

1 Transportation Code §545.453 and §545.456, as amended by SB 2807. Adopted new §206.102(c) sets the
2 expiration date for the AVRAC as July 7, 2031, to align with the renewal schedule for the other department
3 advisory committees without requiring the department to renew the AVRAC within the next two years.

4 Adopted amendments to §206.101(b)(1) include the new AVRAC in the list of department advisory
5 committees that take public comment on matters within the scope of the advisory committee. For the
6 AVRAC, the scope of the advisory committee is set out in new §206.102(a) as “topics related to the
7 regulation of automated motor vehicles.” At adoption, new §206.102(b) was amended to correct
8 punctuation.

9 **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS.**

10 No comments on the proposed amendments were received.

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12 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.** The department adopts an amendment to §206.101 and adopts new §206.102
13 under Transportation Code, §1001.031, which authorizes the department to retain or establish one or
14 more advisory committees to make recommendations to the board or the executive director;
15 Transportation Code, §1002.001, which authorizes the board to adopt rules that are necessary and
16 appropriate to implement the powers and the duties of the department; Government Code, §2110.005,
17 which requires state agencies establishing advisory committees to make rules stating the purpose and
18 tasks of the committee and describing the manner in which the committee will report to the agency; and
19 Government Code, §2110.008, which allows state agencies establishing advisory committees to designate
20 by rule the date an advisory committee will be abolished.

21 **CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE.** Transportation Code Chapters 1001 and 1002; and Government Code
22 Chapter 2110.

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1 Text.

2 §206.101. Public Access to Advisory Committee Meetings.

3 (a) Posted agenda items. A person may speak before an advisory committee on any matter on a
4 posted agenda by submitting a request, in a form and manner as prescribed by the department, prior to
5 the matter being taken up by the advisory committee. A person speaking before an advisory committee
6 on an agenda item will be allowed an opportunity to speak:

7 (1) prior to a motion by the advisory committee on the item; and

8 (2) for a maximum of three minutes, except as provided in subsections (d)(6) and (e) of
9 this section.

10 (b) Open comment period.

11 (1) At each regular advisory committee meeting, the advisory committee shall allow an
12 open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any other matter that is
13 within the scope of the specific advisory committee under §206.94(a) of this title (relating to Motor
14 Vehicle Industry Regulation Advisory Committee (MVIRAC)), §206.95(a) of this title (relating to Motor
15 Carrier Regulation Advisory Committee (MCRAC)), §206.96(a) of this title (relating to Vehicle Titles and
16 Registration Advisory Committee (VTRAC)), §206.97(a) of this title (relating to Customer Service and
17 Protection Advisory Committee (CSPAC)), §206.98(a) of this title (relating to Household Goods Rules
18 Advisory Committee (HGRAC)), or §206.102(a) of this title (relating to Automated Vehicle Regulation
19 Advisory Committee (AVRAC)).

20 (2) A person wanting to make a comment under this subsection shall complete a
21 registration form, as provided by the department, prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

1 (3) Except as provided in subsections (d)(6) and (e) of this section, each person shall be
2 allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes for each comment in the order in which the requests
3 to speak were received.

4 (c) Disability accommodation. Persons who have special communication or accommodation needs
5 and who plan to attend a meeting, may contact the department's contact listed in the posted meeting
6 agenda for the purpose of requests for auxiliary aids or services. Requests shall be made at least two days
7 before a meeting. The department shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

8 (d) Conduct and decorum. An advisory committee shall receive public input as authorized by this
9 section, subject to the following guidelines:

10 (1) questioning of speakers shall be reserved to advisory committee members and the
11 department's administrative staff;

12 (2) organizations, associations, or groups are encouraged to present their commonly held
13 views, and same or similar comments, through a representative member where possible;

14 (3) comments shall remain pertinent to the issue being discussed;

15 (4) a person who disrupts an advisory committee meeting shall leave the meeting room
16 and the premises if ordered to do so by the acting advisory committee chair;

17 (5) time allotted to one speaker may not be reassigned to another speaker; and

18 (6) the time allotted for comments under this section may be increased or decreased by
19 the acting advisory committee chair, as may be appropriate to assure opportunity for the maximum
20 number of persons to appear.

21 (e) Waiver. Subject to the approval of the acting advisory committee chair, a requirement of this
22 section may be waived in the public interest if necessary for the performance of the responsibilities of the
23 advisory committee or the department.

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2 §206.102. Automated Vehicle Regulation Advisory Committee (AVRAC).

3 (a) The AVRAC is created to make recommendations, as requested by the department and board,
4 on topics related to the regulation of automated motor vehicles.

5 (b) The AVRAC shall comply with the requirements of §206.93 of this title (relating to Advisory
6 Committee Operations and Procedures).

7 (c) The AVRAC shall expire on July 7, 2031.

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