MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, September 27, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027 (Meeting Held in Room 2A)

MEMBER PRESENT
City of Houston – Loren Raun
City of La Porte – Kristin Gauthier
ExxonMobil Corporation – Baytown – Sherman Hampton
Greater Houston Partnership – Steven Hansen
Harris County – Jacque Darbonne
Harris County – Ronnie James
Harris County Pollution Control – Bob Allen
Houston Advanced Research Center – Mustapha Beydoun
League of Women Voters – Houston – Laura Blackburn

ALTERNATE PRESENT
American Lung Association -Paulette Wolfson
Environmental Defense Fund – Maia Draper
Harris County Pollution Control– Stuart Mueller
Port Houston – Kenneth Gathright
TxDOT – 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 agency reports (EPA update, TCEQ update, Regional Air Quality Monitoring update); action items; a series of discussion and information items were delivered; and the meeting concluded with 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.

CALL TO ORDER
ITEM 1A. – Introductions
Loren Raun, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order, and members introduced themselves.

ITEM 1B. – Approval of Meeting Summaries (5-31-2018, 6-28-2018, 7-26-2018, and 8-30-2018)
All meeting summaries unanimously approved as is in a single motion.

AGENCY REPORTS
ITEM 2A. - EPA Update (Carl Young)
EPA briefed on four items: 1) Reclassification of the Moderate Ozone Nonattainment areas for 2008 Ozone Standard; 2) Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standard; 3) Proposal to Amend the 2016 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry; and 4) Extension of Comment Period on the Proposal on Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) Standards and Tailpipe Carbon Dioxide Emissions Standards for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks. The full report is available from the link above.

ITEM 2B. - TCEQ Update (Lola Brown)
TCEQ staff gave updates on various topics including the following highlights: Staffing Announcements, TCEQ Autumn Environmental Conference and Expo, HGB One-hour and 1997 Eight-hour Ozone Redesignation and Maintenance Plan SIP, Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust, Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT), Proposed Exceptional Events Mitigations Plans for El Paso and Harris Counties. The full report is available from the link above.

ITEM 2C. - Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update (Andrew DeCandis)
Since the last meeting in August, there were three exceedances of the 2008 75 ppb ozone 8-hour standard and four exceedances of the 2015 70 ppb 8-hour standard. The fourth highest design value this year is 88 ppb which was recorded...
at the Houston Aldine monitor. The current design value for the region is 78 ppb which is also at the Houston Aldine monitor. Both numbers remain unchanged since the last meeting. In addition to the 8-hour standards, so far in 2018 there have been three exceedances of the one-hour standard, one of those occurred in September. The Clinton PM 2.5 monthly average for August was 12.62 µg/m³ where the lingering effects of the summer’s African dust events can still be seen. September PM 2.5 measurements for the larger region continue to decline with numbers more in line with expectations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM 3A. - RAQPAC Officer Elections** (Loren Raun)
A quorum was present and elections were held for 2018-2019 Officers. The results were:

Chair – Loren Raun  
Vice-Chair – Sherman Hampton

**ITEM 3B. - Final 2018 PM2.5 Path Forward Report** (Andrew DeCandis)
H-GAC staff requested that RAQPAC members review the final 2018 PM2.5 Advance Path Forward report and recommend that this report be submitted to EPA as part of the region’s continued participation in the PM Advance Program. The final report can be found at [http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx](http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx).

*The request was approved.*

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ITEM 4A. – TERP Subcommittee Discussion** (Shelley Whitworth)
Shelley presented a draft of TERP recommendations compiled from the August TERP subcommittee meeting. Subcommittee suggestions include: pursue cost effective; consider how a vehicle or equipment is used to determine appropriateness of engine and fuel usage; allow TERP to fund area and stationary technologies for more flexibility; treat TERP as an implementation program for new or near-stage technology; consider adopting use of US DOEs AFLEET Program when appropriate for on-road vehicles; allocate TERP funds based on the greatest good for overall air quality. Shelley discussed further recommendations from outside the subcommittee meeting. Based on all the feedback, Shelley proposed prioritizing recommendations at a future meeting. The initial TERP subcommittee recommendations can be found at [http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx](http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ITEM 5A. H-GAC Update** (Shelley Whitworth)
Shelley informed members that recommendations on the VW Settlement were presented to the H-GAC Board. H-GAC Board acted on the recommendations, and H-GAC sent recommendations to TCEQ. Additionally, staff prepared a template letter and Resolution on the VW Settlement comments to bring before the upcoming Transportation Policy Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ITEM 6A. – Draft VW Settlement Beneficiary Plan**
TCEQ is accepting comments until October 8, 2018.

**ITEM 6B. – TCEQ HGB SIP Redesignation Substitute Public Hearing**
HGB SIP Redesignation Substitute Public Hearing will be held on October 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the TxDOT Auditorium, 7600 Washington Avenue.

- **DERA Application Process Update.** H-GAC submitted applications and expects to receive news on the projects sometime in late October.

- **2018 Clean Cities Technology Conference.** H-GAC and the Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition are organizing the 2018 Clean Cities Technology Conference to be held on October 23rd and 24th. This event will be
hosted by Faust Distributing and will include speakers, exhibitors, and vehicle displays that will highlight the latest technologies and funding for cleaner on- and off-road fleets. To register and view the agenda, please visit: www.houston-cleancities.org.

- **100 Resilient Cities Network (100RC).** The City of Houston was selected to join the 100 Resilient Cities Network (100RC), a $164 million global effort to build urban resilience around the world. More information about this selection can be found at http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx.

Next meeting October 25, 2018.

**Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:08 P.M.**