

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING

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2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Paul Scott, Chair  
Christian Alvarado  
Tammy McRae (absent)  
Darren Schlosser

STAFF:

Daniel Avitia, Executive Director  
Laura Moriaty, General Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. SCOTT: Good afternoon. My name is Paul  
3 Scott, and I'm pleased to open the Legislative and Public  
4 Affairs Committee of the Board of the Texas Department of  
5 Motor Vehicles. It is now 2:02 p.m., and I'm now calling  
6 the Committee meeting for December 13 to order.

7 I want to note for the record that the public  
8 notice of this meeting containing all items on the agenda  
9 was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on  
10 December 5, 2023. Before we begin today's meeting, please  
11 place all cell phones and other communication devices in  
12 the silent mode, and please, as a courtesy to others, do  
13 not carry on side conversations in the meeting room.

14 I want to welcome those who are here with us  
15 for today's Committee meeting. If you wish to address the  
16 Committee or speak on an agenda item during today's  
17 meeting, please complete a speaker's sheet at the  
18 registration table or send an email to  
19 [gco\\_general@txdmv.gov](mailto:gco_general@txdmv.gov). Please identify in your email the  
20 specific item you are interested in commenting on, your  
21 name and address, and whether you are representing anyone  
22 or speaking for yourself.

23 If your comment does not pertain to a specific  
24 agenda item, we will take your comment during the general  
25 public comment portion of the meeting. In accordance with

1 the Department's administrative rules, comments to the  
2 Committee will be limited to three minutes. To assist  
3 each speaker, a timer has been provided. The timer light  
4 will be green for the first two minutes, yellow when the  
5 speaker has one minute left, and then red when the  
6 speaker's time is up.

7           Individuals cannot accumulate time from other  
8 speakers. Comments should be pertinent to the issue  
9 stated on the comment sheet. When addressing the  
10 Committee, please state your name and affiliation for the  
11 record.

12           There are a few things that will help make the  
13 meeting run smoothly and assist the court reporter to get  
14 an accurate record. Please identify yourself before  
15 speaking. Speak clearly and slowly. Do not speak over  
16 others, and ask the Chairman for permission to speak, and  
17 be sure to get recognized before speaking.

18           I would like to thank our court reporter who is  
19 transcribing this meeting.

20           Before we begin today, I'd like to remind all  
21 presenters and those in attendance of the rules of conduct  
22 at our Committee meeting and the Department's  
23 administrative rule. I have the authority to supervise  
24 the conduct of this Committee meeting. This includes the  
25 authority to determine when a speaker is being disruptive

1 of the meeting, or is otherwise violating the timing or  
2 presentation rules I just discussed.

3 The posted agenda stated that a quorum of the  
4 Board may be present at this meeting. However, Board  
5 members who are not members of the Legislative and Public  
6 Affairs Committee will not vote on any Committee agenda  
7 items today, nor will any Board action be taken.

8 And now I'd like to have a roll call of the  
9 Committee members. Please respond verbally when I call  
10 your name.

11 Member Alvarado?

12 MR. ALVARADO: Here.

13 MR. SCOTT: Member Schlosser?

14 MR. SCHLOSSER: Here.

15 MR. SCOTT: And let the record reflect that I,  
16 Paul Scott, am here too. We have a quorum. Let the  
17 record also reflect that Vice Chair McRae is absent today.

18 Agenda Item No. 2 is the Pledges of Allegiance  
19 for the U.S. and Texas. Please stand and honor our  
20 country and state with the Pledges of Allegiance. I now  
21 turn it over to Member Schlosser to lead us in the U.S.  
22 Pledge.

23 (Whereupon, the U.S. Pledge was recited.)

24 MR. SCOTT: I now turn it over to Member  
25 Alvarado to lead us in the Texas Pledge.

1 (Whereupon, the Texas Pledge was recited.)

2 MR. SCOTT: Thank you, Members Schlosser and  
3 Alvarado, for leading us in the Pledges.

4 Agenda Item No. 3 is Comments and Announcements  
5 from the Committee Chair, Committee Members, and Executive  
6 Director. We do not have any comments or announcements  
7 today, so we are not taking up any -- Agenda Item 3.

8 We will move to Agenda Item 4. Agenda Item  
9 No. 4, I turn it over to Keith Yawn to present Item 4.A.

10 MR. YAWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,  
11 Committee members. My name is Keith Yawn. I'm the  
12 Director of the Government and Strategic Communications  
13 Division for the Department. I will be presenting the  
14 next three items for you.

15 Hopefully, I won't wear out my welcome before I  
16 have to turn it over to some of my colleagues to end your  
17 agenda today. Starting with Agenda Item 4.A., we're  
18 providing a legislative activity update. This is a  
19 briefing item only.

20 As we had previously discussed, the 88th  
21 regular Legislative Session adjourned at the end of May.  
22 Typically, that would have begun a quieter period for  
23 legislative offices, as State agencies began implementing  
24 enacted laws and new policies. Instead, as you probably  
25 know, this has been an exceptional year for legislative

1 activity.

2 Last week, the House and Senate concluded the  
3 fourth called special session since the first began within  
4 hours of the end of the regular session. The special  
5 sessions have not included any items directly related to  
6 the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles or state  
7 transportation policy, more generally. While additional  
8 special sessions could be called, there is no indication  
9 at this time they would involve issues pertaining to  
10 Department operations.

11 Following the completion of the regular  
12 session, Government Relations staff have been working with  
13 program divisions to help coordinate bill implementation  
14 and continue ongoing work, informing legislative offices  
15 about Department operations and aiding their constituents  
16 with motor vehicle transactions.

17 We anticipate House and Senate leadership  
18 offices will release interim charge assignments to the  
19 committees within the next three months. Interim charges  
20 are research and policy review assignments given to House  
21 and Senate committees for the time between regular  
22 legislative sessions, and usually include overweight of  
23 implementation for specific and significant pieces of  
24 legislation passed during the prior regular session.  
25 Interim activity and hearings are likely to begin mid- to

1 late spring of next year.

2 Mr. Chairman, that includes Agenda Item 4.A.

3 MR. SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. Yawn.

4 I will now move to Agenda Item 4.B., and I turn  
5 it back over to Mr. Yawn.

6 MR. YAWN: Thank you. Agenda Item 4.B. is an  
7 update on the 88th Texas Legislature's Bill Implementation  
8 Status Report. This also is a briefing item only.

9 Department staff have worked throughout the  
10 summer and fall to implement policies and laws enacted by  
11 the Legislature during the last regular session. Your  
12 Board book contains a report on page 7 listing the status  
13 of each project.

14 As of the end of November, the Department had  
15 completed implementation of 37 bills, including: Senate  
16 Bill 105, which imposes a new registration fee on fully  
17 electric vehicles; House Bill 3288, altering the  
18 requirements for submitting a notice of transfer for a  
19 used vehicle; House Bills 53 and 3599, which create  
20 registration exemptions for certain entities, namely food  
21 banks and disaster relief nonprofits; and 15 of the 16  
22 specialty plate bills enacted.

23 The final bill is not yet effective, but the  
24 plate is already prepared for release at the beginning of  
25 next year when that bill does become effective. An



1 additional 18 bills will not require active implementation  
2 efforts, which leaves 22 projects in progress, as of the  
3 beginning of December.

4 The majority of the remaining projects, 18 of  
5 them, have future due dates ranging from January 2024  
6 through August 2025. Work on these projects is currently  
7 underway. Four projects remain in progress past their  
8 effective dates.

9 Three of these are materially implemented, but  
10 are awaiting final adoption of related rules before being  
11 designated as fully completed. These bills are: Senate  
12 Bill 422, increasing licensing reciprocity with other  
13 states for certain military service members; Senate Bill  
14 510, designated certain licensee personal identifying  
15 information as confidential; and House Bill 2190, which  
16 revises statutory language to replace the term "accident"  
17 with collision.

18 Senate Bill 2102 remains incomplete at this  
19 time. The bill extends the initial vehicle registration  
20 period for rental vehicles to three years, and requires  
21 coordinated activity by three impacted state agencies to  
22 implement: the Texas Department of Public Safety, the  
23 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the  
24 Department of Motor Vehicles.

25 DPS has authority over setting inspection fees

1 and the related periods for the inspections. TCEQ has to  
2 work with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to  
3 gain approval for revision to the State's air quality  
4 plan. Once these external activities are resolved, DMV  
5 will reprogram the registration systems to implement the  
6 bill.

7 I've also been asked to provide an update on  
8 the ongoing activities related to the implementation of  
9 two high-profile bills, House Bill 718 and Senate Bill  
10 224.

11 House Bill 718 eliminates most paper tags and  
12 permits issued by the Department. The bill will be fully  
13 effective in July 2025, with an interim due date of  
14 December 2024 for the adoption of related rules. The  
15 Department is currently undertaking a number of internal  
16 development projects related to this bill, including  
17 drafting proposed rules, researching available metal plate  
18 inventory management systems and distribution options, and  
19 designing compliance review and enforcement programs.

20 While this work has been primarily internal to  
21 the State, it will start becoming more public in the  
22 coming months. By February, the project team plans to  
23 begin putting rule draft proposals before the Board's  
24 advisory committees and primary stakeholder groups for  
25 review and input.

1           The results of those efforts are scheduled to  
2 come before the Board as proposals in June of next year.  
3 We understand the uncertainty that many dealers, tax  
4 assessors and other stakeholders feel concerning this  
5 implementation and have been taking available  
6 opportunities to speak with those groups about the project  
7 and the bill's requirements.

8           For example, we have attended several town hall  
9 events and meetings throughout the state this fall to  
10 address concerns from dealers and tax assessors and answer  
11 their questions about the project. We are also partnering  
12 with the members of the Tax Assessor-Collectors  
13 Association on upcoming dealer training to encourage  
14 greater use of the webDEALER.

15           The bill makes webDEALER use mandatory,  
16 beginning July 2025. We believe this project will  
17 continue to be followed closely by the legislative offices  
18 involved as well, and will likely be part of interim  
19 oversight activities.

20           Finally, Senate Bill 224 addresses recent  
21 increases in catalytic convertor crimes and requires the  
22 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to develop a  
23 multi-agency crime prevention plan. The bill increases  
24 the existing automotive insurance policy fee by a dollar  
25 to fund these efforts.

1           The Legislature provided dedicated  
2 appropriations for the implementation of the bill's  
3 provisions, including four new full-time equivalent  
4 positions for MVCPA, and \$24 to \$30 million per year in  
5 funding. Funding will also be directed to the compliance  
6 programs at Texas DMV, the Department of Public Safety,  
7 and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for  
8 licensing enforcement activities, and funds will be  
9 distributed to local law enforcement through new MVCPA  
10 grants.

11           MVCPA program staff and their Board members  
12 have been working with external stakeholders and other  
13 impacted regulatory agencies this fall to develop the  
14 required plan and host discussions on the use of grant  
15 awards. The MVCPA Board held a stakeholder workshop  
16 before Thanksgiving to hear reports on recent catalytic  
17 convertor crime trends and received input on the draft  
18 Coordination Plan. Those discussions continued during  
19 their regular Board meetings last week, where an initial  
20 plan was adopted.

21           Mr. Chairman, this concludes my remarks for  
22 this agenda item, but I'd be happy to take any questions  
23 that you have.

24           MR. SCOTT: Are there any questions for Mr.  
25 Yawn?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. SCOTT: Thank you. We will now move to  
3 Agenda Item 4.B.ii. and I will turn it back over to Keith  
4 Yawn. Are we on --

5 MR. YAWN: 4.C.

6 MR. SCOTT: What?

7 MS. MORIATY: Actually, Mr. Yawn -- Laura  
8 Moriatty, General Counsel.

9 I'm sorry, Chairman Scott. Mr. Yawn has done  
10 B.i. and ii. He just blasted right through them, I'm  
11 afraid. So we're on to --

12 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

13 MS. MORIATY: -- on to letter C.

14 MR. SCOTT: So Item 4.D.?

15 MR. YAWN: C.

16 MR. SCOTT: C. I got it. Okay. We'll now to  
17 move to Agenda Item 4.C.

18 I will turn it back over to Keith Yawn.

19 MR. YAWN: Thank you. Agenda Item 4.C. is a  
20 briefing item on the Proposed Development Schedule for  
21 Statutory Change Recommendations.

22 So Transportation Code Section 1001.025  
23 authorizes the Texas DMV Board to recommend statutory  
24 changes that would improve the operation of the  
25 Department. It may seem early to begin talking about

1 this, but we need considerable time to develop and vet  
2 these recommendations.

3 The recommendations approved by the Board can  
4 be considered by the Legislature during the next regular  
5 session, which will begin on January 14, 2025. Department  
6 staff begin developing recommendations a year out to  
7 ensure there is proper time to review the ideas and  
8 receive input from impacted programs, Legal and Financial  
9 offices, and external stakeholders.

10 Next month, the Government and Strategic  
11 Communications Division will begin working with Department  
12 programs to identify needed statutory changes to help the  
13 Department operate more effectively. During this process,  
14 we will consider past recommendations, new ideas, and  
15 issues or statutory conflicts identified during the  
16 implementation of recent legislation.

17 Proposed changes will be reviewed by impacted  
18 Department offices and presented to the Legislative and  
19 Public Affairs Committee in June 2024. Using Board and  
20 stakeholder input, the Department will then refine the  
21 recommendations before requesting final Board approval in  
22 August 2024.

23 Approved recommendations are then presented to  
24 legislative offices for their consideration. Learning  
25 from the experiences of this past regular session, we

1 would like to cut back on the total number of  
2 recommendations we propose for you to -- for your  
3 consideration and focus our efforts on proposals with the  
4 highest potential impact to Department programs and  
5 customers.

6 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Are there any questions for  
7 Mr. Yawn?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. YAWN: Thank you.

11 MR. SCOTT: We will now move to Agenda Item  
12 4.D., which is a New Facilities Update, and it's briefing  
13 only. And I will turn it over to Glenna Bowman and  
14 Annette Quintero.

15 MS. BOWMAN: Good afternoon, Chairman Scott,  
16 Committee members, Executive Director Avitia. For the  
17 record, my name is Glenna Bowman. I am the Chief  
18 Financial Officer for TxDMV. This is a briefing-only  
19 item.

20 There are two parts to this update, so I'm  
21 going to cover the Camp Hubbard renewal update. We  
22 basically have four items that are in process right now,  
23 four big items.

24 The first is we are finalizing our interagency  
25 contract with the Texas Facilities Commission. They will

1 be managing the construction project for us here on Camp  
2 Hubbard. We have an almost final draft, and we are hoping  
3 to get that signed very soon in the next few days.

4 In addition, we are also working with the Texas  
5 Public Finance Authority who will be providing funding for  
6 this project. We have two agreements, so we have to sign  
7 with them.

8 One is a lease agreement, which is basically  
9 the financing that covers here's how much money we're  
10 going to give you and when we're going to give it to you  
11 and what the interest rate will be. We're working on  
12 that.

13 And then there's also -- because we need  
14 collateral for this loan, which is sizeable, we are  
15 working on a lease/purchase basically, where we put up  
16 Camp Hubbard as our collateral, and that lease/purchase  
17 agreement covers that. So we're effectively leasing back  
18 our property for the term that is financed. And we are  
19 making good progress on that agreement as well.

20 We are actually working on construction or  
21 getting things ready in what we call Phase Zero. There's  
22 work that has to be done in Building 6 here on campus  
23 because our Data Center is currently in Building 5. So  
24 that building is going to be demolished.

25 So we are working with Texas Facilities



1 Commission. We actually issued bids and got proposals  
2 back on the work that needs to be done in order to move  
3 our Data Center. And we are hoping to award to a vendor  
4 in the next several weeks. And it will take another two  
5 to four weeks to get everything signed and processed and  
6 paperwork done, but that's in progress.

7 And the fourth thing, which is kind of  
8 contingent, we -- it will be our big construction  
9 management project that needs to be done, but we will not  
10 enter into that or will move forward with that until we  
11 sign the agreement with the Texas Facilities Commission.  
12 But things are moving along. We're talking to all the  
13 right people and expect those agreements to be completed  
14 very soon.

15 If you have any questions about Camp Hubbard,  
16 I'll be happy to answer those, or I can turn it over to  
17 Annette.

18 MR. SCOTT: Are there any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. SCOTT: Okay.

21 MS. BOWMAN: Okay. Thank you.

22 MS. QUINTERO: Good afternoon, Chairman,  
23 Committee members, Executive Director Avitia. Annette  
24 Quintero, Vehicle Titles and Registration Division  
25 Director. I am going to give you an update on two

1 legislative items in VTR.

2           The first one is the Long Range Facilities Plan  
3 that we have been working on. That is a three-phase  
4 project, where we've broken this project into three  
5 phases.

6           The first phase is the customer plotting, where  
7 we are taking the zip codes of all of the customers that  
8 we serve and plotting them on their respective regional  
9 maps to identify and justify -- not justify -- but  
10 identify if the location of our original service center  
11 still meets the needs of the customers in that area.

12           Phase 2 is the transaction plotting, where we  
13 are doing something very similar, except for using  
14 transaction data and plotting transaction data on a map to  
15 ensure that we are serving customers in the appropriate  
16 areas as well. And then Phase 3 is the location reviews.

17           We are going office to office, conducting a needs  
18 assessment for those respective offices, identifying what  
19 those needs are, capturing them, and then we will go back  
20 and prioritize those needs for the upcoming biennium. It  
21 will help ensure that we are well prepared as we are  
22 having discussions about the upcoming LAR.

23           In addition to that project, we are also  
24 working on the Dallas and Houston expansion project, where  
25 we receive funds to open two new offices, one in Dallas,

1 one in Houston. We have broken that project into a few  
2 phases as well.

3 Phase 1 includes working with the Texas  
4 Facilities Commission to conduct a space study, work on  
5 the lease -- the language for those -- the leases in those  
6 two areas. And those drafts are underway.

7 We have also received some properties in Dallas  
8 and in Houston from the Texas Facilities Commission.  
9 We've reviewed the properties that they've provided us,  
10 dwindled that list down to a few properties, and have gone  
11 out to take a look at those properties to make sure that  
12 we have enough space for expansion in the future, enough  
13 parking space, and that there is ease of access for our  
14 customers.

15 And then the second phase of that project is  
16 staffing. So we have posted the six positions, customer  
17 service representative positions, for those two respective  
18 offices and expect to have those positions filled by the  
19 end of January. We will wait on the management positions  
20 for those two offices closer to when those two offices  
21 open.

22 And that concludes my update.

23 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you. Are there any  
24 questions for Ms. Quintero?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you.

2 MS. QUINTERO: Thank you.

3 MR. SCOTT: We can now move to Agenda Item  
4 4.E., which is a briefing on the RTS Update. And for  
5 that, we turn it over to Wendy Barron.

6 MS. BARRON: Good afternoon, Committee members,  
7 Executive Director Avitia. For the record, I am Wendy  
8 Barron, Chief Information Officer for the Texas DMV.

9 I'm here today to brief y'all on Committee Item  
10 4.E., the RTS replacement and ecosystem modernization.  
11 It's a briefing item only. There are no recommendations  
12 being presented today, and you can find the information  
13 for this item on page 14 of your materials.

14 So a little background about the project. In  
15 the last legislative session, we submitted a legislative  
16 appropriations request exceptional item for this biennium  
17 to initiate and plan for this project, to begin those  
18 phases of this larger project.

19 As part of this initiating planning phase,  
20 we've got several activities that we are working on. A  
21 significant part of the effort is to ensure that our  
22 current systems are fully optimized and upgraded. We want  
23 to ensure that they will remain operational fully through  
24 the duration of the larger project implementation.

25 There's several different initiatives occurring

1 at this time, and I'll talk about those a little bit  
2 later. The Department's also going to partner with the  
3 Department of Information Resources' Technology Solution  
4 Services' vendor, Deloitte, to conduct an internal  
5 assessment of the RTS ecosystem.

6 The internal assessment is going to include:  
7 an as-is evaluation of current systems; a recommended  
8 implementation plan, as it contemplates full replacement  
9 of the system over a period of time yet to be determined;  
10 and then recommendations on how to migrate the RTS  
11 ecosystem components in phases that would allow for  
12 minimal disruption in services to our customers.

13 We're also going to be conducting an external  
14 assessment with a DIR-contracted vendor. This assessment  
15 is going to look at the external market. It's going to  
16 evaluate products, look at what other DMVs are doing, what  
17 other agencies, state agencies, are doing, government  
18 organizations, with legacy system modernization.

19 They're going to do a market analysis and then  
20 come back with recommendations on optimal products or  
21 services that we can use and leverage in our own  
22 modernization effort. We're also going to be developing  
23 the quality assurance team documents in this biennium.

24 As part of the legislative appropriations  
25 request for the larger implementation, we are required by

1 law to submit supporting project management documents that  
2 align with the quality assurance team process. These  
3 documents include the business case justification,  
4 documenting, you know, why it's necessary to implement the  
5 RTS modernization and ecosystem upgrade.

6 Finally, we're going to initiate the  
7 development of the procurement documents and we're going  
8 to solicit external vendors to help us with this work.

9 So currently in progress, we are implementing  
10 several systems upgrades. We're upgrading servers,  
11 looking at our current architecture, decommissioning some  
12 servers.

13 We're also upgrading our core database system,  
14 the DB2 Database. That database really runs every other  
15 system that we have. So we're making sure it's current,  
16 it's optimized where it needs to be.

17 We're also looking at other applications and  
18 systems, making sure versioning is where it needs to be,  
19 and getting those upgrades planned and in place. We have  
20 completed the statement of work for the external  
21 assessment, and it is routing through the procurement  
22 process. We anticipate soliciting vendors in January.

23 We have submitted the demand ticket for the  
24 internal assessment, because we're going through the DIR  
25 Technology Services Program. It's a little bit different

1 process in how we bring the vendor on.

2 So the first step is to submit a demand ticket,  
3 requesting their portal. In that demand ticket, we had a  
4 very detailed scope of work, outlining what we wanted  
5 Deloitte to do as part of the internal assessment. We  
6 have started the joint application development sessions  
7 with Deloitte to discuss what was included in the demand  
8 ticket, making sure that they understand, you know, what  
9 we are requesting and our expectation of them as far as  
10 the work goes.

11 We've also hired the contract project manager  
12 that is going to help us run this project and develop the  
13 quality assurance team documents. He started last week,  
14 and we're really excited to have him on board.

15 So what's coming up next? Immediately, we're  
16 going to continue the systems upgrades. As I mentioned,  
17 we're going to wrap up the procurement process for the  
18 external statement of work, get those vendors solicited,  
19 get bids back, select a vendor, get that work started.

20 Solicitations, we anticipate, will happen in  
21 January. We're going to continue to work with Deloitte to  
22 implement the internal assessment. We anticipate wrapping  
23 up the key components of the internal and external  
24 assessments that we need to develop the budget planning  
25 for the LAR in April.

1           Those assessments are going to continue beyond  
2 April. There's components that I think we still want  
3 to -- information that we still want to get from those  
4 assessments that maybe don't necessarily -- we don't  
5 necessarily need that information to develop the budget.

6           So we want to -- but we have prioritized  
7 specific items in both of the assessments on things that  
8 we need for budget planning for the LAR. We are also  
9 going to, in the spring, start developing the solicitation  
10 for the procurement vendor, with an anticipation of having  
11 that vendor on board in the fall. And then we will -- and  
12 that's something, just for clarification, DIR strongly  
13 recommended that we do.

14           This is something that they do with their very  
15 large procurements. It's good to have that independent,  
16 kind of, third party to help you with running these large  
17 scale procurements. It just helps, kind of, have that  
18 independent group, if a vendor contests, and you know,  
19 something like that in the future.

20           And then just more hands make light work. This  
21 is a very large procurement. So having a specific vendor  
22 to do those procurement activities maximizes our capacity.

23           We'll also draft, as I mentioned, the LAR  
24 exceptional item for Phase 2 of this project. We'll  
25 finalize the QAT documentation, plan on getting that



1 wrapped up at the end of this spring, beginning of this  
2 summer, so that we can bring that information to you for  
3 your approval and then subsequent submission to the  
4 Legislative Budget Board in August.

5           Again, in October, we'll start developing --  
6 working -- bringing that vendor on, the procurement vendor  
7 that I mentioned, and developing the procurement documents  
8 with anticipation of having a very solid statement of work  
9 completed by the end of August. And then, pending  
10 legislative approval of the funding, we will initiate  
11 Phase 2 in September 2025.

12           And I am available to answer any questions you  
13 may have.

14           MR. SCOTT: Thank you. Are there any questions  
15 for Ms. Barron?

16           (No response.)

17           MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you. Okay.

18           We can now move to Agenda Item 5. We will not  
19 have a closed session today. So we're not taking up any  
20 Agenda Items 5 or 6.

21           We'll now move to Item 7, which is public  
22 comment. So Laura, do we have any public comments today?

23           MS. MORIATY: Laura Moriaty, General Counsel.  
24 And no, sir, we do not have any public comments.

25           MR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you. Unless there is

1 any further business, I would like to entertain a motion  
2 to adjourn.

3 MR. SCHLOSSER: (No audible response.)

4 MR. SCOTT: We have a motion from Member  
5 Schlosser. Do I have a second?

6 MR. ALVARADO: Second.

7 MR. SCOTT: Second from Committee Member  
8 Alvarado.

9 Committee Members, when I call your name,  
10 please state your vote for the record. Member Alvarado?

11 MR. ALVARADO: Aye.

12 MR. SCOTT: Member Schlosser?

13 MR. SCHLOSSER: Aye.

14 MR. SCOTT: And I, Chairman Scott, vote aye as  
15 well. Let the record reflect the vote is unanimous.

16 The meeting is adjourned.

17 (Whereupon, at 2:33 p.m., the meeting was  
18 concluded.)

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