

# ***RAQPC 101***

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# ***History***

- 1991 or 1997
  - Earliest bylaws found: 1997
    - Ratified in 2002, 2004, and 2007
  - Earlier work exists
    - Version of Air Quality Reference Guide in 1996
  - Referenced in Board documents: 1991
    - From an ad hoc committee on the CAA of 1990
    - “This committee would provide a forum for the region to respond to state and federal rules.”

# ***History***

- What have we become?
  - Regional Air Quality Planning Committee (RAQPC)
  - Advisory committee appointed by the H-GAC Board of Directors
  - 26 Members from 3 Sectors
  - Focuses on the 8 county nonattainment area that comprises the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

# ***History***

- Funding RAQPC
  - Voluntary
  - No dues or fees
  - Producing and promoting products are done on donations
  - H-GAC staff is paid by the H-GAC department to help RAQPC
    - UPWP- Air Quality – 4.2.3:  
“Support the Regional Air Quality Planning Committee (RAQPC), researching air quality issues and making recommendations to the H-GAC Board of Directors.”

# ***Duties***

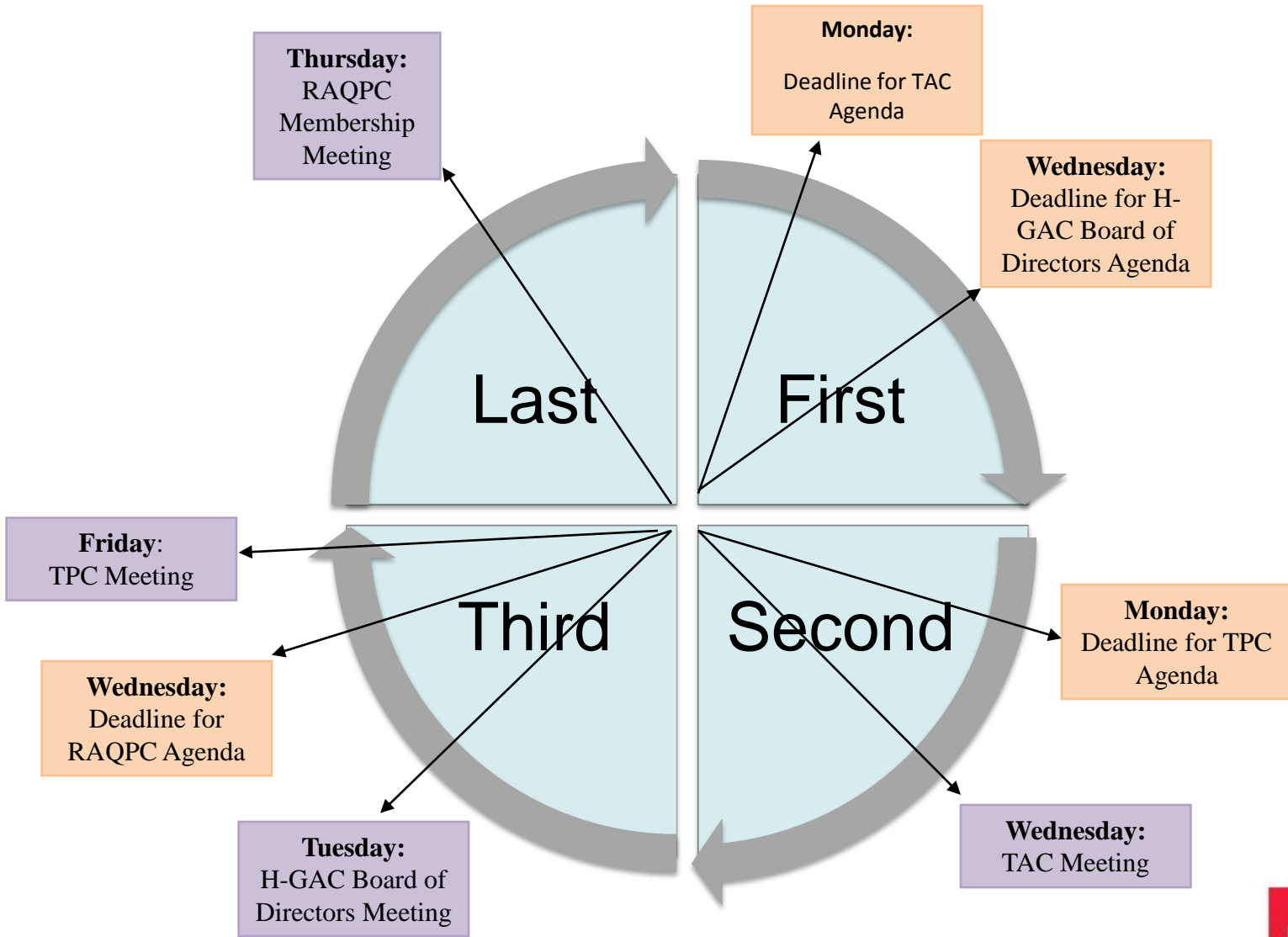
- Review and make recommendations to the Board on air quality policies and plans for the region
- Review and recommend comments on proposed air quality rules, regulations and guidances.
- Review transportation control measures and recommend those most suitable to our regional goals

# ***Duties***

- Review and make recommendations on other mobile source emission control measures
- Review and recommend comments on plans for reducing emissions from area and stationary sources
- Receive public comment and assist in disseminating public information on air quality issues, plans, and programs

# ***Duties***

- Assist in implementing air quality programs and in obtaining local commitment, as necessary, to implement air quality measures



**RAQPC Meeting (1)**

- Member Introduces Issue
- RAQPC Decides to Pursue
- RAQPC Decides to Fast Track



**Research**

- Policy Committee / Subcommittee Convenes
- H-GAC Staff Prepares "Base" Background Paper



**RAQPC Meeting (2)**

- Review Issue
- Review and Suggest Edits to Background Paper
- Vote to Proceed



Electronic Discussion  
And  
E-Vote



**Preparation**

- H-GAC Staff Adjusts Background Paper
- H-GAC Staff Submits Background Paper to Proper Agenda



**Action**

- Board/Council Approves to Submit Comment
- H-GAC Staff creates Comment Letter based on Background Paper
- Comment Letter Edited by Signatory Before Signing
- Comment Letter Submitted



**RAQPC Meeting (3)**

- Notice Given to RAQPC that Comment Letter Has Been Submitted

# ***Membership***

- General Membership
  - 26 Members from 3 sectors
    - Business and Industry (7)
    - Citizens and Environmental Organizations (5)
    - Local Governments (13)
  - The Board and their power
    - H-GAC Staff encourages a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  ratio
    - H-GAC Staff encourages representatives from each county
    - The perfect world doesn't always happen

# ***Membership***

- Alternates
  - Appointed by the Member
  - Can be active in meetings and task forces
  - Can vote only in absence of their Member
- Staff
  - EPA and TCEQ
    - Reports and facilitates
  - H-GAC provides a designated staff
    - Reports, facilitates, and coordinates
  - RAQPC is just one of Staffs' duties

# ***Membership***

- The Executive Committee
  - 2 representatives from each sector
  - Determined by the sector
  - Meets when called by the Chair
- The Chairs
  - Chair, Vice-Chair, and Past Chair
  - Must be voted by the RAQPC Membership
  - Traditionally rotates among the 3 sectors

# ***Membership***

- Meeting Dates
  - Membership Meetings
    - Last Thursday of the month
    - Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings pushed back 1 week
    - 2:00 at H-GAC
  - Taskforces, Subcommittees, and Executive Committee
    - As needed

# ***Questions, Comments and Contact***

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