

MINUTES

May 03, 2006

H-GAC, Conference Room C
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Houston, TX 77027

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bartosh, C. Partrick (Harris County); Fiesinger, Ed (Brazoria County); Kilpatrick, Steve (Brazoria County- Phone); Kuryla, Matt (Harris County- Phone); Kush, John (Harris County- Phone); Naquin, Mary Jane (Harris County); and Sun, Steve (TCEQ- Phone)

PROXY VOTES

Proxies given to the Chair (Ed Fiesinger) prior to the meeting were Chen, Ke (Fort Bend County); Hebert, John J. (Liberty County); Porter, Alton (Harris County); Rash, Jeanette (Harris County); and White, G. Michael (Harris County)

NON-BOARD MEMBERS AND H-GAC STAFF PRESENT

DeCandis, Andrew (H-GAC); Gesoff, Susan (Education Foundation of Harris County); Martin, Stephanie (H-GAC); Salinas, Jason (H-GAC); Santos, Betin (Education Foundation of Harris County); Spencer, Crystal (H-GAC); Whitworth, Shelley (H-GAC); and Wolfson, Paulette (City of Houston)

UPDATE

Prior to the AERCO board meeting official beginning, Ms. Stephanie Martin gave an update in respect to the Education Foundation Proposal.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Ed Fiesinger officially began the AERCO board meeting with naming attendees and proxy votes. Mr. Fiesinger welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2006 MINUTES

AERCO board meeting minutes for March 16, 2006 were motioned, seconded, and approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM

NOMINATION FOR AERCO MEMBERS

Ms. Shelley Whitworth informed the board that nominations for all of H-GAC committees are being requested. The nominations need to come from the H-GAC board members; however organizations are allowed to submit nominations. A complete updated spreadsheet listing the vacancies and nominations was forwarded to Mr. Steve Howard to distribute formal nomination request. Ms. Stephanie Martin informed the board that vacancy focus is on Galveston County for large industry and the general public. Additional focus includes Harris County and Fort Bend County Economic Development. Ms. Whitworth continued the discussion by stating the importance of focusing on the vacancy categories.

RE-CERTIFACATION AND PUBLIC PROCESS

TCEQ Public Meeting May 04, 2006 H-GAC Room A 2nd Floor 7:00 pm

All are encouraged to attend. The commission is scheduled for May 10, 2006.

CLEAN VEHICLES UPDATE

Mr. Jason Salinas began his presentation by informing the board that H-GAC approved the project for Galena Park ISD at last month's board meeting. Galena Park ISD contract is in the process of being finalized for disbursing the approved \$50,000.00. Galena Park ISD will receive \$50,000.00 from

AERCO, the remaining project is for seven new buses. The Galena Park ISD Project will be re-powering the buses with 2006 engines. Ms. Martin is beginning to develop a Clean Cities Newsletter. The board had a lengthy discussion regarding extra increments from AERCO and the conjunction with the CMAQ budget. The presentation continued with comments regarding the different projects, budget allowances and/or stipulations, reductions of NOX, and SEP agreements.

LIST OF 2005-2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Please refer to handout.) Mr. Ed Fiesinger began the presentation by stating the AERCO board had more activity in the last few years compared to the previous years. Mr. Fiesinger read the “AERCO Accomplishments” handout. A brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEM

ADOPT A SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

Request that AERCO take action to formally acquire the adopt-a-school bus program from Harris County Education Foundation

Ms. Betin Santos began her presentation by stating the Harris County Education Foundation is looking for a new home for the Adopt-A-School Bus Program (AASBP) in this region area. Ms. Santos illustrated AASBP home location for other Texas cities and suggested the same model for this region area. AERCO has an existing SEP agreement which is very similar to the Third Party SEP Agreement that the foundation has with TCEQ. It is required that the foundation relocate where AASBP could be utilized. AERCO appears to be a perfect home for AASBP. A one page MOU between the foundation and AERCO is required to relocate AASBP.

Ms. Susan Gesoff began her presentation by stating TCEQ has new SEP director. Ms. Gesoff created a formal proposal for TCEQ. The steps in moving forward are: 1.) AERCO willing to receive the AASBP funds and projects; 2.) Education Foundation willing to release AASBP funds and projects; 3.) TCEQ announces instructions to completion – require AERCO SEP to be rewritten; 4.) Financially – objective is to disburse the funds. A great deal of funds will be eligible to be channeled in this region.. The formal proposal will be delivered to TCEQ this week. The Education Foundation board agrees to the relocation of AASBP.

The first legal issue is the agreement between the Foundation and AERCO/H-GAC. The second legal issue is the agreement to move the existing SEPs to the AERCO SEP Agreement. AERCO will move forward to work with the Education Foundation to merge their SEPs into AERCO’s SEP. Education Foundation funds will be transferred into AERCO’s account. The AASBP was motioned, seconded, and approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

Status Report on Education Foundation
School Bus Update
Report on Re-Certification Public Hearing
Update for Board Membership Nominations
EPA Status Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Betin Santos thanked AERCO and H-GAC for taking on the AASBP.

NEXT MEETING (tentative)

August 2 2006. 2:00pm

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