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1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Good morning. My name
2 is Charles Bacarisse and I'm pleased to open this Board
3 Meeting of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Welcome
4 to everyone who has joined us today. It is 9:00 a.m. and
5 I'm now calling the Board Meeting for August 13, 2026 to
6 order. Public notice of this meeting containing all items
7 on the agenda was filed with the Office of Secretary of
8 State on August 5, 2026. To ensure no distractions from our
9 agenda today, I'm asking all folks here in attendance to
10 place your cell phones and other communication devices in
11 silent mode and also as a courtesy to others, please do not
12 engage in side conversations in the meeting room. If you
13 wish to address the Board or speak on an agenda item during
14 today's meeting, please complete a speaker sheet at the
15 registration table or send an email to
16 GCO_general@txdmv.gov. Please identify in your email the
17 specific item you're interested in commenting on, your name
18 and address, and whether you are representing anyone or
19 speaking for yourself. If your comment does not pertain to
20 a specific agenda item, we'll take your comment during the
21 general public comment portion of the meeting. When
22 addressing the Board, please state your name and affiliation
23 for the record. In accordance with the Department's
24 administrative rule, comments to the Board will be limited
25 to three minutes. To assist each speaker, a timer has been

1 provided on the podium. The timer light will be green for
2 the first two minutes, yellow when the speaker has one
3 minute left, and red when the speaker's time is up.
4 Individuals cannot accumulate time from other speakers and
5 comments should be pertinent to the issues stated on the
6 comment sheet. There are a few things that will also help
7 make this meeting run more smoothly and assist the court
8 reporter to get an accurate record. Please identify
9 yourself before speaking. Speak clearly and slowly. Do not
10 speak over others. Get recognized by the chair before
11 speaking, and I would like to thank again our court reporter
12 for transcribing this meeting. Finally, I'd like to remind
13 all presenters and those in attendance that as Chair, I've
14 got the authority to supervise the conduct of the meeting.
15 And this includes the authority to determine when a speaker
16 is being disruptive of the meeting or is otherwise violating
17 the timing or presentation rules that we just discussed. So
18 with all of that good stuff out of the way, I would like to
19 now call the roll of the Board Members. So please respond
20 verbally when I call your name. Board Member Alvarado, are
21 you present?

22 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley? CHASE

24 COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

1 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

3 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

5 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

7 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

9 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Present.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Let the record reflect
11 that I, Charles Bacarisse am here, too. And let the record
12 reflect that we are missing our Vice Chair Tammy McRae. She
13 is back in her home county dealing with her budget hearings
14 today. So that's an important, important job for her.
15 We'll move to Agenda item 2, which is the pledges of
16 allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flag. I'm going to ask a
17 Member Omumu to lead us in the U.S. pledge, and the Member
18 Roesler will lead us in the Texas pledge.

19 ALL: Pledges.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Agenda item 3 is the
21 Chairman's report, and I'd like to take this opportunity to
22 let everyone know that when we reach Agenda item 7 and 8 on
23 today's agenda, I'll be asking the Board for consent to
24 postpone those items to the October board meeting.
25 Postponing will give staff additional time to review the

1 comments which we received, which were numerous, and to work
2 with the stakeholders involved in these two agenda items. I
3 want to thank everyone for their patience with our
4 rulemaking process as we ensure that all voices are heard
5 and that all perspectives are considered. So just a little
6 heads up to those who may be here for those two agenda
7 items, we will postpone them, hopefully. I'll ask for the
8 Board to consider that when we get there. On the Agenda
9 item number 4 is the Executive Director's reports. And I'll
10 now turn it over to our Executive Director, Daniel Avitia,
11 for Agenda items 4A through 4E.

12 DANIEL AVITIA: Thank you, Chairman. Chairman,
13 Members, good morning. For the record, my name is Daniel
14 Avitia. I have the pleasure of serving as the Executive
15 Director for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Agenda
16 items 4A through 4E are briefing items only. Chairman,
17 Members, we have a full house on the executive team and
18 beyond. I'm excited to introduce new members of our TxDMV
19 family. I will start with the very first appointment, Mr.
20 Larry Gaddes, who now serves as the Deputy Executive
21 Director. Larry, if you can, raise your hand so everybody
22 knows who you are. Larry's appointment reflects the
23 department's continued commitment to operational excellence,
24 innovation and customer service. Excuse me. Prior to
25 joining the department, Larry served as the Williamson

1 County Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Deputy and brings
2 extensive private sector leadership experience. Under his
3 leadership, the Williamson County Tax Office received
4 multiple DMV Performance Quality Recognition Program Awards,
5 or PQRP awards. Larry brings extensive experience, a strong
6 commitment to the public service and a proven record of
7 effective leadership. Throughout his career, he has focused
8 on delivering responsive, high quality services and
9 developing effective solutions. His leadership will be
10 instrumental in advancing our mission and enhancing service
11 to Texans and beyond. Larry earned a Bachelor's of Business
12 Administration from the Texas State University in San Marcos
13 and currently serves as the President of the Texas State
14 Alumni Association Board of Directors. Chairman and
15 Members, This concludes my agenda item for Agenda item 4A.
16 Please join me in welcoming Larry to the team. Agenda item
17 4B is a briefing item only as well. This is the
18 introduction of our new Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Chris
19 Hayden. Chris, can you raise your hand and stand up?
20 Chris's appointment reflects the department's commitment to
21 continuous improvement, operational efficiency and long-term
22 success. Chris brings 35 years of experience in
23 governmental finance, including senior leadership roles at
24 the state, county and local levels. Most recently, he
25 served as the DMV's Chief Deputy Financial Officer, as CFO

1 and Finance and Operations Division Director, Chris oversees
2 the department's financial and operational services,
3 including accounting, budget, revenue forecasting,
4 purchasing, facilities and fleet, asset management, imaging,
5 mail services, safety and risk management. Did I get them
6 all Chris? Got most of them, okay, we're doing well. Chris
7 holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of
8 Missouri, Columbia. He is also a graduate of the Texas
9 Fiscal Officers Academy and the LBJ School of Senior
10 Management Program. Chairman, Members, please join me in
11 welcoming Chris to the team. In more financial news, I'd
12 like to introduce our new Deputy Chief Financial Officer,
13 Mr. Eric Horn. Eric, good morning. Eric's appointment
14 reflects the department's continued commitment to financial
15 and operational excellence as well. Since 2021, Eric has
16 served as the Director of Accounting, where he has led key
17 initiatives to modernize and strengthen the Department's
18 financial operations. He also brings private sector
19 experience and 20 years of military service with the Air
20 National Guard. Eric is a proven leader whose experience,
21 dedication and focus on innovation will continue to
22 strengthen the DMV's financial operations. Eric holds a
23 Master's of Accountancy and a Bachelor's of Accountancy from
24 the University of Illinois, Springfield and is a graduate of
25 the Texas Fiscal Officers Academy as well. Members, please

1 join me in welcoming. Sorry, my mic went out for just a
2 little bit. All right, moving on to Agenda item 4D. This
3 is the introduction of our Consumer Relations Director, Ms.
4 Katie Drummond. Katie, good morning. Katie brings more
5 than 12 years of DMV experience with leadership roles
6 spanning customer service, operations, mediation and
7 administration. Most recently, she served as Administration
8 Director for the Motor Vehicle Division, where she led
9 several key operational areas. Katie is a licensed Texas
10 attorney and certified mediator. She holds a bachelor's
11 degree from the University of Texas at Austin and both a
12 master's and a law degree from St. Mary's University.
13 Chairman, Members, please join me in welcoming Katie to the
14 team as well. Chairman, with your permission, I'd like to
15 move on to Agenda item 4E, Recognition of Years of Service.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: That'd be great.

17 DANIEL AVITIA: All right, at this time, I'd like to
18 recognize our employees who have reached significant state
19 service milestones. We appreciate their dedication to the
20 DMV and certainly to the citizens of the State of Texas. I
21 will start with 20 years of state service, first, we have
22 Ms. Sharon Ruszczyk from Enforcement Division. 25 years of
23 service, Sherry Flemming, Customer Service Division. 25
24 years of service, Joyce Juarez, Vehicle Title and
25 Registration. Ana Ramirez, Information Technology Services

1 Division. Sue Russell, Motor Carrier Division. Moving on
2 to 30 years of state service, James Mangawang from Motor
3 Carrier Division. Dion Arnold, Information Technology
4 Services Division. I'd also like to recognize our recent
5 retirees, Mr. Kenny Corzine, 41 years of service,
6 Information Technology Services. Mary Lou Cardenas, 35
7 years, Enforcement Division. Tiffiny Roybal, 26 years,
8 Motor Carrier Division. And last but not least, Joi
9 Dinolfo, 22 years with the Enforcement Division. Chairman,
10 Members, please join me in congratulating all of these
11 individuals. We have a couple folks that we would like to
12 recognize this morning that are joining us. I'll start with
13 Ms. Sherry Flemming. Sherry serves as a Customer Service
14 Representative in the Consumer Relations Division. and is
15 celebrating 25 years of state service. She has held several
16 roles throughout her career and is one of the original
17 members of the Consumer Relations Division when it was
18 established in 2010. That's amazing. Sherry's dedication
19 and commitment to serving Texans have made a lasting impact
20 on the DMV. Sherry, congratulations on your 25 years of
21 outstanding service. All right, now we'll move on to Ms.
22 Joyce Juarez. Joyce, raise your hand. There you are. Good
23 morning. Joyce serves as an Operations Specialist in the
24 Vehicle Title and Registration Division, supporting critical
25 operations and working closely with law enforcement. For 25

1 years, Joyce has demonstrated exceptional dedication,
2 professionalism, and a true commitment to serving Texans
3 throughout the state. Joyce, congratulations on your 25
4 years of state service. Next, we have Mr. James Mangawang.
5 James, good morning. Welcome. James serves as the primary
6 liaison for the Oversize and Overweight Permit Restrictions
7 Mapping in the Motor Carrier Division. He began his state
8 service career in 1996 and has become recognized as the
9 subject matter expert in his area. James's expertise,
10 dedication and commitment to public service have made a
11 lasting impact on the Motor Carrier Division and the State
12 of Texas. James, congratulations on your 30 years of
13 outstanding service. Chairman, Members, if you would please
14 join me at the front of the dais for a photo opportunity.
15 Chairman, thank you for the time. That concludes my
16 Executive Director's report.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Avitia.
18 We'll now move to Agenda item number 5, which is Legislative
19 and Public Affairs and Keith Yawn is here to speak with us.
20 The floor is yours, Keith.

21 KEITH YAWN: Good morning. Mr. Chairman, Board
22 Members, Director Avitia. My name is Keith Yawn, Director
23 of Government and Strategic Communications. I have three
24 legislative briefings for you this morning, beginning with
25 Agenda item 5A on page 12 of your board book. This is a

1 briefing on the department's work to implement legislation
2 passed during the last legislative session in 2025. The
3 89th Texas Legislature enacted 40 pieces of legislation that
4 have required some level of department implementation or
5 changes to program policies. I am pleased to report that at
6 this time, 36 of those bills have been fully implemented and
7 are now part of ongoing department operations. Two bills
8 remain under active implementation with scheduled completion
9 dates before the end of this year. The final two bills are
10 contingent on external actions by other governmental
11 entities before department staff can initiate our
12 implementation work, staff are in contact with those
13 entities to track their efforts and prepare for future
14 implementation work by DMV. The handout beginning on page
15 13 of your board book lists the specific individual bills in
16 each of these categories. Mr. Chairman, that concludes my
17 remarks for this item, unless there are any questions from
18 the Board.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members any questions
20 for Mr. Yawn? Seeing none, please continue.

21 KEITH YAWN: Item 5B is an update on interim
22 legislative activity. Earlier this year, House and Senate
23 committees were assigned interim charges to review in
24 preparation for the upcoming 90th legislative session.
25 Committees have been meeting since May on these topics and

1 the department has been invited to testify in three upcoming
2 hearings. This morning, the Senate Select Committee on
3 Homeland and Border Security is meeting to discuss a number
4 of interim charges, including a review of the movement of
5 oversized and overweight commercial vehicles transporting
6 hazardous materials through the Texas border region. Clint
7 Thompson, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division, is at the
8 Capitol now to provide the committee with an overview of DMV
9 oversize/overweight permitting options. Following the
10 completion of the materials in your board book, the House
11 Committee on Transportation scheduled an interim hearing for
12 this coming Monday, August 17th, their agenda includes two
13 oversight review charges for Texas DMV. Director Avitia is
14 scheduled to provide the committee overview information
15 about Department operations and status updates for several
16 ongoing major projects. Finally, on August 25, the
17 Department has been asked to provide testimony to the Senate
18 Committee on Transportation related to the implementation of
19 Senate Bill 2807, passed during the 89th session. SB 2807
20 is the legislation that created the state's new automated
21 vehicle authorization, issuance and enforcement processes.
22 Clint Thompson and Corrie Thompson, Director of Enforcement,
23 will provide the committee with a briefing on the
24 department's implementation of the bill's requirements and
25 information on that program's ongoing operations.

1 Government and Strategic Communications Staff, in
2 coordination with finance and program teams throughout the
3 department, are also working with legislative staff
4 throughout the House and Senate to provide information and
5 education on department programs as legislative offices
6 prepare for the next legislative session. Mr. Chairman,
7 that concludes my remarks for this item. Unless there are
8 any questions. CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members,
9 any questions for Mr. Yawn? Seeing none, please continue.

10 KEITH YAWN: Item 5C is a briefing on proposed
11 statutory recommendations for the upcoming 90th legislative
12 session. Texas Transportation Code 1001.025 authorizes the
13 Board to recommend to the Legislature statutory changes to
14 improve department operations. The Board has made
15 recommendations for statutory change prior to each
16 legislative session since the Department was created. You
17 may recall that in recent legislative sessions, staff have
18 presented you with large packets of broadly ranging
19 recommendations to improve or clarify department statutes.
20 As previously reported, GSC staff have spent most of this
21 year working with program divisions and the Office of the
22 General Counsel to identify, review and refine various
23 potential recommendations for the upcoming session. In
24 preparation for the 90th session, staff have prepared two
25 proposals that focus on recently identified legal challenges

1 to historic program operations. Staff believe these items
2 are necessary to maintain the department's ability to ensure
3 consumer protection within the motor vehicle industry.
4 Summaries of these proposals begin on page 17 of your board
5 book. We ask that you consider these items in the coming
6 days and let staff know of any questions or concerns you
7 identify. Please note that the draft items have not yet
8 been reviewed by our stakeholder groups. The items are now
9 publicly posted as part of the board's meeting materials for
10 general review by interested parties and GSC staff will be
11 submitting them directly to stakeholder associations for
12 comment in the coming days. Department staff will then
13 collect any comments received over the next several weeks
14 and adjust them as necessary to address identified concerns.
15 We then plan to bring a final packet of proposals back to
16 the Board in October for your approval. Once approved, GSC
17 staff will communicate the department's recommendations to
18 legislative offices and work with them to prepare
19 legislation for consideration during the next legislative
20 session. The first proposal, beginning on page 18 of your
21 board book, seeks to clean up statutory authorization for
22 the department's fingerprint-based background check
23 processes that apply to licensee applicants. Last session,
24 Senate Bill 2587 revised the authorizing statute in Texas
25 Government Code 411, allowing the Texas Department of Motor

1 Vehicles to access the FBI's fingerprinting and background
2 check program. Following changes to state authorization
3 statutes, the FBI reviews the new language for compliance
4 with federal requirements and standards. On May 28, the
5 Texas Department of Public Safety notified Texas DMV that
6 the FBI review had determined the statutory revisions did
7 not meet federal requirements due to the use of overly broad
8 language for some of the categories of individuals subject
9 to the checks. The FBI has provided Texas with a grace
10 period through April 1st of 2028 to continue accessing the
11 program while seeking legislative correction to the statute.
12 The department will no longer have access to the
13 fingerprinting program for any applicants at the end of the
14 grace period if the statute is not addressed to comply with
15 federal standards. The proposal before you revises the
16 statute to preserve existing fraud mitigation operations
17 within the licensing process while addressing federal
18 concerns that the statutory language identifying categories
19 of individuals for fingerprint-based background checks is
20 overly broad. This recommendation would have no fiscal
21 impact on the department or current state operations and
22 importantly, does not seek to expand the program or make any
23 material changes to its application as administered prior to
24 the review's determination. Mr. Chairman, I'll pause here
25 to address any questions the Board may have on this specific

1 proposal.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any questions
3 on this proposal? I'm seeing none. Please continue. Thank
4 you.

5 KEITH YAWN: The second proposal, beginning on page 21
6 of your board book, seeks to address recent judicial
7 interpretations related to the department's enforcement of
8 dealer advertising requirements. Texas Occupations Code
9 2301.203 outlines the process for filing a complaint against
10 a license holder for an advertising violation. Before
11 proceeding with enforcement actions on identified
12 violations, the statute requires the department to first
13 provide the involved license holder with notice and an
14 opportunity to cure the advertising violation. Recent court
15 and SOAH opinions have interpreted the statute to require a
16 separate notice and opportunity to cure for each individual
17 advertisement that is alleged to violate the statute or
18 administrative rule. This includes an opinion that when the
19 same violation has been identified in the advertisement of
20 multiple vehicles, a separate opportunity cure must be
21 provided for each vehicle. Individual vehicle
22 advertisements are largely transitory in nature. By the
23 time the Department's Enforcement Division receives a
24 complaint about the advertisement and sends a notice to
25 cure, the advertisement has likely already been removed or

1 discontinued by the dealer, either because the advertising
2 vehicle has been sold or the dealer is now focusing
3 advertisements on other vehicles. Without statutory
4 clarification it is possible that courts will continue to
5 interpret the statute in such a way that department
6 attorneys will only be able to send out notice and
7 opportunity to cure letters continually without resolution
8 or further enforcement actions unless the respondent
9 violates the exact same provision for the exact same vehicle
10 multiple times over an extended period. The proposal
11 revises a statute related to violation, notice and cure
12 processes to allow the Department to pursue enforcement of
13 violations when the license holder has previously been
14 notified has been provided notice of a violation of the same
15 board rule relating to advertising that continues to violate
16 regulatory requirements, regardless of whether the
17 subsequent violation involves the same vehicle. This
18 recommendation is not expected to have a material fiscal
19 impact on department or state operations because it seeks to
20 clarify historic enforcement authority as applied rather
21 than expanding program scope. The recommendation is
22 intended to allow the department to properly enforce
23 advertising regulations applicable to motor vehicle dealers
24 and support consumer protection efforts. Mr. Chairman, that
25 concludes my remarks, but I'm happy to take any questions

1 the Board has.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Members,
3 any questions for Mr. Yawn on this fulsome report?

4 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: I have a question.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yes, Member Cooley.

6 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Does the Department assume
7 that there's a time period between the notices that go out
8 for these advertising violations?

9 KEITH YAWN: Yes. I can get either our general
10 counsel's office or the Enforcement Division to respond more
11 directly to that specific question. I'm not sure which.

12 LAURA MORIATY: Well, I guess I'm going to. This is
13 Laura Moriarty, General Counsel. I'm going to clarify the
14 question. Do you mean we send out the notice and
15 opportunity-to-cure letter and then your question is what
16 happens after that?

17 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Well, so the change here
18 just says if the Board has previously notified the license
19 holder, is there a time period involved in that? Is it six
20 months? Is it six years?

21 LAURA MORIATY: Right. The draft language does not put
22 a time period on that.

23 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: What's the normal practice
24 now?

25 LAURA MORIATY: Let's pull enforcement for that.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yeah. And with that
2 I'd like to ask Ms. Corrie Thompson to come to the podium,
3 please.

4 CORRIE THOMPSON: Corrie Thompson, Director of the
5 Enforcement Division. Standard practice regarding when a
6 cure letter is sent involves a five-year look-back period at
7 which time the person would have violated, let's say a
8 provision of 215.250 with a pricing violation. So, say you
9 didn't like lay out your rebates or your discounts
10 appropriately. So if an advertising cure was sent on that,
11 then there would be a five-year look-back period at which we
12 would send a NOD if that same provision was violated again.
13 With the statutory clarification, if that were to pass and
14 be new legislation that the department would implement, that
15 would give us an opportunity to create new rules to redefine
16 and what it looks like for a cure. If we wanted to change
17 the look-back period, we can then define that in future
18 rulemaking.

19 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Any further questions
21 Members for Ms. Thompson or Mr. Yawn? Seeing none. Do we
22 have any public comments or questions on this?

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

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
25 Yawn. Is, are you, do you have more? Is that it? Okay,

1 thank you. Thank you very much Mr. Yawn. At this point, we
2 need to move to Agenda item number 6, which is our contested
3 case. And so I'll just turn it over to our General Counsel.
4 Walk us through that, please.

5 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you, sir. Good morning, Board.
6 I'm Laura Moriatty, General Counsel of the DMV. Again, the
7 contested case you'll be deciding today is a discipline case
8 brought by the Department of Motor Vehicles against Owono
9 Motors. Owono Motors holds a general distinguishing number,
10 a GDN issued by the Department. The questions for the Board
11 to decide today are first whether Owono Motors violated the
12 Board's rules and statutes and then if so, whether
13 revocation is appropriate or whether and or whether a
14 monetary penalty is appropriate and if so, what the amount
15 of that monetary penalty should be. This case began back on
16 July 22, 2024, when the Department issued a Notice of
17 Department decision and followed up with a first Amended
18 Notice of Department decision on April 1, 2025. The
19 respondent requested a hearing. So the Department referred
20 the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
21 I'll be referring to that as SOAH. SOAH held that hearing
22 on February 11, 2026. Now, the SOAH administrative law
23 judge issued a proposal for decision on April 8, 2026, and
24 found that Owono Motors had in fact violated the rules and
25 statutes by issuing 130 buyers temporary tags without

1 corresponding vehicle sales, issuing three of those buyers
2 temporary tags for motor vehicles that were not in Owono
3 Motors' inventory, issuing four buyers temporary tags for
4 vehicles that had not received an inspection within the
5 prior 180 days, issuing three dealers temporary tags for
6 motor vehicles that were not in inventory, failing to
7 complete purchase and sale records on two vehicles and
8 failing to remit motor vehicle sales tax and to apply for
9 title and registration on one vehicle. So, in light of all
10 that, the ALJ then found aggravating and mitigating factors.
11 For aggravating factors, the ALJ said that these tag
12 violations were serious because they have the potential to
13 aid criminal activity and occurred over a longer period of
14 time, a year and a half. She also said that economic harm
15 happened to a consumer because of that title that wasn't
16 transferred properly and to the public because of the taxes
17 that weren't paid on that vehicle. However, she also found
18 mitigating factors. She found that the respondent had
19 cooperated with the department, did not attempt to conceal
20 the misconduct, acknowledged the improper issuance, fired an
21 employee who he said was the one who had improperly issued
22 the tags, though the ALJ did acknowledge that that firing
23 happened more than a year after the Department sent the
24 Notice of Disciplinary Notice of Department decision,
25 notifying the respondent that he had an issue with issuing

1 temporary tags. Respondent has no history of previous
2 violation and the ALJ found that the economic damage to the
3 public was small because it just involved this one vehicle
4 on which respondent didn't pay the taxes or timely transfer
5 title and get registered. The ALJ found that revocation was
6 appropriate in this case because the respondent misused
7 temporary tags and that it was a serious violation because
8 that misuse happened without inspections on vehicles not in
9 inventory and involved both buyers and dealers temporary
10 tags. So the ALJ recommended that the Board revoke Owono
11 Motors' GDN license and issue a monetary penalty of \$22,550.
12 The TxDMV Enforcement Division filed exceptions to that PFD
13 on April 21, 2026, pointing out clerical errors and
14 requesting an increase to the recommended monetary sanction
15 to \$135,000. The respondent did not file any exceptions.
16 The ALJ then ruled on those exceptions, issuing an
17 exceptions letter on May 13, 2026. She granted staff's
18 exceptions with regard to the clerical errors, so she agreed
19 to fix those. She did not grant staff's exceptions with
20 regard to the change in monetary penalty. She's still
21 recommending \$22,500. TxDMV Enforcement then requested to
22 make an oral argument today so they will be here to talk
23 with you and they have also filed written materials which
24 include a draft order that would change the monetary penalty
25 to \$145,000. Respondent did not request to make oral

1 argument and did not file any written materials and I
2 believe they are not here today. So now I want to talk
3 through your options today as we go through this PFD. At
4 the outset, as always we have to talk about the difference
5 in the role of SOAH and the role of the Board. SOAH's job
6 is to listen to the witnesses, to view the evidence, to
7 decide who's believable, to decide what comes into evidence
8 and to give you findings of fact. They make conclusions of
9 law and recommendations on a sanction, but the Board cannot
10 try to intervene in SOAH's role as a fact finder. We can't
11 hear new evidence today. We can't take in facts that are
12 outside the record, and we can't make new findings of fact.
13 Your role instead is to decide whether SOAH properly
14 interpreted your laws and rules and to decide whether the
15 sanction is appropriate in the case. So you basically have
16 three options today. You can accept the PFD as written.
17 That would mean that we accept the findings of fact and
18 conclusions of law. We revoke Owono Motors' GDN and we
19 issue a monetary sanction of \$22,550. Your next option is
20 to make changes to the PFD, but you are very constrained by
21 Texas Government Code 2001.058(e) and the way that you can
22 make changes. So with regard to findings of fact, we can
23 only fix typos. We can't change findings of fact for
24 conclusions of law. We can only change them if we can
25 explain how the ALJ misapplied or misinterpreted applicable

1 law, agency rules, written policies, prior administrative
2 decisions. And then when we're changing finding of fact or
3 conclusion of law, we have to identify the specific change
4 we're requesting, identify the law that was misapplied or
5 misinterpreted, explain why that was incorrect, and explain
6 how the findings of facts support your new interpretation.
7 I understand that this is a hassle and it makes for long
8 motions, but that's how we survive appeal as we saw in the
9 Subaru case, which is a mighty victory. So your third
10 option, of course, is to remand back to SOAH. But I want to
11 emphasize that that is very limited. We cannot remand back
12 to SOAH to ask them to make new conclusions that change a
13 conclusion, right, Or make new conclusions that are opposite
14 what they found before. We could only remand if they
15 haven't examined a whole area that was in our initial notice
16 of hearing but we need findings of fact on and SOAH can
17 always say no. They could just hand it back to us and stand
18 on their original PFD. So that power is extremely limited.
19 The place where you have the most authority as the Board is
20 in determining the sanction in the case. So I'm going to
21 set out your parameters on that by statute for each civil
22 penalty needs to be at least \$50 per incident and no more
23 than \$10,000 per incident. And then Texas Occupations Code
24 2301.801(b), which has factors that the Board is supposed to
25 consider in setting the monetary penalty that includes the

1 seriousness of the violation, the economic damage to the
2 public, the history of previous violations, the amount
3 necessary to deter a future violation, efforts to correct
4 the violation, and, of course, everyone's favorite, any
5 other matters that justice may require. Now, in determining
6 whether to revoke, we look at the factors under Texas
7 Transportation Code 503.038 and Texas Occupations Code
8 2301.651. So in that situation, there's several factors,
9 but the ones that would apply here today are whether there
10 is a violation of board rules or statutes. And whether
11 there is a misuse or the respondent has allowed the misuse
12 of temporary tags or dealers temporary tags. Those factors
13 could give you the authority to revoke. So with all of that
14 background, if there are no questions for me, I will turn it
15 back over to the chairman to introduce the attorneys for the
16 department and describe the rules that will govern their
17 oral presentation.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Moriaty.
19 Members, that was a lot of information. Any questions for
20 Ms. Moriaty before we step to the next part of this? Seeing
21 none. That's great. I would now like to ask Denise Le to
22 come up. She is the attorney for the Texas Department of
23 Motor Vehicles, and she is going to lay out the department's
24 oral presentation. So, Ms. Le, the floor is yours.

25 DENISE LE: Good morning, Board Members, Chairman

1 Bacarisse.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I think your mic is not
3 on. Yeah, sorry. Press that button.

4 DENISE LE: Good morning, Board Members. Chairman
5 Bacarisse and Director Avitia. My name is Denise Le. I am
6 the enforcement attorney who tried this case at SOAH. I am
7 here this morning to request that the Board adopt the
8 proposal for decision as to findings of fact numbers 1
9 through 13 and conclusions of law numbers 1 through 17 as
10 modified by the Administrative Law Judge's exception letter.
11 Also, I am here to present reasoning to the Board to apply a
12 stricter penalty and sanction than was originally
13 recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. The
14 Administrative Law Judge recommended a low sanction of \$150
15 per buyer's or dealer's tag violation, \$75 per buyer's tag
16 without a valid inspection within 180 days, \$150 per record
17 keeping violation and \$2,000 for one title and registration
18 violation. This modification is necessary because the
19 Administrative Law Judge did not properly apply or interpret
20 the factors in Texas Occupations Code section 2301.801(b),
21 that the Board considers in determining the amount of a
22 civil penalty, including the seriousness of the violation,
23 efforts to correct the violation, and any matter that
24 justice may require, including whether the consumer received
25 a title or whether the act constituting the violation was

1 intentional, premeditated, knowing or grossly negligent.
2 Based on the seriousness and extent of the misuse of tags, I
3 am requesting the Board to increase the penalty per tag
4 misuse to \$1,000 for its types of misuse. First, given the
5 egregiousness of the misuse which was 127 excess buyers'
6 temporary tags in an 18 month period and that is 4 times the
7 amount reported sold in the respondent monthly vehicle
8 inventory tax statement, these unaccounted tags have a
9 significant impact on the public. As testified by Kyle
10 Komanich, that tags not associated with a sale are commonly
11 used on stolen vehicles, uninsured vehicles and unsafe
12 salvage-title vehicles. Next, 4 buyers' tags without a
13 valid inspection within 180 days of which two of the tags
14 were issued to motorcycles when the Respondent was licensed
15 to sell motor vehicles, three temporary tags issued for
16 vehicles not in Respondent's inventory and three dealers'
17 tags on vehicles not in Respondent's inventory which is
18 issued after the date of sale and the buyer's temporary tag
19 expired. Very importantly, the buyer's temporary tag is a
20 very serious offense because it breaches the trust that the
21 State put in a dealer when it allows access to the state
22 registration and title system. A very strong sanction is
23 necessary to reflect the seriousness of the temporary tag
24 misuse and to create a sufficient deterrent to respondent
25 and other dealers. The disciplinary matrix has been updated

1 four times. The current version, as of November 17, 2025,
2 to more clearly explain to the public how the Department
3 perceives certain violations and why the department charges
4 certain penalties. The matrix provides that every misused
5 temporary tag will incur a penalty of no less than \$1,000
6 per tag. Additionally, I am requesting that the Board
7 increase the penalty per record-keeping violation to \$1,000.
8 It is a serious violation for not keeping a complete record
9 and providing the document as requested. Here, Respondent
10 was able to provide some documents but not the bill of sale,
11 purchaser's photo identification or documentation of how
12 vehicles were brought into Respondent's inventory as
13 enumerated in the Texas Administrative Code section 215.144.
14 Lastly, I am requesting that the Board increase the penalty
15 for a title and registration violation to \$6,000, an
16 elevated civil penalty to the sales price. There was harm
17 to a consumer. What was the harm? Not receiving a title to
18 a vehicle purchased. Thank you for your time and
19 consideration this morning. I would be happy to answer any
20 question.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Le.
22 Members, Any questions on this presentation from Ms. Le?
23 Member Graham.

24 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Clarification: You just had
25 mentioned that in November the Agency modified its policy or

1 rule on the amount of those infractions, the fines, is that
2 right?

3 DENISE LE: It did not modify the civil penalty. It
4 just gave more information about the updated change in
5 seriousness. There were three versions in my exhibits that
6 were pointed to the Administrative Law Judge to show that
7 the first version, the tags before the situ, you know, the
8 abuse, the misuse, and then a second version that say the
9 breach of trust was added to it. So each version had more
10 information to the public and the dealer. Don't do this
11 because this is a serious violation.

12 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any other
14 questions? Member Jones?

15 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Yes, ma'am. On the one
16 instance where the consumer was harmed because they didn't
17 receive the title or registration on the vehicle they
18 purchased, were we able to conclude was the customer ever --
19 was restitution paid? Was the monies returned to the
20 consumer?

21 DENISE LE: This is evidence that's not in the record.

22 LAURA MORIATY: I'm sorry, Member Jones, if it's not in
23 the record, we can't consider it. So we don't. We don't
24 know.

25 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: We don't know.

1 LAURA MORIATY: We have to live in the mystery.

2 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Any other questions
4 Members?

5 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: I have a question.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley.

7 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Practically speaking, does
8 he pay this fine if he tries to get his license back? Is
9 that the sequence?

10 DENISE LE: That's the question that's not in the
11 record.

12 LAURA MORIATY: So, but it does apply to your rules?
13 Yes, he would. If he tries to come back and get. Once you.
14 If you revoke his license and he tries to come back, he
15 would need to pay whatever monetary penalty you give him
16 before he could come back and get licensed again.

17 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Okay. If he doesn't
18 attempt to get licensed again, is there an effort to collect
19 the penalty from him?

20 LAURA MORIATY: There are theoretical enforcement
21 efforts we could attempt, but usually we don't use agency
22 resources on extensive collections efforts. But I'm happy
23 to bring up the Director of Enforcement to address this
24 issue more fully.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: The chair would

1 recognize Corrie Thompson, Director of Enforcement, for
2 comment on that question.

3 CORRIE THOMPSON: Yes, Corrie Thompson, Director of the
4 Enforcement Division. The agency does pursue debt
5 collection efforts following the finalization of a penalty.
6 So in this instance, once the penalty becomes final,
7 following the finality of the order, if entered here today,
8 then 30 days later, the debt becomes final. We send a first
9 demand letter. We send a second demand letter 30 days after
10 that, then we put a warrant hold with the Comptroller's
11 Office, so that if there's any liens or lottery winnings or
12 anything like that that would go that person's way, it would
13 be funneled to the people that have those warrant holds
14 attached to that entity or individual. And then because the
15 amount is over \$2,500, we would also prepare a collection
16 and referral packet to the Attorney General's Bankruptcy and
17 Collection Division, and we would send it to them where they
18 would then pursue additional collection efforts. Oftentimes
19 that will result in payment plans if they're able to achieve
20 resolution that way, or a lump sum repayment of the penalty
21 that's owed. And sometimes they'll just end up having to
22 file an abstract in the county where the individual resides.
23 But yes, those efforts are pursued on cases where penalties
24 remain outstanding.

25 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Any other questions for
2 Ms. Thompson before she goes all the way back to her seat?
3 No, you're good. I think you're safe. Okay, thank you.
4 Please continue. Members any other questions? Seeing none.
5 Thank you, Ms. Le. I appreciate it. So at this point,
6 there are no public comments on this case?

7 LAURA MORIATY: No public comments.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, great. Then I
9 think we need to entertain a motion on Agenda item 6. If
10 any member would like to make a motion.

11 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I will make a motion.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yes, Member Jones.

13 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board adopt
14 findings of fact number 1 through 13 and conclusions of law
15 numbers 1 through 17 and 19 from the proposal for decision
16 as amended by the Administrative Law Judge exception letter
17 on May 13, 2026. Further move that the Board modify
18 conclusion of law number 18 to read as follows. Respondent
19 should be assessed a total penalty of \$73,500 consisting of
20 \$65,000 for issuing 130 buyer temporary tags improperly,
21 \$4,000 for issuing four buyers tags without valid inspection
22 within 180 days, \$1,500 for issuing three dealers tags
23 improperly, \$1,000 for two record keeping violations and
24 \$2,000 for one title and registration violation. This
25 amendment is necessary because the Administrative Law Judge

1 improperly applied or interpreted Texas Transportation Code
2 503.095 and Occupations Code 2301.801 and the factors
3 specified in the department's disciplinary matrix when she
4 assessed a penalty of only \$22,550. To determine the
5 appropriate penalty for misuse of the temporary tags, the
6 Board looks to factors in Occupations Code 2301.801,
7 including the seriousness of the violation and the amounts
8 necessary to deter a future violation. Misuse of temporary
9 buyers' tags is a very serious offense, a terrible breach of
10 trust that the state put in the GDN holder when it allowed
11 the licensee access to the state's temporary tag system.
12 Findings of fact numbers two and three show that the
13 respondent issued 130 temporary buyer tags on vehicles that
14 were either not sold or were not even in the respondent's
15 inventory. Finding of fact number two shows that between
16 January 2023 and June 2024, Respondent issued more than four
17 times as many buyers temporary tags as vehicles sold.
18 Finding of fact number four shows that on four occasions
19 Respondent inappropriately issued a buyer's temporary tag to
20 a motor vehicle that did not receive a passing state
21 inspection within the previous 180 days. Finding of fact
22 number five states Respondent also issued three additional
23 dealers' temporary tags on vehicles that were not in his
24 inventory. These facts show that the Respondent's
25 violations related to misuse of temporary tags are

1 particularly serious. As the ALJ noted in the proposal for
2 decision, misused temporary tags create a risk for public
3 safety because the improperly issued tags have the potential
4 to aid in criminal activity. Finding of fact number two
5 shows that these violations occurred over a period of 18
6 months, so they were not isolated mistakes. A strong
7 sanction is therefore necessary to create a sufficient
8 deterrent to Respondent and others like them who attempt to
9 misuse temporary tags. Additionally, Respondent's failure
10 to complete purchase and sales records for two vehicles as
11 described in finding of fact number six requires a larger
12 penalty to deter future violations and to ensure that
13 dealers like Respondent take their record keeping
14 obligations seriously. The ALJ's recommended sanction is
15 therefore not sufficient to address the serious misuse of
16 temporary tags. It is also not sufficient to create a
17 deterrent to future violations. A penalty of \$73,500 would
18 offer more deterrent value and would better reflect the
19 seriousness of the violations. Based on the findings of
20 fact and conclusion of law, I move that the Board revoke the
21 Respondent's GDN license and issue a final penalty of
22 \$73,500.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you Member Jones,
24 is there a second for that motion?

25 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Second.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I'm sorry, Member
2 Graham, did you second?

3 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Yes.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, sorry. I
5 recognized him first, guys. Thank you. I'm sorry. It was
6 almost a unanimous second. So Member Graham is the second.
7 Member Jones, as the maker of that motion, would you like to
8 have the floor to begin any deliberations or any further
9 comments you might have? I'll just give you that first.

10 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Are there any other Board
11 members that feel other amounts would be more appropriate?

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Or do you have other
13 comments? Member Graham?

14 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Well, certainly it seems
15 like in these cases, you know, we have to look at the facts.
16 Sometimes those facts are limited. We look at the facts
17 that we have in front of us and try to try. Speaking for
18 myself, I try to gauge how egregious the actions are because
19 we do have a range in those fines. And, and the loss of a
20 GDN is, I'm sure, significant to any dealer because they're
21 no longer a dealer. Now they've lost their business. And
22 then from a fine standpoint, I feel like we've had those
23 cases where some are minor mistakes, and then we've had
24 cases where it was absolutely someone trying to take
25 advantage of the system and do harm to the consumers. In my

1 opinion, I feel like this falls somewhere right in between
2 all of that. And so I think the number that you presented
3 in your motion is reasonable and on a solid basis. So I
4 would be in support of that, which is why I second the
5 motion.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Member
7 Graham. Members, any other questions? Comments? Well, no
8 questions, but comments. Okay. The chair seeing none, I
9 would call for the vote, please. And so when I call your
10 name, please state your vote for the record. Member
11 Alvarado?

12 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

14 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

16 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

18 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

20 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

22 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

24 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chair Bacarisse

1 vote aye as well. It is unanimous thank you.

2 Thank you, Members. We now move to Agenda item number 7,
3 which we're skipping, if we may. I'm going to ask the Board
4 to consider in my comments that I believe we should postpone
5 this item to allow the department more time to review public
6 comments for us to review public comments as well, and to
7 work with our stakeholders before we consider whether to
8 adopt these proposed amendments. The Board -- the Board
9 members -- is there any objection that you have to just
10 postponing this agenda item to the October Board Meeting?

11 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: No objection, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Chair?

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Alvarado.

14 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: No objection. Just a
15 quick question. I assume this falls within all the
16 parameters of the time frames we have to accomplish this.

17 LAURA MORIATY: Laura Moriatty, General Counsel. Yes,
18 sir. We have until late October to get this adopted within
19 our six-month deadline, so we can postpone to October and
20 still be within that.

21 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: That's a good question,
23 and I appreciate that. Any other questions on this? Member
24 Graham?

25 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: And just for clarification,

1 this is, this is, this is the attempt to. Part of the
2 attempt to spread out rules so that they don't come in big,
3 giant batches. Is that fair?

4 LAURA MORIATY: Yes, sir. So this, these amendments
5 that we're considering in this item were the result of the
6 Rule Review of chapter 215. So moving that to October will
7 not significantly change our rule review calendar. It'll
8 still be within this year and we won't be in our trying to
9 do it all in two years pattern again.

10 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Right. Okay. And so the
11 six-month period. Just so I understand, the six months that
12 we have from start to finish.

13 LAURA MORIATY: Right, That's. Sorry. Yes. That's
14 set by the government code. From the moment you propose a
15 rule and publish it in the Texas Register to the time you
16 adopt it, it has to be within six months or it gets
17 automatically withdrawn by operation of law.

18 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: And then the process would
19 just start over.

20 LAURA MORIATY: We would have to start over with
21 proposal again. Right?

22 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Exactly.

23 LAURA MORIATY: Yeah.

24 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: No, I. No objection. And
25 I look forward to the agency working with the stakeholders,

1 try to iron through some of that. So thank you.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: You bet. Good
3 questions all. And certainly the Chair believes that we
4 will benefit by this extra time ourselves, personally, as we
5 read these comments. And then secondly, and maybe, maybe
6 primarily us working closely with our -- with our
7 constituents. So, any other questions, Members? The chair
8 senses that we should postpone until the October meeting.
9 Thank you. Agenda item 9 is with us now. And we'll move.

10 LAURA MORIATY: Sorry, sir, just to clarify, we have
11 both agenda items 7 and 8. I just want to make sure that we
12 are clear that there's no objection on 8.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I should have asked
14 that we. That we postpone 7 and 8 until the October meeting
15 because it goes with 7, which was the adoption of those
16 rules. So we will. We will adopt the rules. We'll hear
17 and adopt the rules in October, is that correct?

18 LAURA MORIATY: Right. So item 7 is the proposed
19 amendments to 215, and item 8 is the Rule Review adopting
20 the Rule Review of 215, which we can't do until we decide if
21 there are necessary amendments. So, yes, it's item 7 and 8.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Sorry, my apologies,
23 Members. So, yeah, so now we'll move to Agenda item 9 and
24 I'll turn it over to Monique Johnston.

25 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: Chairman, Members, Director Avitia,

1 good morning. For the record, my name is Monique Johnston
2 and I'm the director of the Motor Vehicle Division. Today
3 we are asking the Board's permission to adopt revisions to
4 Chapter 221, Salvage Vehicle Dealers, in Title 43 of the
5 Texas Administrative Code. The rule item is listed on your
6 Agenda as item number 9. And you can find the details
7 beginning on page 240 of your board book. This rule package
8 adopts amendments to section 221.17 to clarify application
9 requirements, provisional licensing procedures and the
10 department's processing of military related license
11 applications. And to further align our rules with the
12 requirements of Texas Occupations Code Chapter 55 regarding
13 the licensure of active duty military members, their spouses
14 and veterans. The Texas Legislature amended chapter 55
15 during the last legislative session through Senate Bill 1818
16 and House Bill 5629. This required the Department to issue
17 provisional licenses to active duty military members, their
18 spouses and veterans to allow them to work temporarily in
19 the licensed profession while the Department processes their
20 full application for licensure. It also requires that the
21 Department either process the full license application for
22 military members, their spouses or veterans within 10 days
23 or explain why it is unable to do so if the applicant has
24 been previously licensed in good standing in another state
25 or is licensed in good standing in Texas within the past

1 five years. The Board adopted rules to implement these
2 statutory changes at the September 2025 Board Meeting.
3 These amendments further clarify the Department's procedures
4 for processing military related applications and issuing
5 provisional licenses on an expedited basis. The proposed
6 rules were approved by the Board at the April 2026 Board
7 Meeting and were published for public comment in the April
8 24, 2026 issue of the Texas Register. The Department did
9 not receive any public comments on the proposed changes and
10 request your approval to adopt these amendments without
11 change. This concludes my remarks and I can answer any
12 questions you may have.

13 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Ms.
14 Johnston. Members, any questions for Ms. Johnston on this
15 item? Seeing none. Are there any public comments, Laura?

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

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Chair would
18 entertain a motion on Agenda item 9. Member Schlosser.

19 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Yeah, I'll make a
20 motion. I move that the Board approve the adoption of
21 amendments in 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 221,
22 Section 221.17, as recommended by staff for publication in
23 the Texas Register. In addition, I move that the Board
24 grant the Department the authority to make nonsubstantive
25 changes to the preamble and text as recommended by the

1 office of the Texas Secretary of State for purposes of
2 filing in the Texas Register.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Is there a
4 second in this motion?

5 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: I second, Mr. Chairman.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, Member Omumu.
7 Any further discussion on this agenda item Members? Seeing
8 none, I'll call the vote please. Member Alvarado?

9 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

11 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

13 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

15 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

17 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

19 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

21 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse votes
23 aye as well. Thank you.

24 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: All right, thank you.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thanks, Monique. We

1 now move to Agenda item number 10. And I'll ask Tricia
2 Ueckert to brief us on Chapter 219, so please.

3 TRICIA UECKERT: Good morning, Chairman Bacarisse,
4 members, Executive Director Avitia. For the record, my name
5 is Tricia Ueckert, Deputy Director of the Motor Carrier
6 Division. Agenda item 10, located on page 248 of your board
7 book is an action item seeking approval to publish a
8 proposed rule amendment to the Texas Administrative Code,
9 section 218.16 in the Texas Register for public comment.

10 This proposal addresses an issue in the department's current
11 rule for motor carriers who choose to meet insurance
12 requirements for their Texas interstate operations through
13 self-insurance. The rule currently requires a motor carrier
14 to have a satisfactory rating from the Department of Public
15 Safety or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
16 However, carriers cannot request a safety rating on demand.
17 Ratings are only issued as part of compliance reviews,
18 meaning some carriers remain unrated through no fault of
19 their own. The proposed amendment maintains the requirement
20 that any carrier with an assigned safety rating must have a
21 satisfactory rating. However, carriers that have never been
22 rated would not be automatically disqualified from
23 consideration for self-insurance solely because no rating
24 has been issued. This change also aligns our rule with
25 federal self-insurance framework which recognizes a

1 distinction between a carrier with an unsatisfactory rating
2 and a carrier that has never been rated. The proposed
3 amendment also includes some nonsubstantive cleanup changes
4 to remove duplicative language and improve readability.
5 This concludes my presentation. I'm happy to answer any
6 questions.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any questions
8 for Ms. Ueckert on this item? Member Graham.

9 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Well, actually I have a
10 question for Member Roesler, if I may.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Is that kosher? Go
12 ahead.

13 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Is that possible?

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yes.

15 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Okay. Just making sure.
16 Trying to stay out of trouble today. I would imagine in
17 this day and age, considering the commercial vehicle
18 marketplace, it's very plausible for a new carrier to come
19 out of the gate self-insured. That wouldn't be a stretch, I
20 wouldn't think. I was just curious if you had any opinions
21 on this particular item and what your thoughts might be
22 because is that fair? Put you on the spot?

23 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Fair question. I think
24 it's harder than you think to be self-insured. I don't
25 know. It seems we as a carrier are self-insured, but most

1 carriers that I am familiar with are not. But I know I
2 don't have a. I don't have an. I don't have an opinion on
3 it really. It's just. Yes, you put me on the spot.

4 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Yeah. No. Well and I
5 guess considering that you're self insured as your
6 organization, then it's probably, from what I understand
7 there's more and more moving that direction just given the
8 nature of the.

9 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Due to the cost ongoing,
10 you know, increase in insurance rates, yes a lot of people
11 are trying to, to move to captives or self-insured. But
12 you know, you got to have some, you gotta have a lot of
13 money to do that. So it's. It's, you know, it's not that
14 easy because it's self-insured per incident, so it's not
15 like you hit \$2 million and you're done. It's \$2, \$3, \$5,
16 whatever million you're insured per incident. So you have
17 to have a pretty large reserve to be able to cover that.

18 TRICIA UECKERT: And for the record, Tricia Ueckert, we
19 only have five carriers who are currently self-insured.
20 Just for context.

21 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Okay. Thank you.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any other
23 questions on this on this point? Seeing none. Are there
24 any public comments? I'm sorry. Member Roesler, did you.

25 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: No, I'd like to make a

1 motion, if you're ready.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Just one second.
3 Any public comments on this?

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

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Member Roesler,
6 do you have a motion?

7 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Yeah. I move that the
8 Board approve the proposed amendments in 43 Texas
9 Administrative Code, Chapter 218, Section 218.16, as
10 recommended by staff for the publication in the Texas
11 Register. In addition, I move that the Board grant the
12 department the authority to make nonsubstantive changes to
13 the preamble and text as recommended by the Office of the
14 Texas Secretary of State for purposes of filing in the Texas
15 Register.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Is there a second to
17 this motion?

18 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I'll second.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham seconds.
20 The Chair would like to call -- or is there any further
21 discussion on this item? Seeing none, the Chair would call
22 for the vote please. Member Alvarado?

23 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

25 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

2 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

4 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

6 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

8 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

10 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse votes
12 aye as well. Well, thank you. We will now move to Agenda
13 item 11 and Ms. Ueckert will continue. Sorry. Go ahead.

14 TRICIA UECKERT: Thank you again. Good morning,
15 Chairman Bacarisse, Members, Executive Director Avitia. For
16 the record, my name is Tricia Ueckert, Deputy Director of
17 the Motor Carrier Division. Agenda item 11, located on page
18 260 of your board book is an action item seeking approval to
19 publish proposed rule amendments to the Texas Administrative
20 Code, Chapter 219 in the Texas Register for public comment.
21 The proposed amendments to four rules in Chapter 219 are
22 primarily a cleanup and modernization package that updates
23 outdated administrative procedures and aligns rule language
24 with current statutes and agency practice. Proposed
25 amendments to section 219.3: They update surety bond

1 requirements for carriers transporting recyclable materials
2 and solid waste by allowing electronic filing and
3 certification, allowing carriers to carry copies rather than
4 original bond documents, and revising bond coverage so it
5 remains effective through the carrier's period of operation
6 rather than expiring at the end of each fiscal year. These
7 changes reduce administrative burden for both the industry
8 and the department. Let's see, proposed amendments to
9 section 219.11 to update general oversized overweight permit
10 requirements. These remove obsolete language related to
11 temporary holiday movement restrictions. The current --
12 sorry. TxDOT has since adopted permanent rules that address
13 holiday movement. So, and also our rule indicated they were
14 effective through January 2025. So, they're now obsolete.
15 So, we're removing those. And we are also revising the bond
16 coverage here so that it does not expire at the end of each
17 fiscal year to be consistent like in 219.3 that is proposed
18 there. And next, proposed amendments to section 219.12 to
19 clarify single trip permit requirements. We're adding
20 language that permits generally are issued for up to five
21 days with extension available when appropriate. Currently,
22 the rule does not speak to duration of single trip permits.
23 So, we're adding this to align with current practice. We're
24 also removing an obsolete exemption from the vehicle
25 supervision fee. This obsolete exemption was applied to

1 certain public works contracts that were entered into before
2 February 21st of 1999. And then finally proposed amendments
3 to section 219.15 to streamline portable building unit
4 permit rules. We're updating the language to allow refunds
5 when necessary to correct permit officer errors. Currently,
6 the rule states that all these are nonrefundable. So, we're
7 making we're updating to make it consistent with all other
8 permit types and we're also updating permit length
9 limitations to conform with current statute. And we're
10 eliminating outdated provisions concerning permit duration
11 movement conditions with both of which are addressed in
12 statute and void permit procedures which are no longer used.
13 Overall, these amendments improve administrative efficiency,
14 eliminate outdated requirements and better align the rules
15 with existing statute and current business practices. So,
16 this concludes my presentation. I'm happy to answer any
17 questions.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you Ms. Ueckert.
19 Members any questions on this agenda item? Seeing none.
20 Are there any public comments, Laura?

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

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. In that
23 case, the Chair would entertain a motion on Agenda item 11.

24 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
25 make a motion. I move that the Board approve the proposed

1 amendments to the 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 219,
2 as recommended by staff for publication in the Texas
3 Register. In addition, I move that the Board grant the
4 Department the authority to make nonsubstantive changes to
5 the preamble and text as recommended by the Office of the
6 Texas Secretary of State for purposes of filing in the Texas
7 Register.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Is there a
9 second from a Member?

10 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I'll make a second.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham seconds.
12 Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. We'll call
13 for the vote on this agenda item, please. Member Alvarado?

14 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

16 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

18 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

20 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

22 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

24 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

1 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse votes
3 aye as well. Thank you. Okay, we are now moving to Agenda
4 item number 12, Rule Review. And Laura will walk us through
5 that, so.

6 LAURA MORIATY: Good morning Board. Laura Moriatty,
7 General Counsel, the DMV again. Today you have the
8 opportunity to propose the Rule Review of Chapter 221 of the
9 Board's rules, which covers the salvage vehicle dealers. As
10 you know, every state agency is required to review all of
11 its rules at least every four years under the government
12 code to determine whether the reasons for initially adopting
13 the rule continue to exist. They would not continue to
14 exist if we no longer have statutory authority or if it no
15 longer matches the current practice of either the industry
16 or the agency. So if we determine that we need to make
17 amendments, we would need to make those amendments to change
18 or repeal the rule so that it aligns with its reason to
19 exist and then we would adopt the rule review in the two
20 Board Meetings from now and be good to go for another four
21 years. You will recall that we have been reviewing all of
22 our rule reviews at a rapid pace over the last couple of
23 years. We reviewed this one two years ago, but we are doing
24 it again so we can space them out and we will not need to
25 take it up for another four years. So the amendments that

1 staff has identified will be brought to you by Monique in
2 the next item. But for this, we are just recommending that
3 we propose the Rule Review of chapter 221 and publish it in
4 the Texas Register for public comment.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Any questions
6 for Ms. Moriatty on this agenda item? Seeing none. Thank
7 you.

8 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Any public comments on
10 this agenda?

11 LAURA MORIATY: There are not, sir.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, thank you. I
13 would entertain a motion on agenda item 12, please.

14 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I'll make a motion.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

16 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board approve
17 the proposed notice of intention to review 43 Texas
18 Administrative Code, Chapter 221, as recommended by staff
19 for publication in the Texas Register. Also move that the
20 Board grant the Department the authority to make changes to
21 the proposed notice of intention to review as recommended by
22 the Office of the Texas Secretary of State for purposes of
23 filing in the Texas Register.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Is there a second to
25 that motion?

1 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Second.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler. Any
3 further discussion on this motion, Members? Seeing none, I
4 would call the vote, please. Member Alvarado?

5 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

7 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

9 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

11 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

13 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

15 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

17 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse votes
19 aye as well. Thank you.

20 LAURA MORIATY: Thank you.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Agenda item 13 is
22 Salvage Vehicle Dealers. And Monique is back up with us
23 this morning.

24 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: Yes.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: The floor is yours, Ms.

1 Johnston.

2 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: Chairman, Members, Director Avitia.
3 Hello again. For the record, I'm Monique Johnston, director
4 of the Motor Vehicle Division, and today we're asking the
5 Board's permission to begin the formal rulemaking process to
6 make changes to Chapter 221, Salvage Vehicle Dealers in
7 Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code. This rule item
8 is listed on your agenda as item 13, and the details can be
9 found beginning on page 298 of your board book. The rule
10 package proposes amendments and repeals to chapter 221 and
11 is proposed in conjunction with a notice of intent to review
12 rules in compliance with Government Code 2001.039, presented
13 to the Board this morning as Agenda Item 12. In proposing
14 the Chapter 221 Amendments and Repeals, the Department has
15 the following goals: to streamline and modernize language to
16 improve readability; to modify language to be consistent
17 with statutes and other Chapters in Title 43 of the Texas
18 Administrative Code; to enhance enforcement of the Motor
19 Vehicle Records Disclosure Act; that's a mouthful, and
20 remove redundant or unnecessary provisions identified
21 through the Department's rule and the Texas Regulatory
22 Efficiency Office review process. I would like to highlight
23 a few of the most significant proposals in chapter 221, the
24 first being Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act
25 Enforcement. Proposed amendments to section 221.111(a)6 and

1 221.112(22) would authorize denial of a license application
2 and administrative sanctions for violations of the
3 Transportation Code Chapter 730, including violations
4 committed by employees or agents. These changes would align
5 with similar provisions already included in chapter 215.
6 The next one would be licensing and administrative updates,
7 proposed amendments to sections 221.14, 221.15, and 221.19
8 would clarify application procedures, authorized
9 representative requirements, reporting obligations and
10 references to Chapter 211 and other department rules. Next
11 up is Business Operations and Recordkeeping. Proposed
12 amendments to section 221.44, 221.73 and 221.72 would
13 modernize business sign requirements, allowing permanently
14 affixed or etched on an exterior window, wall or door and
15 reducing compliance burdens. It would also clarify
16 retention requirements for photo identification documents
17 when copying these documents is prohibited by federal law.
18 And it would also update references to the current Chapter
19 217 provisions governing WEBDEALER. And finally, this rule
20 package streamlines rule language and removes redundant
21 requirements by repealing sections 221.1, 221.11 and 221.49
22 Because those provisions are unnecessary or duplicative of
23 existing statutory requirements. This concludes my remarks
24 and I'm happy to answer any questions.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Ms.

1 Johnston. Members, any questions for Ms. Johnston on this?
2 Member Jones.

3 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: When it comes to the signage
4 changes, is this -- does this lessen the cost potentially
5 for potential licensees when it comes to putting out signage
6 in order to qualify for their license?

7 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: Yes. It could lessen the cost for
8 them if they already have something etched onto their glass
9 or onto their window, then they wouldn't have to buy an
10 additional sign that they would have to affix to the
11 building.

12 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Okay, that's fantastic. Thank
13 you.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any other
15 questions on this item? Seeing none. Is there any public
16 comment?

17 LAURA MORIATY: No, sir. No public comment.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Ms. Johnston,
19 thank you.

20 MONIQUE JOHNSTON: All right.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. The Chair
22 would entertain a motion on Agenda item 13.

23 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: I can make a motion,
24 sir?

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yes. Member Alvarado.

1 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board
2 approve the proposed amendments and repeals to 43 Texas
3 Administrative Code, Chapter 221, as recommended by staff
4 for publication Texas Register. In addition, I move that
5 the Board grant the department the authority to make
6 nonsubstantive changes to the preamble and text as
7 recommended by the office of the Texas Secretary of State
8 for purposes of filing in the Texas Register.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And is there a second
10 to that motion?

11 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: I'll second the motion.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones.

13 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Yes.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Any further
15 discussion on this agenda item, Members? Seeing none, I
16 will call for the vote. Please. Member Alvarado?

17 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

19 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

21 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

23 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

25 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

2 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

4 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

6 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chair Bacarisse,
8 vote aye as well. Thank you. And now we get to discuss or
9 get a briefing on rather, a fun license plate. And you
10 gotta. You gotta say the vote totals, okay?

11 ANNETTE QUINTERO: It's definitely part of the speech.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: You guys will be
13 amazed. So please, Annette Quintero is with us to brief us
14 this morning.

15 ANNETTE QUINTERO: Good morning, Chairman Bacarisse and
16 Members. Executive Director Avitia. My name is Annette
17 Quintero. I'm the Director of Vehicle Titles and
18 Registration Division. This is Agenda item number 14, which
19 can be found on page 333 of your board book. The action
20 item before you is a request for board approval or denial of
21 one specialty license plate redesign in accordance with the
22 board statutory authority. The following proposed plate
23 redesign is from My Plates, the state specialty plates
24 vendor, and was posted for public comment in June of 2026.
25 It's Oklahoma State University. A redesigned plate is

1 proposed under Transportation Code 504.851. My Plates
2 distributes a portion of the plate proceeds to Oklahoma
3 State University, which uses those funds to support student
4 scholarships. 166 people did like this design and 311 did
5 not. This concludes my presentation on this action item.
6 I'm available to take any questions you may have.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any questions
8 on this item? Is there any public comment on this item?

9 LAURA MORIATY: No, sir, there is not.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: What happens if -- I
11 mean, what happens if a vote like that occurs? I mean, do
12 they go ahead and change the design?

13 ANNETTE QUINTERO: It depends on the entity.
14 Ultimately, it depends on the entity whether they want to
15 change the design. We won't actually manufacture the plate
16 until they get a certain number of orders.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: OSU says, Yeah. Or a
18 certain number of orders.

19 ANNETTE QUINTERO: Yeah. Fascinating. Great. Any
20 further questions on this item? Seeing none and hearing
21 none, I would entertain a motion on Agenda item 14, please.

22 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: I'll make a motion.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Go ahead.

24 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Member Schlosser.
25 Thank you. I move that the Board approve the specialty

1 plate design as presented by staff.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. And is
3 there a second?

4 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: I'll second it.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu. Almost
6 dead, man. Yeah. It could have died for lack of second.
7 Any further discussion? Seeing none, I would call for the
8 vote, please. Member Alvarado?

9 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

11 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

13 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

15 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

17 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

19 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

21 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: I, Chair Bacarisse
23 votes aye as well. Thank you.

24 ANNETTE QUINTERO: Thank you.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you for that

1 presentation, Ms. Quintero. Agenda item 15 is the
2 appointment of Members to the Automated Vehicle Regulation
3 Advisory Committee, AVRAC, and Household Goods Rules
4 Advisory Committee. HGRAC, and Ms. Moriatty will walk us
5 through that.

6 LAURA MORIATY: Hello again, Board. Laura Moriatty,
7 General Counsel. This agenda item gives you the opportunity
8 to appoint two new Board Members to the Automated Vehicle
9 Regulation Advisory Committee and the Household Goods Rules
10 Advisory Committee. It's actually just one each to each of
11 those committees. The department has advisory committees
12 advise the agency and the executive director on areas that
13 the department regulates under government code chapter 2110.
14 They have a maximum of 24 members, and they have to be
15 equally balanced between members of the regulated industry
16 and consumers of services provided by those industries. So
17 we have members, one Member of each of these committees has
18 resigned from their current employer. And so Director of
19 Avitia is recommending replacements for those Members from,
20 again, people who are employed by these respective entities.
21 So on AVRAC, we have a Member who is representing Waymo and
22 the regulated industry. That person has resigned from their
23 job and so Director of Avitia is recommending replacing them
24 with a new Waymo representative to keep the committee
25 balanced between industry and consumers as required by the

1 statute. On HGRAC -- HGRAC to its friends. Maybe the
2 statute requires that we have a representative of the
3 department on that committee. We had an enforcement
4 attorney who was on there who has resigned. So Director of
5 Avitia is recommending that you replace him with a new
6 enforcement attorney to fulfill that statutory requirement.
7 With that, I am open to questions.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Members, any questions
9 for Ms. Moriatty on this item? Seeing none. Are there any
10 public comments?

11 LAURA MORIATY: No, sir, there are not.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: All right, in that
13 sense. In that case then, I would entertain a motion on
14 Agenda item 15 please.

15 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Chairman, I have a motion.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham.

17 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I move the Board appoint
18 all individuals designated as potential members for the
19 Automated Vehicle Regulation Advisory Committee and
20 Household Goods Rules Advisory Committee as presented by
21 staff in the board book materials dated August 13, 2026.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. And is
23 there a second to that motion?

24 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: I'll second.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser. Any

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

3 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

5 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

7 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

8 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

9 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

11 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

13 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

15 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chair Bacarisse,
17 vote aye as well. Thank you. We move to Agenda item 16 and
18 I will turn it over to our committee chair, Brett Graham to
19 give us a summary of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting
20 that was held yesterday. And if members have any questions
21 on any of the items from Finance and Audit Committee update.
22 I'll ask the staff or broadcast the staff to come forward to
23 the podium and answer those questions that you may have. So
24 let me turn it over to Member Graham, Chair of our Audit
25 committee.

1 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
2 hope everybody has some popcorn and your favorite drink and
3 you're ready to go. It's going to be a minute. Back up.
4 Not your favorite drink, your favorite soda pop. There you
5 go. All right, well, we'll get this this -- get this going
6 here. Bear with me. This is a large report. Thank you,
7 Chairman Bacarisse, Executive Director Avitia, Members.
8 Yesterday, Members Cooley, Jones, Omumu and I participated
9 in the Finance and Audit Committee meeting and received
10 briefings from the department staff. There were action
11 items on the agenda. Agenda item 16A. The first action
12 item, fiscal year 2027, recommended operating budget for the
13 fiscal year that begins September 1st, 2026, and ends August
14 31, 2027. John Ralston, the Department's director of budget
15 and forecasting, briefed the committee. Fiscal year 2027
16 recommended operating budget totals \$397.4 million and
17 supports about 952 FTE's. In addition to the amounts
18 sufficient for the department's day-to-day operations, the
19 fiscal year 2027 budget includes the funding for the
20 following major initiatives and projects that began in
21 fiscal year 2026 and will carry forward into fiscal year
22 2027. First project is \$111 million for the continuation of
23 the registration and title system modernization project.
24 The second is continuation of full funding for the Motor
25 Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority that is in line with

1 statute and comptroller revenue estimates. The third is the
2 funding for the implementation of Senate Bill 1902 related
3 to the administration of the dealer-issued license plates
4 and the removal and transfer of license plates. Next item
5 is the funding for the implementation of Senate Bill 2007
6 relating to the voluntary disclosure of an applicant's
7 military status for registration of a motor vehicle. And
8 lastly, funding for new FTE's added in fiscal year 2026 to
9 address workload and initiatives in multiple TxDMV programs.
10 The fiscal year 2027 recommended budget document also
11 contains information on estimated revenues, capital project
12 expenditures and estimated major contracts for fiscal year
13 2027. Finance and Audit Committee approved the fiscal year
14 2027 budget and recommended it to the full board. With
15 that, Mr. Ralston is here to answer any questions on this
16 item. Mr. Chairman, this action item, I'll turn it back to
17 you.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Members.
19 Thank you. Members, are there any questions on this
20 presentation from Member Graham or any questions for Mr.
21 Ralston? Seeing none. Thank you. Any public comments on
22 16A, Laura?

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

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. In that sense, I
25 would entertain a motion on Agenda item 16A.

1 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
2 make a motion, please.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu.

4 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board
5 approve the fiscal year 2027 operating budget as recommended
6 by the finance and audit committee and staff.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And is there a second?

8 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'll second
9 that.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay. Member Jones.
11 Thank you. Any further discussion on this fulsome report?
12 Seeing none, I would call for a vote, please. Member
13 Alvarado?

14 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

16 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

18 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

19 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

20 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

21 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

22 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

24 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

25 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

1 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

2 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chair Bacarisse,
3 aye as well. Thank you. So we now move to 16B. Keep
4 going, Chairman Graham.

5 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
6 Chris Hayden, the Department's Chief Financial Officer,
7 provided an update on the FY 2028-2029 Legislative
8 Appropriations Request. The proposed Legislative
9 Appropriations Request items for the fiscal year 2028-2029
10 biennium were presented to the Board at its meeting on June
11 11, 2026. The LAR is divided into two components, baseline
12 funding and exceptional items. In June 2026, the Board
13 approved a motion to authorize a baseline funding increase
14 estimated to be 4%. After additional analysis, the baseline
15 funding increase has been adjusted and is 3% of the 2026-
16 2027 baseline. Major components of the increase include
17 postage and freight, license plate production, and debt
18 service for the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project. The
19 exceptional item presented in June has not changed. The
20 request is to increase the MVCPA staff by seven full-time
21 equivalent positions and be funded within the existing
22 baseline budget. The request was approved by the MVCPA
23 Board on July 24, 2026. The LAR will be prepared and
24 submitted in accordance with LBB instructions. That due
25 date is August 14, 2026. Mr. Hayden is here to answer any

1 questions on this item. This is not -- this is a briefing
2 only.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Briefing only, yes.
4 Members, any questions for Mr. Hayden on this item? I'm
5 letting you off light, Chris.

6 CHRIS HAYDEN: Thank you.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Please continue, Member
8 Graham.

9 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you. Agenda item
10 16c. Jason Gonzalez, the Department's Director of Internal
11 Audit, briefed the Committee on current internal and
12 external engagements for the fiscal year 2027 and the
13 recommended internal audit plan for the fiscal year that
14 begins September 1, 2026 and ends August 31, 2027. The
15 internal audit division is finalizing four internal
16 engagements and assisting with an external audit. First,
17 the Dealer Licensing Process Advisory is being finalized.
18 The objective of the Advisory was to evaluate the
19 Department's current processes for validating dealer
20 applicant identity and to determine whether the processes
21 are operating efficiently. The project identified several
22 strengths, such as the Motor Vehicle Division's focus on
23 fraud prevention, their commitment to customer service, and
24 the Division's continued evaluation of complex dealer
25 applications to identify compliance issues. The Advisory

1 identified automation opportunities within the dealer
2 license process to decrease application processing time.
3 The Advisory also found that while the processes are
4 designed to maximize fraud detection, those processes could
5 contribute to application processing delays. Additionally,
6 some of the designed application processes may not be
7 consistently followed, which may lead to increased
8 processing times. Finally, opportunities for improved
9 training efficiencies could be gained through increased
10 training structure, standardization, and defining measurable
11 performance criteria. As part of the Advisory, the team
12 developed a pamphlet titled Avoid Delays in Your Dealer
13 Application: Common Delays and Three Tips to Stay on Track
14 and, additionally, the team developed and designed
15 dashboards that could be used by the division to monitor
16 application process delays. Does the Board have any
17 questions on that particular audit? Next, travel and
18 training reimbursement audit is being finalized. The
19 objective of the audit was to provide insight into the
20 current approval and review process involving travel and
21 training payments and reimbursement compliance with current
22 department policy. The audit found several areas that could
23 be improved. First, the audit found that divisional travel
24 authorizations were consistently processed, but board member
25 travel authorizations had inconsistencies. Next, travel

1 reimbursements were found to be eligible for reimbursement
2 and allowable. Also, the audit team compared or benchmarked
3 the department's travel policy to several state agencies and
4 found that the department's travel policy aligns with other
5 state agencies and complies with comptroller requirements.
6 Finally, travel approval based on employee designated
7 headquarters can be inconsistent. That is the Travel and
8 Training Reimbursement Audit. And I'll just stop there see
9 if any questions for those. Okay. Hearing none. I'll move
10 to the Division's Co-Sourced Network Security Audit which is
11 through Weaver, that is currently in fieldwork. The audit's
12 objective is to evaluate network security control maturity,
13 network transformation planning and governance and the
14 future state of network security architecture. That sounds
15 like a heavy haul, doesn't it?

16 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yeah, it does.

17 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Finally, the Internal Audit
18 Division is finalizing their fourth quarter follow up
19 activities. The Department currently has five open or
20 overdue audit recommendations related to formalizing
21 policies and procedures for the management of website
22 components and security. That's something that the audit
23 team pays particular attention to, is monitoring those
24 overdue recommendations. The recommendation should be
25 implemented and closed by mid-first quarter of the upcoming

1 fiscal year. An external audit is currently being performed
2 by the Texas Department of Public Safety's Crime Records
3 Division. The Criminal Justice Information Services
4 technical security audit is designed to ensure compliance
5 with federal and regulatory requirements. The audit is
6 currently in the fieldwork phase. With that, Mr. Gonzalez
7 is here if you have other questions or have thought of
8 questions and we will do our best to answer them. Any
9 questions for Mr. Gonzalez or myself?

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Any questions?

11 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: 16D. All right. We're
12 getting there. Jason Gonzalez, the Department's Internal
13 Auditor, also provided an update on the fiscal year 2027
14 Annual Recommended Internal Audit Plan. The Annual Audit
15 Plan proposes completion of audits concerning cybersecurity,
16 specialty license plates, and the licensing of autonomous
17 vehicles. Additionally, the plan includes advisory projects
18 such as dealer license plate inventory management, vendor
19 contract modernization, and evaluation of enterprise risk
20 management and a walkthrough of government and strategic
21 communication processes and risks. Alternative engagements
22 could include PCI reporting requirements and evaluation of
23 overall accounting controls. And I'll just add that Mr.
24 Gonzalez has done a great job to get us, get the audit team
25 back up, fully staffed, and 100% green light, go. And so

1 I'm sure you'll see that this audit plan reflects a full
2 team that is going to really be aggressive to get out there
3 and find ways to improve this agency and I commend him on
4 that. So it's a full lineup of things to tackle, but
5 they're ready to go. So I'll also add the Finance and Audit
6 Committee approved Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation to
7 recommend to the full board approval of the fiscal year 2027
8 audit plan. If anybody has any questions about this audit
9 plan, we will do our best to answer those questions.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Graham -
11 - Chairman Graham. That was a great report. Members, any
12 questions on the Audit Plan specifically? We will have an
13 action item to vote here in a moment. Seeing none. I just
14 want to echo Chair Graham's comments about Mr. Gonzalez's
15 work and his team. I appreciate y'all and thankful for
16 y'all and look forward to a very busy next fiscal year with
17 your full team. It's wonderful.

18 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
19 do have one more item, please.

20 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Oh, yeah, sorry. Go
21 ahead.

22 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: It's brief.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Sorry, go ahead.

24 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Yeah it's okay. I just want
25 to add that the team, the Audit Team --

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Well, sorry, wait a
2 minute. One more thing. We have to actually vote on item
3 C, and then we'll go to D. Oh, we have to vote on it.

4 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Oh, it's an action item.
5 Sorry.

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Yeah. So, with that,
7 if there is a motion, I would like to have one.

8 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chairman, I'll make a
9 motion.

10 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Mr.
11 Roesler.

12 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: I move that the Board
13 approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Audit Plan as
14 recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee and staff.

15 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Is there a
16 second for that?

17 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: I second, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu, thank
19 you. Any further discussion, Members, on this item? Seeing
20 none, I'll call for the vote. Member Alvarado?

21 CHRISTIAN ALVARADO-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

22 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Cooley?

23 CHASE COOLEY-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

24 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham?

25 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

1 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Jones?

2 MARK JONES-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Omumu?

4 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

5 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Roesler?

6 MARK ROESLER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Schlosser?

8 DARREN SCHLOSSER-BOARD MEMBER: Aye.

9 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: And I, Chair Bacarisse,
10 as well. Thank you. Please continue the item.

11 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: My last item, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Go for it.

13 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: In my last item, 16E, I
14 would just like to point out this -- this -- this poster to
15 your right, if the Board's looking right. Jason Gonzalez,
16 the Department's Internal Auditor, also presented the
17 division's Fraud, Waste and Abuse Awareness poster that is
18 to be distributed throughout the department. The poster was
19 created by our own auditor, Erica Evans, and printed by the
20 TDCJ print shop to just create awareness within the agency
21 that, you know, there are options for them if they see
22 something that needs action.

23 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: There's a QR code on
24 there where you can report fraud.

25 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: I'm scared to scan the QR

1 code, but if somebody would try that here in a little bit,
2 let me know how it goes. I think it'll be -- I think it'll
3 work.

4 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, thank you.

5 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: And Mr. Chairman, that
6 concludes my report.

7 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you.
8 Fantastic. Any other comments Members, on the poster?
9 Don't let Oklahoma State folks vote on it, their not gonna
10 like it. Before we move to the next agenda item, public
11 comment, I would like to note that we do have an Agenda item
12 19 listed. We're going to go into closed session, but we
13 want to take this up before we go into closed session.
14 Laura, are there any individuals signed up to speak to the
15 Board today?

16 LAURA MORIATY: There are not, sir.

17 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Okay, thank you. So in
18 that sense, it is -- It is time for us to go into Closed
19 Session. This is Agenda item 17. It is now 10:37 a.m. and
20 on August 13, 2026, we'll go into closed session under Texas
21 Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.074, 551.076,
22 551.0761, and 551.089. For those of you in the audience, I
23 anticipate being in the this closed session for
24 approximately an hour. We will reconvene in open session
25 after that. And with that, we are now recessed from the

1 public meeting and we're going into closed session.

2 OFF THE RECORD

3 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: It is now 11:41 a.m.
4 and the Board of the Texas DMV is back in open session.

5 ON THE RECORD

6 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: No action items will be
7 taken up from the closed session and we'll now move to
8 Agenda item number 20, which is Adjournment. Unless there's
9 any further business, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 BRETT GRAHAM-BOARD MEMBER: Motion to adjourn.

11 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Member Graham, is there
12 a second?

13 SHARLA OMUMU-BOARD MEMBER: Second.

14 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Who said that? Okay.
15 Member Omumu. I'm giving Member Omumu credit. All in
16 favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHARLES BACARISSE-BOARD CHAIR: Opposed? None. Thank
19 you. We are adjourned.

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