Teeter. I am the director of
7 Fleet and Operational Safety at Bot Auto. We're a level
8 four autonomous truck developer out of Houston, Texas.
9 Prior to that, I worked for the Texas Department of Public
10 Safety for 26 years, primarily in commercial vehicle
11 enforcement. I'm the old Oscar; he's the new and improved
12 Bart. So in that role, I've worked for a number of years
13 with just about everybody in the room and online on smooth
14 integration of AV's into the transportation ecosystem here
15 in Texas. Although not unwilling to serve, I think there
16 are probably better folks to do that right now, so I will
17 probably sit this one out.

18 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Member White?

19 WILLIAM WHITE: I'm Will White. I'm a lieutenant
20 over the Austin Police Department's Highway Enforcement
21 Division. Unlike Travis, I've been there 24 years and
22 look every bit of it. And I'm currently also the police
23 representative to the City of Austin's Autonomous Vehicle
24 Work Group. And I am not interested in a position. Thank
25 you.

1 LAURA MORIATY: Is Member Woodard's here?

2 MISTY WOODARD: Good afternoon. Misty Woodard. I am
3 a controller with Kimberly Eakin Kia. It's a dealership
4 out of Lufkin, Texas. I've been in the automotive
5 industry for probably 13 plus years. At this time, I am
6 not interested in a leadership position.

7 LAURA MORIATY: Okay. Thank you. We've got seven
8 candidates. I'm very grateful, y'all. Normally when we
9 go through these with an advisory committee, there's a lot
10 of crickets and staring. So I really appreciate all the
11 volunteers.

12 DANIEL AVITIA: Let the arm wrestling begin.

13 LAURA MORIATY: Okay, so we're going to use Robert's
14 Rules of Order to do this, which means that we're going to
15 be needing to make motions. So first, reach out, raise
16 your hand or raise your hand online. Or speak up and say
17 that you'd like to be recognized. Once I grant you the
18 floor, you make a motion. Another person has to second
19 that motion. So your motion to name someone to be the
20 presiding officer would be something like, I make a motion
21 to name Jim Bob to be the AVRAC presiding officer. And
22 then someone else would need to second that. You can make
23 a motion to nominate yourself to be presiding officer,
24 that's okay. And then to make a second, obviously another
25 person needs to get on their mic and say that they second

1 the motion. You cannot second your own motion. So let's
2 get started. Does anyone.

3 DANIEL AVITIA: Laura, before we go into that, are
4 there other positions besides the chair that folks can?

5 LAURA MORIATY: Yes, sir. Farther on the agenda, you
6 will have the opportunity to vote on a second vice first
7 vice chair and then a second vice chair. So if this is
8 not the end of the line, we have more people to appoint.
9 Okay, so this time we are appointing the AVRAC presiding
10 officer. Does anyone want to make a motion to nominate
11 someone? Member Teeter? (inaudible) Hey, do we have a
12 second?

13 CLINT KNEIP: I would second that.

14 LAURA MORIATY: Okay. So we have a motion and a
15 second to make Member Calvert the presiding officer. Is
16 there any discussion on that? Member Teeter? (inaudible)
17 Thank you, sir. Any other Members want to discuss this
18 issue? Okay. Hearing none, last chance. I'm going to
19 call for the vote. I'm going to call your name and this
20 is to make Member Calvert the Presiding Officer. So when
21 I call your name, please tell me whether you say yes or
22 no. Member Ali-Sullivan? Who is not here, Member
23 Anderson?

24 DARRAN ANDERSON: Yes.

25 LAURA MORIATY: Member Bearden?

1 CARRELL BEARDEN: Yes.
2 LAURA MORIATY: Member Calvert?
3 RAMSEY CALVERT: Yes.
4 LAURA MORIATY: Member Cao?
5 DZUY CAO: Yes.
6 LAURA MORIATY: Member Carmichael?
7 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Yes.
8 LAURA MORIATY: Member DeWitt?
9 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Yes.
10 LAURA MORIATY: Member Dupuis?
11 NICOLE DUPUIS: Yes.
12 LAURA MORIATY: Member Edwards?
13 ETHAN EDWARDS: Yes.
14 LAURA MORIATY: Member Ferguson? Member Fishback?
15 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Yes.
16 LAURA MORIATY: Member Hardeman? Member Heinemeyer?
17 JEFFREY HEINEMEYER: Yes.
18 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kim?
19 ANITA KIM: Yes.
20 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kneip?
21 CLINT KNEIP: Yes.
22 LAURA MORIATY: Member Luna?
23 OSCAR LUNA: Yes.
24 LAURA MORIATY: Member Majid?
25 SLY MAJID: Yes.

1 LAURA MORIATY: Member McAuley?

2 ANNA MCAULEY: Yes.

3 LAURA MORIATY: Member Pickford?

4 JOHN (TRAVIS) PICKFORD: Yes.

5 LAURA MORIATY: Member Sullivan?

6 MICHAEL (MIKE) SULLIVAN: Yes.

7 LAURA MORIATY: Member Swanson? Member Teeter?

8 BART TEETER: Yes.

9 LAURA MORIATY: Member White?

10 WILLIAM WHITE: Yes.

11 LAURA MORIATY: Member Woodard?

12 MISTY WOODARD: Yes.

13 LAURA MORIATY: Okay. It's unanimous. We have a
14 chair. Thank you, Member Calvert, I appreciate it. And
15 now we will move on to agenda 5, agenda item 5. This is
16 nominations and selections for the First Vice Chair. So
17 this time we're not going to do any more introductions, I
18 just need a motion. Is there anyone who would like to
19 make a motion for the First Vice Chair, knowing this is
20 the person who will serve in that role when the presiding
21 officer is not available? Member Fishback?

22 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Thank you. I would like to
23 nominate Sly Majid to as the role of First Vice Chair.
24 Thank you. We have a motion. And do we have a second on
25 that?

1 BART TEETER: Second.

2 LAURA MORIATY: Member Teeter seconds. Okay. Sorry,
3 I'm sorry. Say that name one more time, just so I make
4 sure I wrote it down right. I'm sorry. Excuse me, sir.

5 SLY MAJID: And just for the record, it's pronounced
6 Majid.

7 LAURA MORIATY: Majid.

8 SLY MAJID: Yes.

9 LAURA MORIATY Thank you. I appreciate you speaking
10 up. Now, if anybody else is having their name pronounced
11 wrong, please don't hold back. Okay, so we have a motion
12 and a second. Is there any discussion on Sly Majid as our
13 First Vice Chair? Member Fishback?

14 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Thank you. I'm very excited to
15 nominate Sly for this role. Worked with him both as-- in
16 his current role at Volkswagen and then of course at Argo,
17 and prior to that, as he said, city of Austin, so he
18 brings a wealth of knowledge for the city, the region, the
19 state, and light duty autonomous vehicles, which I think
20 will be an excellent compliment to the board writ large
21 and also our new presiding officer, so very much looking
22 forward to the background. Thank you.

23 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Any other members want to
24 discuss this motion? Hearing none, I will call the roll.
25 Okay, Member Ali-Sullivan? Member Anderson?

1 DARRAN ANDERSON: Yes.
2 LAURA MORIATY: Member Bearden?
3 CARRELL BEARDEN: Yes.
4 LAURA MORIATY: Member Calvert?
5 RAMSEY CALVERT: Yes.
6 LAURA MORIATY: Member Cao?
7 DZUY CAO: Yes.
8 LAURA MORIATY: Member Carmichael?
9 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Yes.
10 LAURA MORIATY: Member DeWitt?
11 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Sorry yes.
12 LAURA MORIATY: Member Edwards?
13 ETHAN EDWARDS: Yes.
14 LAURA MORIATY: Member Ferguson? Member Fishback?
15 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Yes.
16 LAURA MORIATY: Member Hardeman? Member Heinemeyer?
17 JEFFREY HEINEMEYER: Yes.
18 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kim?
19 ANITA KIM: Yes.
20 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kneip?
21 CLINT KNEIP: Yes.
22 LAURA MORIATY: Member Luna?
23 OSCAR LUNA: Yes.
24 LAURA MORIATY: Member Majid?
25 SLY MAJID: Yes.

1 LAURA MORIATY: Member McAuley?
2 ANNA MCAULEY: Yes.
3 LAURA MORIATY: Member Pickford?
4 JOHN (TRAVIS) PICKFORD: Yes.
5 LAURA MORIATY: Member Sullivan?
6 MIKE SULLIVAN: Yes.
7 LAURA MORIATY: Member Swanson? Member Teeter?
8 BART TEETER: Yes.
9 LAURA MORIATY: Member White?
10 WILLIAM WHITE: Yes.
11 LAURA MORIATY: Member Woodard?
12 MISTY WOODARD: Yes.
13 LAURA MORIATY: Okay, once again unanimous. Sly
14 Majid is your new Vice Chair. Okay, so now we're moving
15 on to agenda item 6 and the opportunity to vote on a
16 Second Vice Chair. This is the person who's going to take
17 the role if both the Presiding Officer and the First Vice
18 Chair are unavailable, so does anyone want to make a
19 motion to name someone to be Second Vice Chair?
20 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Katie Carmichael. I
21 would like to make a motion to nominate Anna McAuley as
22 Second Vice Chair.
23 LAURA MORIATY: Is there a second?
24 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Second.
25 LAURA MORIATY: Member Fishback. Okay, is there any

1 discussion on this motion?

2 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: I'll just say, I think
3 her experience or knowledge from coming from the
4 University of Texas and I think disinterested, unbiased
5 approach will be beneficial to the board.

6 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you. Any other members want to
7 comment or discuss? Okay, I will call for the vote. I'm
8 going to call your name, let me know what you think.
9 Remember Ali-Sullivan? Member Anderson?

10 DARRAN ANDERSON: Yes.

11 LAURA MORIATY: Member Bearden?

12 CARRELL BEARDEN: Yes.

13 LAURA MORIATY: Member Calvert?

14 RAMSEY CALVERT: Yes.

15 LAURA MORIATY: Member Cao?

16 DZUY CAO: Yes.

17 LAURA MORIATY: Member Carmichael?

18 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Yes.

19 LAURA MORIATY: Member DeWitt?

20 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Yes.

21 LAURA MORIATY: Member Dupuis?

22 NICOLE DUPUIS: Yes.

23 LAURA MORIATY: Member Edwards?

24 ETHAN EDWARDS: Yes.

25 LAURA MORIATY: Member Ferguson? Member Fishback?

1 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Yes.
2 LAURA MORIATY: Member Hardeman? Member Heinemeyer?
3 JEFFREY HEINEMEYER: Yes.
4 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kim?
5 ANITA KIM: Yes.
6 LAURA MORIATY: Member Kneip?
7 CLINT KNEIP: Yes.
8 LAURA MORIATY: Member Luna?
9 OSCAR LUNA: Yes.
10 LAURA MORIATY: Member Majid?
11 SLY MAJID: Yes.
12 LAURA MORIATY: Member McAuley?
13 ANNA MCAULEY: Yes.
14 LAURA MORIATY: Member Pickford?
15 JOHN (TRAVIS) PICKFORD: Yes.
16 LAURA MORIATY: Member Sullivan?
17 MICHAEL (MIKE) SULLIVAN: Yes.
18 LAURA MORIATY: Member Swanson? Member Teeter?
19 BART TEETER: Yes.
20 LAURA MORIATY: Member White?
21 WILLIAM WHITE: Yes.
22 LAURA MORIATY: And Member Woodard?
23 MISTY WOODARD: Yes.
24 LAURA MORIATY: Okay once again unanimous that's
25 terrific we have three positions congratulations Member

1 McAuley. Everyone is full and I appreciate everyone being
2 willing to volunteer and everyone being willing to vote,
3 thank you so much. We will now move on to agenda item 7
4 which is going to be an update on the department's
5 regulation of automated motor vehicles so I'm going to
6 turn the meeting over to Corrie Thompson and Clint
7 Thompson I believe that Clint is going first.

8 CLINT THOMPSON: Afternoon, Clint Thompson, Director
9 of the Motor Carrier Division. If I refer to it as AVRAC
10 instead of AVRAC and I mean to confuse anybody since we
11 are talking about AV's. So Senate Bill 2007 requires
12 anyone operating an automated motor vehicle to transport
13 persons or property in furtherance of a commercial
14 enterprise to now have an authorization from the
15 department. That requirement went into effect on May 28th
16 so the bill had a provision that allowed 90 days after the
17 effective date of our rules or DPS's rules whichever would
18 later and so that May 28th become the enforcement date and
19 in advance of that on April 20th we rolled out our web
20 based application to allow folks to apply for those
21 authorizations in advance. Obviously quite a few folks in
22 this room already operating automated vehicles. We did
23 not want to get in the way of business and make sure that
24 anybody who required an authorization had the ability to
25 get that in advance. So again this is a web based

1 application. I joke with my folks say we're working on
2 automated vehicles right this needs to be an automated
3 process. I hope that we've created a seamless process for
4 y'all to obtain authorizations. Again it is fully web
5 based. There's no requirement to submit any documents,
6 everything's electronic. There's two pathways. One you
7 have to certify that you have provided the Department of
8 Public Safety with the required what we're calling the
9 FRIP, First Responder Interaction Plan. And then also
10 provide us with a written statement which is done
11 electronically that the vehicles meet the criteria that's
12 specified in statute and vehicle information contact
13 information that's the context of the application that's
14 required. We also have a process for, either the
15 manufacturer of the automated motor vehicle or the
16 automated driving system to be able to upload a document
17 the written statement that the test that the vehicle does
18 meet the criteria in statute. Other than that it's a
19 pretty seamless process. We have had 16 as of this
20 afternoon we've got 16 companies that have authorizations
21 and 1457 vehicles under those authorizations. And that
22 again anybody operating an automotive vehicle automated
23 motor vehicles now required to have those. There's no
24 restrictions on vehicle type or anything of that nature.
25 It's the vehicle and the capacity that you're using in so

1 you got questions before is this just the big trucks now
2 we've got class a trucks but we've also got passenger cars
3 for transportation network companies and the like. Update
4 on that and I will turn it over to our enforcement
5 director.

6 CORRIE THOMPSON: Corrie Thompson, Director of the
7 Enforcement Division for the Texas Department of Motor
8 Vehicles. So shortly after we rolled out the ability for
9 companies to obtain authorization via the Department's
10 system, we then went live with our ability for people to
11 begin submitting complaints via our online portal at
12 txdmv.gov. And you can access it through a number of
13 different ways and we have been successfully receiving
14 complaints, so that portal is working. And right now
15 staff are in the process of evaluating those complaints as
16 they are received. Some have been misrouted as non
17 jurisdictional so they get routed to our other complaint
18 portals. We handle complaints also on motor carrier
19 enforcement and motor vehicle dealer enforcement. So if
20 something is found its way into the AV portal we're just
21 rerouting it to the appropriate place. And then of course
22 evaluating the AV complaints as we receive those. So and
23 any company that is attached to a complaint could expect
24 to receive communication from the Department asking for
25 additional information that will help us gather evidence

1 needed to support or mitigate any allegation that's
2 received from the public complaint. Again a number of
3 those are in process. You're not going to find that
4 information available on our Department website. But once
5 those complaints have concluded and they're closed, if
6 there is any administrative sanction action and when we're
7 talking about AV regulation, we're talking about an
8 authorization that has been revoked, suspended, canceled
9 or restriction has been placed in some way and that
10 complaint is closed, you will then see that information
11 available on the website when you search that entity.
12 Thanks Laura.

13 LAURA MORIATY: Thanks y'all. So does anyone have
14 any questions for Mr. or Mrs. Thompson? Ms. Carmichael?

15 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Katie Carmichael. I
16 had a question on the reporting. So you said it's not
17 currently on the website, the numbers of complaints. I'm
18 assuming it will be reported out publicly at some point,
19 at least to the legislature, the number of complaints and
20 how those are being handled.

21 CORRIE THOMPSON: Corrie Thompson, Director of the
22 Enforcement Division. So we'll report data in various
23 ways but standard practices we don't report information or
24 details on pending investigations. At the conclusion of
25 investigations, yes we have reporting mechanisms out from

1 the Department.

2 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: I think my question or
3 concern really is just that any numbers that are reported
4 are accurately reflected, as you know things that were non
5 actionable or not within the DMV's purview. My concern is
6 reporting out a blanket a number of complaints without any
7 context around it. So just curious what y'all are doing
8 there.

9 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes, so Corrie Thompson, Director
10 of the Enforcement Division. When the Department
11 concludes annual reporting we do specify like the way that
12 we received a complaint whether it was from the public,
13 whether it was from another state agency. And then we
14 also detail out the closure code. So cases are closed in
15 various ways either with no violation insufficient
16 evidence. Sometimes we have the ability to mediate
17 disputes here again if there's a sanction action
18 specifically connected to autonomous vehicle regulation.
19 We're talking about it resulting in an authorization being
20 revoked or restricted in some way.

21 KATHERINE (KATIE) CARMICHAEL: Thank you.

22 LAURA MORIATY: Member DeWitt?

23 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Cathy DeWitt, General Motors.
24 And I'm sorry, I haven't looked on the site, but do you
25 list everyone who is every company that has a permit on

1 there?

2 CLINT THOMPSON: Clint Thompson, Director of the
3 Motor Carrier Division. No, we did not have an exhaustive
4 list but there is the ability to look them up if you know
5 the name or particular AV number.

6 MARY (CATHY) DeWITT: Great thank you.

7 LAURA MORIATY: Any other questions Members? Okay,
8 last chance anybody? All right hearing none I will go on
9 to agenda item 7 oh, I'm sorry agenda item 8 this is
10 Public Comment are there any public comments? There are
11 no public comments so that means we can move on to agenda
12 item 9 which is adjournment. So unless anyone has any
13 other discussion they'd like to have I would like for us
14 to move to adjourn. Can I get a motion from somebody to
15 move to adjourn?

16 MICHAEL (MIKE) SULLIVAN: Motion.

17 LAURA MORIATY: And Member Sullivan can I get a
18 second on that motion.

19 ELIZABETH FISHBACK: Second.

20 LAURA MORIATY: Member Fishback okay let's just do it
21 by acclamation. All those in favor. Turn on your mic say
22 aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 LAURA MORIATY: Doesn't sound like it great the
25 vote's unanimous. We are adjourned at 1:40 p.m. thanks

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