MEMBER PRESENT
City of Houston – Loren Raun
City of Houston – Phillip P. Goodwin
City of Houston – Paresh Lad
City of Texas City – Gary Scoggin
ExxonMobil Corporation Baytown – Sherman Hampton
Greater Houston Partnership – Steven Hansen
Houston Advanced Research Center – Mustapha Beydoun

ALTERNATE PRESENT
Associate General Contractors of America – Marc Anderson
City of La Porte – Dena Mahan
Harris County – Matt Van Vleck
Harris County Pollution Control – Stuart Mueller
Metropolitan Transit Authority – Vincent Sanders
Port Houston – Kenneth Gathright
Texas Department of Transportation - Houston – Charles U. Airiohuodion

STAFF PRESENT
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Laurie Chandler
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Andrew DeCandis
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Shelley Whitworth

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Lola Brown
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Carl Young

BRIEFING
Overview
a. The RAQPAC Members and Alternates were presented with the following information: Reported U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Update, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Update, and the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update; H-GAC Update; and concluded with listed announcements.

b. Go to http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx to view the meeting materials for this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
ITEM 1B. – Approval of Meeting Summary
a. Chairman Gary Scoggin entertained a motion to pass the RAQPAC meeting summaries for January 25, 2018 and February 22, 2018 meetings as presented. - Action Item Motion Passed Unanimously

AGENCY REPORTS
ITEM 2.

a. EPA Update (Carl Young)
Carl Young gave updates on two topics: 1. Proposal to Approve Houston Attainment Demonstration for 2008 Ozone Standard, and 2. Area Designations for the 2015 Ozone Standard (For more information, go to www.epa.gov/ozone-designations)

b. TCEQ Update (Lola Brown)
Lola Brown presented updates on four items: 1. Proposed SIP revision to remove Anti-Tampering and Early Action Compact (EAC) Low Income Repair Assistance Program (LIRAP); 2. TERP – Various grants are open for application. (More information can be found here: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp; 3. 2017 – 2018 Emissions Banking and Trading compliance reports reminder. Allowance trades must be reported by June 1st and annual compliance reports must be submitted by June 30th. Trades and reports must be submitted electronically through State of Texas environmental electronic reporting system; 4. SIP Planning - TCEQ has begun planning for several SIP revisions.

c. Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update (Andrew DeCandis)
Andrew DeCandis reported that since the last meeting in February, there were seven exceedances of the 2008 75 ppb ozone standard and 14 exceedances of the 2015 70 ppb ozone standard. For the 2008 standard, four of the exceedances occurred in April and the remaining three in May. For 2015 standard, six occurred in April and eight in May. The highest value to date is 81 ppb recorded in the Baytown Garth monitor.
**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ITEM 3A. – Status of 2015 NAAQS Standard and Implications of South Coast DC Circuit Court**

Carl Young presented on Houston and the Four Ozone Standards (1979 1-hour, 1997 8-hour, 2008 8-hour, 2015 8-hour); the non-attainment State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirements; the recent court decision on the 2008 Ozone SIP requirements rule and request for rehearing, and next steps. Highlights include:

- Houston Area moderate classification for the 2008 8-hour standard (75 ppb) is expected to be reclassified to serious.
- 2015 8-hour standard (70 ppb) marginal classification expected to be published in June. Attainment deadline is in three years. 2018 -2020 data will determine if deadline is met.
- SIP Requirements for marginal ozone nonattainment areas include emissions inventory, emissions statement provisions, nonattainment new source review provisions.
- D.C. Circuit court decision ruled previous ozone standards may be revoked provided adequate anti-backsliding provisions are in place; the court determined anti-backsliding provisions inadequate and rejected the re-designation substitute procedure to satisfy anti-backsliding requirements for a revoked standard.
- Reclassification of moderate areas that failed to attain the 2008 ozone standard is expected requiring a serious area SIP revision. New attainment deadline would be July 20, 2021.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ITEM 4A. – H-GAC Update** (Shelley Whitworth)

Shelley Whitworth shared that H-GAC has been assisting various agencies with proposals, but many Federal agencies have delayed issuing Calls for Projects. Consequently, there have been simultaneous Calls for Projects from DOE, EPA, FHWA.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ITEM 5A. – Recent Grant Opportunities** (Shelley Whitworth)

Shelley Whitworth announced recent grant opportunities, Calls for Projects and offered H-GAC assistance in preparing proposals and writing letters of support.

**ITEM 5B. – PM 2.5 Subcommittee Restart** (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew DeCandis presented on the annual PM 2.5 Path Forward report which talks about all activities going on within the region to help the region reduce PM 2.5 concentrations and stay within attainment. The PM 2.5 Subcommittee will restart to review and revise last year’s report to reflect new activity within the region. PM 2.5 Subcommittee will reconvene within next few weeks to begin the process. Any members who are interested in participating in the subcommittee can email Andrew DeCandis for more information, Andrew.Decandis@h-gac.com.

Next Meeting June 28, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2:45 P.M.