

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:03 a.m.  
Thursday,  
July 11, 2019

Lone Star Room  
Building 1  
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Tommy Hansen, Chair  
Shay Gause  
Ashley Hunter  
Linda Kinney  
Armin Mizani  
Justin Owen  
Mike Rodriguez

STAFF:

Bryan Wilson, Director  
David Richards, General Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

1  
2 MR. HANSEN: Good morning, everyone. We'd  
3 like to get started today. My name is Tommy Hansen, and  
4 I'm pleased to open the Board meeting for the Automobile  
5 Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

6 It is 9:03 a.m. I'm now calling the Board  
7 meeting for July 11, 2019 to order. I would like to note  
8 for the record that public notice of this meeting,  
9 containing all items on the agenda, was timely filed with  
10 the Office of the Secretary of State on Tuesday, July 2,  
11 2019.

12 Before we begin today's meeting, please  
13 place -- that's a good idea -- please place all your cell  
14 phones and everything in the silent mode, please.

15 If you wish to address the board during  
16 today's meeting, please complete a speaker's card at the  
17 registration table. To comment on an agenda item, please  
18 complete a yellow sheet, as we mentioned a minute ago,  
19 and identify the agenda item, and if not an agenda item,  
20 we will take your comments during the public comment  
21 portion of the meeting.

22 I would like to now have a roll call. Member  
23 Hunter?

24 MS. HUNTER: Present.

25 MR. HANSEN: Member Owen?

1 MR. OWEN: Present.

2 MR. HANSEN: Member Gause?

3 MR. GAUSE: Present.

4 MR. HANSEN: Member Rodriguez?

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Present.

6 MR. HANSEN: Member Mizani?

7 MR. MIZANI: Here.

8 MR. HANSEN: Board Member Kinney?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. HANSEN: And let the record reflect that  
11 I, Tommy Hansen, am here too, as well, and we have a  
12 quorum.

13 I'd like to also reflect that Member Kinney is  
14 not here. I'd also like you to keep her in your prayers.

15 Her mother became very ill and had to be admitted to the  
16 hospital and she had to go to Fredericksburg yesterday to  
17 take care of that matter.

18 I'd like to introduce the new ABTPA members.  
19 Mr. Shay Gause is one of our new insurance  
20 representatives. Shay brings a lot to the table. He  
21 also has some law enforcement background, so that's good  
22 for us in many arenas.

23 Shay, would you like to say anything?

24 MR. GAUSE: I appreciate the introduction and  
25 also the time spent last night by the folks who

1 presented, the hard work that the staff has done in  
2 preparing recommendations, and definitely the committee  
3 that reviewed those and brought forth recommendations  
4 last night as well.

5 MR. HANSEN: Thank you very much.

6 Mr. Rodriguez, welcome to the Board again.  
7 I'd like to comment he's one of our newest members and  
8 has really stepped up to the plate, and glad to have him  
9 aboard here.

10 The last time we didn't get to meet Justin; I  
11 don't think Justin was able to make the last meeting.  
12 Mr. Owen, DPS representative. Justin luckily has a short  
13 learning curve here. He worked with one of our task  
14 forces for many years, Motor Vehicle Theft Service, so  
15 he's well in tune with what we do.

16 Justin, would you like to say anything?

17 MR. OWEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd just  
18 like to say I'm looking forward to working with the Board  
19 and with staff and with all of y'all grantees.  
20 Appreciate everything y'all do. Thank you.

21 MR. HANSEN: Okay. Our next item is approval  
22 of the transcript as minutes from the last meeting. I  
23 would like to make a motion to approve the transcript  
24 from the Board meeting of January 10, 2019. Is there a  
25 second?

1 MR. RICHARDS: We need to have one of the  
2 members make it.

3 MR. GAUSE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
4 motion to approve the transcript from the Board's January  
5 10, 2019 Board meeting as minutes.

6 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

7 MR. OWEN: Second.

8 MR. HANSEN: A motion has been made and  
9 seconded. Is there any further discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I will call for a  
12 vote. All those in favor of the transcript of the Board  
13 meeting of the 10th, Mr. Owen, please signify by raising  
14 your right hand.

15 (A show of hands.)

16 MR. HANSEN: All those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. HANSEN: The motion passes. Thank you  
19 very much.

20 Comments from the chairman and board members.

21 Most of you always know that I'm going to have something  
22 to say.

23 Good day to all. I'd like to comment on  
24 several matters here. First off, I'd like to thank,  
25 right off the bat, Justin and Mike for the amount of work

1 they did yesterday to try to smooth this operation, what  
2 we're going to have to go through today the best  
3 possible. I would like to thank everyone in the room  
4 that was here last night. For those that weren't, we  
5 didn't get out of here until about 9:00 or 9:30 last  
6 night, so it was a tedious long day.

7 I want to begin with this past year and the  
8 legislative session was bizarre at best. I want to thank  
9 all of our task force members who stepped up or had their  
10 association step up to the meetings with legislators and  
11 signing up for hearings concerning our bills. You may  
12 say what good was it. Well, we'll discuss this later.  
13 There were two bills passed that have a direct and long  
14 term effect on the task forces and us in Texas. There  
15 were many sleepless nights during this session, trust me  
16 on that. Tons of adult beverages were required to get  
17 through it.

18 I want to say a special thanks to our board  
19 members who have moved on in the past year. We had some  
20 members change and our new folks on. They all did a  
21 great job and we want to thank them, and we want to  
22 welcome our new board members to the chaos of the Auto  
23 Theft Prevention Authority. And I'm not referring to Mr.  
24 Wilson, I'm just saying. Come on, Bryan, you can smile.

25 (General laughter.)



1           MR. HANSEN: I'm looking forward to working  
2 with each and every board member. I would greatly like  
3 to see more interaction between our board members and our  
4 task forces. Several board members have already done  
5 some of this and the response was greatly appreciated by  
6 the grantees.

7           We as board members need to take  
8 responsibility as a board. There are a lot of things  
9 that need to be fixed, need to be moved, need to be  
10 changed, need to be deleted, but we need to do that as a  
11 team and that's only going to happen with better  
12 communication between us and everyone in this room. I  
13 think that came out yesterday, it was kind of a work  
14 session, so to speak, and I think there was a lot of  
15 dialogue and we need to have some more of those to move  
16 forward.

17           I want to especially thank ABTPA staff and  
18 DMV. During the recent tough times it was the teamwork  
19 and dedication that got us through this. Changes in the  
20 ABTPA office did not deter the remaining folks with help  
21 from DMV to keep us going.

22           Recently, thanks to Board Member Rodriguez,  
23 from Laredo, we had a meeting with the new DMV Board  
24 chair, Mr. Treviño. We discussed a lot of communications  
25 and a lot of issues that we share with them and we need

1 to be much more involved in their board as well as them  
2 coming to ours, and he was in total agreement to that.

3 This year, as past years, is going to be tough  
4 financially, however, I do believe there's light at the  
5 end of the tunnel and it's not a train, but I'm not going  
6 to hold my breath. Sunset Bill 604 will be changing our  
7 name and expanding our investigative authorities. More  
8 on that later.

9 House Bill 2048 will hopefully have long term  
10 positive effect on our funding. This past week, myself,  
11 Mr. Wilson, Mr. Miller from DMV and Mr. Lohman from the  
12 National Insurance Crime Bureau, met with Representative  
13 Zerwas at his office in Fort Bend County concerning House  
14 Bill 2048 and when will it have a positive effect on our  
15 funding. We had questions that even he could not answer,  
16 however, he assured us that he will get answers from his  
17 staff and the Legislative Budget Board. We received that  
18 answer and it's confusing at best. We'll discuss it at  
19 length later on in this agenda.

20 I've also had numerous conversations with Mr.  
21 Ryan Ambrose with Memorial Hermann Hospital, who helped  
22 develop House Bill 2048 because that's got to do with  
23 trauma centers funding as well, and more on that when we  
24 discuss this bill.

25 Our scoring mechanism obviously has been

1 something we're going to have to address because everyone  
2 in this room runs a different type of operation, and  
3 we're going to address that. I vow to do that.

4 We need to change our review process because  
5 I'm fully aware that if we lose any task forces we'll  
6 never get them back. That's just the way it works in our  
7 world, and I am aware of that, having been in this  
8 business for 45-1/2 years.

9 One of the things I'd like to comment that's  
10 come up, and it came up during the legislative session,  
11 is we're the best kept secret in the State of Texas -- we  
12 are the best kept secret in the State of Texas. And  
13 through the years -- and you're probably going to get  
14 tired of me saying this again -- I've encouraged you to  
15 visit with your legislators, I have encouraged you to  
16 provide them with reports on what you do, I have  
17 encouraged you, if you have a press conference on a major  
18 investigation, invite one of them. I know you may not  
19 like that, but they hold the purse strings here, folks,  
20 they hold the purse strings. So that's something that we  
21 need to get out, we need to promote this program better.

22 We do have a new program that Mr. Wilson will bring out  
23 later on promotion of our deal, and I think it's  
24 phenomenal, the new commercials and stuff. But the  
25 monkey is on our back as a whole, not just the board, not

1 just you, but we've got to do this together.

2 We've got some issues with some of the  
3 grantees that I think are repairable, but we're going to  
4 have to fix them. But yesterday and today, right before  
5 we do awards, is not the time to do that. And this  
6 refers back to what I said before, those grantees that  
7 have some paperwork issues or dynamics within their grant  
8 that's causing grief for the staff or for them, we're  
9 going to set up meetings with you and we're going to come  
10 visit with you and we're going to fix these and we're  
11 going to fix them together. Okay? We're going to fix  
12 them together. That's how we're going to have to do  
13 this.

14 We're also going to have to, as it came up  
15 yesterday -- and I'm just throwing out things that we're  
16 going to have to discuss in the future -- is modifying  
17 our grant deals to avoid any more duplication of any  
18 grants, multiple grants in the same jurisdictional areas.

19 We're going to have to address that, there's some legal  
20 issues with that, and I'm not saying we're throwing  
21 anybody to the wolves, but for the future we're going to  
22 have to bring that up.

23 I'd like to make it clear that we're going to  
24 have some tough decisions for now, and after the grant  
25 awards today, some of you are going to leave here happy,

1 some are going to be just relieved, and some are going to  
2 be just outright mad -- I almost said it, but mad. For  
3 that I'm sorry but we have to do what we have to do, and  
4 some of those problems are self-induced and we're going  
5 to work to fix those for the future.

6 One major thing that has made the ABTPA so  
7 successful has been the work and dedication by the task  
8 forces. The shining light has been the ability and  
9 desire of the task forces, regardless of location or  
10 size, to work together. From Amarillo to Brownsville and  
11 from Beaumont to El Paso, one of the things that's helped  
12 is we've worked as one, and we need to continue to do  
13 that. It's never been a question to assist an agency  
14 three counties away, however, in recent times this has  
15 not always been the case and this is not how we can  
16 accomplish the goals and objectives of the ABTPA.

17 I would like to think that the name change and  
18 the pending funding will be the start of a new and  
19 wonderful future for the ABTPA, or should I say MVCPA --  
20 to say that slowly. This is going to be a tedious  
21 stressful day, but we need to work on that.

22 The other couple of items I've added to this  
23 that we want to discuss in the future and have a  
24 workshop. Obviously it came out loud and clear yesterday  
25 that there's some confusion on stats and what we should

1 be claiming in our coverage area and what we're not  
2 claiming in our coverage area, and some of you are  
3 shooting yourself in the foot by not doing that, and we  
4 need to address that. Also, we need to work -- and we've  
5 talked about this before but we've never followed up on  
6 it completely and it's time to do it, is in the same  
7 workshop to work on definition of what you should claim,  
8 what's an arrest and what's a recovery. Comment I heard  
9 over there. Obviously this is a sore subject.

10 I'll end with saying that ABTPA has been a  
11 part of my life since 1989 when it was a draft on a  
12 yellow piece of paper. I am honored to be in this  
13 position right here sitting up here talking to all of  
14 you, and I will continue to devote everything I have to  
15 the success of this program, but we need to do this as a  
16 team because we are a team, and that's what's made us  
17 successful to this point.

18 That's all I have to say.

19 Also, we have a few congratulations here.  
20 Mickey Tolbert retiring from the North Texas Task Force.

21 Is Mickey here today? Well, if anybody has been around  
22 a while, you'll know who he is. Good luck on his work to  
23 the future there.

24 Harris County, Sam Cerda. Is Sam here today?  
25 Sam is also retiring, as well as Brian Quiser. Is Brian

1 here today from Harris County? No. Okay.

2 Good luck to all those guys in their future.  
3 Retirement is a big decision for all of us to make in our  
4 life and it's a tough way to go.

5 Board members, any comments, anybody?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. HANSEN: None. All right. You had your  
8 shot.

9 Briefing items, Mr. Wilson, number 2, discuss  
10 and consider de-obligation of the grant awards 2019.

11 MR. WILSON: So I apologize for the S on the  
12 end of that sentence on the agenda item. At the time  
13 that we were doing the agenda we had two, and then  
14 withdrew one prior to the creation of the book, so it  
15 wasn't a typo, it was the consideration that we were  
16 engaged in at the time.

17 But what you have starting on page 13 of your  
18 board book is that on March 25, Harris County withdrew  
19 seven investigators out of their task force and then  
20 about a month later they submitted. And then, of course,  
21 we did know it was coming so it wasn't a violation, this  
22 is a new process and we didn't quite know how to move  
23 through it, but it is unusual. We talked about de-  
24 obligation in our administrative manual but we don't  
25 provide a lot of detail, we don't expect it a whole lot.

1           So one of the things that they did, they went  
2 to their commissioners' court, moved the seven officers  
3 out of the grant, and then submitted a reduction in  
4 grant. The full value of the program went down by  
5 330,000 and some dollars, and so ABTPA's portion of that  
6 that we need to de-obligate is \$110,000. Now, in the  
7 past we've people not spend money and we just lost the  
8 money back into the general fund. In this particular  
9 case with our current funding system, if we don't de-  
10 obligate this money and get it off of a purchase order  
11 that's registered with the Comptroller right now, then we  
12 would just lose all of this money.

13           So since the commissioners court in Harris  
14 County has already taken this issue up, they've already  
15 told us what they were going to do, I don't have the  
16 authority under our current policy to de-obligate on my  
17 own, so we took this opportunity to get this \$110,000, if  
18 you agree to de-obligate this money, Mr. Richards has  
19 prepared an order that the chairman will sign, we'll send  
20 it over immediately through the financial system to drop  
21 our purchase order for that obligation in the CAPPS  
22 system with the Comptroller, and then that money will now  
23 be available for this meeting to obligate into the  
24 future. Okay?

25           Now, a lot of things can go wrong in that



1 scenario I just described, so we're going to do the best  
2 we can, but I want you to know I'm not in control, the  
3 Comptroller is in control, he's the elected official to  
4 manage the state finances. What we're doing, based on  
5 information and negotiations with the Comptroller's staff  
6 and the Texas DMV, the best strategy to get that money  
7 released off of the PO so you can obligate it later in  
8 this year.

9 Any questions?

10 MR. HANSEN: Thank you. Do we have a motion?

11 MR. OWEN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
12 motion to de-obligate \$110,000 of the FY 2019 grant award  
13 made to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and to allow  
14 the ABTPA director to amend or reissue a statement of  
15 grant award, as displayed on pages 13 through 15 of the  
16 ABTPA board meeting book.

17 MR. WILSON: Mr. Owen, thank you.

18 Is there a second?

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second.

20 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Rodriguez.

21 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
22 any further discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I'll call for a  
25 vote. All those in favor of de-obligating \$110,000 of

1 the FY 2019 grant awards to the Harris County Sheriff's  
2 Office and to allow ABTPA director to amend and reissue a  
3 state grant award, as displayed on pages 13 to 15 of the  
4 board book, please signify by raising your hand in favor.

5 All in favor?

6 (A show of hands.)

7 MR. HANSEN: Any opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. HANSEN: None. The motion passes. Thank  
10 you very much.

11 Item number 3, discuss and consider adoption  
12 of the FY2019 budget and FY2020 budget, including amounts  
13 to award for the 2020 grants. Mr. Wilson.

14 MR. WILSON: Some of you that have been on the  
15 board a while know that about every time sometime in the  
16 summer I go scrambling through the ABTPA portion of the  
17 DMV budget and try to identify every single item that we  
18 thought we were going to spend, we thought we were going  
19 to buy, we thought we were going to obligate at the  
20 beginning of the year, and then I clean all of those  
21 categories out and then move them into the grants line  
22 item.

23 Now, this year we have a little bit of a  
24 surprise, we'd actually be down over another \$136,000  
25 except for the fact that two years ago this board asked

1 the LBB and the Governor for permission to carry forward  
2 the unexpended balance from '18 into '19, and so because  
3 of that, we're sitting a little bit better than we should  
4 have. I only had anticipated we had less than \$600,000  
5 with this de-obligation and the unexpended balance  
6 authority, but the LBB did put kind of, I guess, a catch  
7 or a dedication when they moved that money, and the  
8 Governor as well, when they moved that money they said it  
9 can only be spent on grants.

10 And so that's where this composition that you  
11 see in your board book on page 17 is a budget change  
12 really in the first line for the \$35,000 this board  
13 awarded as a contract amendment to Texas A&M University  
14 to do that bait car research. We just ran into a lot of  
15 issues in trying to get the contract amended and all the  
16 things, and Ms. Flores and I had a meeting a few weeks  
17 ago and said, you know, you guys have the authority to do  
18 a grant on that and we can just bypass the whole system  
19 because your authority is mostly grants, you've done the  
20 NICB, you can turn this into a grant, and then I don't  
21 have to go through all the contract amendment processes.

22 As many of you have probably read over the  
23 last four or five years, there's been some serious  
24 contract problems with the State of Texas, and even  
25 though it seemed like a slam dunk with an interagency

1 agreement, it still gets caught up into the multiple  
2 layers of process and review and approval outside of this  
3 board.

4           So you awarded this in January, I've been  
5 working six months, David and I, to try to implement what  
6 you told me to do and it's been just nightmare after  
7 nightmare. And so we're just converting this into a  
8 grant, we carry the money off into the future, and if  
9 you're okay with it, that's what we'll do. Texas A&M  
10 will have time to do the research, and remember, the  
11 federal program we were trying to mirror on this was  
12 officer-directed bait car research. The feds started a  
13 new program doing officer-directed research instead of  
14 having it kind of top down, and so that's what drove this  
15 whole policy to try to figure out why we have so many  
16 good operations that result in lots of arrests and  
17 cleared cases on bait cars and then some apply numerous  
18 bait car opportunities and don't.

19           The other thing is then that's \$800,000 which  
20 is partly constructed, again, at the top of page 18 --  
21 sorry -- 17. That's \$110,000 that you just de-obligated  
22 from Harris County and all the other categories I've been  
23 able to clear out and move into this category. So that's  
24 for '19, that's the current year we're in, to move that  
25 money and make it available for what we're going to be

1 talking about today in the FY20 grants. And then the  
2 rest of it is this information about how we're going to  
3 be spending the money on this going into this next year.

4 The staff recommendation is that you authorize  
5 me to convert into a grant the Texas A&M University  
6 research project, take all available funds and make them  
7 available for the grant considerations that you'll be  
8 doing here in a little bit, and then finally, approve the  
9 FY20 budget, as indicated on this sheet.

10 Any questions?

11 MR. MIZANI: Bryan, the A&M research, that  
12 \$35,000, I know we're looking at converting it from  
13 contract to grant, is that the same amount as it was in  
14 the last fiscal year?

15 MR. WILSON: Well, in this current fiscal year  
16 in January when you approved it, it was \$50,000, and  
17 \$15,000 was to do some enhancements on our data tracking  
18 system prior to the application process and changes we  
19 wanted to make and to facilitate the application and  
20 collection of data. That went out the window. You know,  
21 obviously you're looking at the final products of the  
22 grants and none of those enhancements got taken care of.

23 So it was \$50-, but the research portion of it that we  
24 presented to you in January was just \$35,000.

25 MR. MIZANI: So then can we anticipate for the

1 next ongoing fiscal years that that amount is going to be  
2 then the same, the \$35-?

3 MR. WILSON: Not necessarily unless this group  
4 or this board decides, you know, we got some good  
5 information from bait cars, let's do something on LPRs or  
6 let's do something -- in other words, it's supposed to be  
7 driven into the process of who's actually implementing,  
8 or at least that's the federal model I'm trying to  
9 implement at the state level.

10 MR. MIZANI: I guess what I'm trying to get at  
11 is do we have a year-to-year contract with A&M or is this  
12 a long-term contract we have and if we want to add  
13 additional things then we can do that? But what is the  
14 fixed term that we have with A&M?

15 MR. WILSON: It was a four-year contract to  
16 develop and operate the system on A&M's servers. It has  
17 one more year -- I think we're going to be covering that  
18 here in a few minutes or towards the end of the board  
19 meeting. That is for the grant management tracking  
20 system to make sure we have data. I mean, last night a  
21 bunch of stuff came up, you know, how many bait cars, how  
22 many arrests, and we can immediately respond to the  
23 request. So that's the data tracking system and we have  
24 one more year on that contract, and then it will have to  
25 be renewed and usually it's renewed -- again, state

1 obligations are always for one year with multiple  
2 renewals allowed. So I just want to be clear, whatever  
3 you do it's always for one year, and then David will  
4 write a contract with four extensions or three  
5 extensions.

6 So we have two pending contracts right now,  
7 that we'll talk about later, that is part of this money  
8 but it's a separate issue. One of them is this GMTS or  
9 A&M contract for the grant tracking system, and that was  
10 a four-year contract with one year and so we're getting  
11 you to authorize us to extend it for another year, so  
12 this is the budget side, but then there's also David  
13 needs the authority to provide the actual authorization  
14 to extend the contract, so that's two pieces. I'm taking  
15 care of the money right now.

16 The second contract that y'all maintain on a  
17 regular basis is the one with the Comptroller of Public  
18 Accounts. We pay them \$10,000 to run the webfile system  
19 so that all the insurers don't have to send in a hard  
20 check and fill out a paper form, they already have the  
21 system to do that, so we've just been paying them \$10,000  
22 to run their system for us and collect the \$50 million.

23 MR. MIZANI: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. WILSON: Does that help you?

25 MR. MIZANI: Yes, it does.

1 MR. WILSON: But when we're obligating this  
2 \$35,000 today, when I actually give the award to A&M if  
3 you approve it, what I'm actually doing is that award  
4 will go on '19 money all the way to March 31.

5 MR. HANSEN: Any other questions, comments?

6 MR. MIZANI: I'd like to make a motion.

7 MR. HANSEN: We have a motion?

8 MR. MIZANI: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
9 motion that the board adopt the updated fiscal year 2019  
10 budget and obligate an amount not to exceed \$800,000, as  
11 recommended by staff, to fiscal year '19 ongoing grants,  
12 as displayed on page 17 of the board meeting book, and I  
13 further move that the board adopt fiscal year '20 budget,  
14 as displayed on page 17 of the book.

15 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

16 MR. GAUSE: Mr. Chair, I second the motion.

17 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Gause.

18 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
19 any further discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I will call for a  
22 vote. All those in favor of adopting the updated FY19  
23 budget and obligating an amount not to exceed \$800,000 to  
24 FY19 ongoing grants, and adopting the FY20 budget, as  
25 displayed on page 17, please signify by raising your



1 hand.

2 (A show of hands.)

3 MR. HANSEN: None opposed. The motion passes.

4 MR. HANSEN: Number 4, review, discuss, and  
5 consider changes to the FY2020 request for applications  
6 and ABTPA grant review process.

7 MR. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, this is Bryan  
8 Wilson, for the record.

9 So this is where it gets a little fuzzy  
10 because we had a six or seven hour meeting last night,  
11 maybe it felt like nine or ten. So this is where we  
12 probably need to defer to the committee chair -- sorry to  
13 do this -- about what parts of this you would like me to  
14 cover, because I did a pretty extensive layout last  
15 night. I'm not sure that that needs to be done again,  
16 but if you think that some parts of it need to be brought  
17 out, then I think before we move on.

18 Although there were no votes taken last night  
19 on this matter, the committee that met did not seem to be  
20 in the position to adopt a change in the RFA process or  
21 the grant consideration, although the net result will  
22 result in a different process than what was posted in the  
23 RFA. In other words, what was discussed last night and  
24 the general consensus from that meeting was that you  
25 would alter the published RFA to meet the different

1 standards.

2 So I will lay out, like I did yesterday in the  
3 meeting, this process, but I'm not sure you want to hear  
4 all that and then not follow it. So I have to defer to  
5 the committee chair or to you, Mr. Chairman, on what to  
6 do next.

7 MR. HANSEN: I feel that this is something,  
8 obviously, that when Mike finishes what he's going to say  
9 that we probably are going to need to put on an agenda  
10 for the next board meeting to make whatever changes,  
11 doing away with the current, developing new, or whatever  
12 we decide. If that's the direction that we're going to  
13 go, this is something that's going to need to put on the  
14 agenda to make that decision at the next board meeting.  
15 Is that correct, Mr. Richards?

16 MR. RICHARDS: It would have to be the next  
17 one, yes. That's right.

18 MR. HANSEN: So there's nothing we can  
19 actually do today but I think it would be good for Mike  
20 to lay out their recommendations, their findings from  
21 yesterday.

22 MR. WILSON: Well, this is a different action  
23 item -- sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt, Mr. Rodriguez,  
24 you did get recognized.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, that's fine.

1           MR. WILSON: This is a different action item  
2 than what the awards are. This is do you want to  
3 consider -- does this board want to consider changing the  
4 process that you published. Remember yesterday we talked  
5 about that at the grant meeting, but two steps: number  
6 one, do you want to make a change before we consider  
7 these grants, and if you do -- and that's when I laid out  
8 the scoring system and I went through all the detail of  
9 these pages -- and then you talked about what grants  
10 should we award.

11           So it's fine, Mr. Chairman, but I just want to  
12 make sure that we follow a process. Number one is if you  
13 don't want to discuss this agenda item, just go on to the  
14 next one, and then that's where we'll lay out what was  
15 discussed last night.

16           MR. RICHARDS: Can I say something?

17           MR. HANSEN: Yes.

18           MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, this is David  
19 Richards, legal counsel.

20           Mr. Wilson, I think for the benefit of those  
21 members who were not here yesterday, if you could even  
22 give a thumbnail sketch, I think they deserve to hear  
23 each agenda item that's posted so they know what the  
24 process -- how it unfolded yesterday.

25           If that's all right with you.

1 MR. HANSEN: No, that's fine.

2 MR. WILSON: So the scoring system is an  
3 entirely online system, it has two components. Obviously  
4 it orders the applications into a system that the board  
5 adopted in 2014, October of 2014. It was done on paper  
6 until we went to the online system and now it's done  
7 electronically. So the applicants fill out a logical  
8 application but for the scoring system, as the ones that  
9 participated in the scoring, it brings up only the text  
10 that you need to consider that score.

11 So what you see in the board book, and again,  
12 I'm not going to go into the detail of last night, but  
13 it's different sections, a budget section, a needs  
14 section, and we had three board members that scored these  
15 applications. Two of them did not do the budget, the  
16 third one did, so I deleted the budget just to make it  
17 mathematically consistent. Then two staff people scored  
18 all sections. So that was the result that came out in  
19 the scoring mechanism in the book when we gave you the  
20 scores at later pages.

21 So beyond that, there's some rules that the  
22 board adopted several years ago that were conditions  
23 which somebody couldn't get a grant from ABTPA if they  
24 couldn't hit the needs structure. In other words, if  
25 there weren't enough auto thefts in their area as set by

1 the board, which is the raw DPS stats, then they could  
2 not get a grant under your system, under the adopted  
3 system. And I believe there were a couple, there was one  
4 we couldn't determine because it was the type of program  
5 that wouldn't lend itself for us to calculate that, and  
6 then the other one -- was it two, Dan? There were two  
7 that there was not sufficient auto theft for this body to  
8 provide a grant.

9 Any other questions? Again, that's the  
10 thumbnail, high level. That's all I would have on that  
11 issue.

12 MR. HANSEN: Mike, did you have something?

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The  
14 mechanism that was put in place by staff was not entirely  
15 used by yesterday's committee. Myself and Board Member  
16 Owen saw the recommendation and most of the numbers that  
17 we saw -- and I'll give an example, Houston, for the City  
18 of Houston to just fund at a level of \$350,000 did not  
19 make sense to this committee, so we took other things  
20 into consideration when recommending a certain number for  
21 a specific grantee, and for that reason I'm not going to  
22 say that we entirely moved away from the mechanism that  
23 the staff did and used, but we did some digging into what  
24 would be best for that grantee.

25 And again, there's going to be some rules put

1 in place for every grantee that is going to be awarded  
2 today, that again, I keep conveying this to everyone that  
3 we need to just do better at our stats, but I will go  
4 into that once we move into the next item.

5 MR. HANSEN: And this goes back to what I  
6 mentioned earlier is that we discovered yesterday that  
7 some of the grantees were cheating themselves out of  
8 numbers that should be available for their service area  
9 and other areas like that were discovered yesterday. And  
10 so I commend the committee yesterday for looking at the  
11 real facts and let's try to get everybody through this  
12 and then move forward to fixing that for all the grantees  
13 for the future.

14 So thank you, Mike.

15 Any other comments?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. HANSEN: We don't need to vote on that  
18 one, do we?

19 MR. RICHARDS: No.

20 MR. HANSEN: Moving forward to number 5,  
21 review, discuss, and consider data elements provided in  
22 applications and other reports to meet ABTPA statutory  
23 requirements.

24 MR. WILSON: So this is a pretty brief  
25 section. There's kind of a layout on page 31 that

1 depending on what you decide to do later in the next  
2 agenda item, we just need you to know that there are  
3 certain things that have to be taken into consideration  
4 when you look at the law and what my responsibility is  
5 under the Uniform Grant Management Standards, which is  
6 part of the law. I mean, I want to be clear, the Uniform  
7 Grant Management Standards are in Chapter 383 of the  
8 Texas Government Code. All state agencies are required  
9 by law to follow that standard, it's not an option.

10           There are sections that allow governor-  
11 appointed boards or legal authorities to waive a specific  
12 requirement. In other words, you have to do it  
13 deliberately because if you leave it to staff, I can't do  
14 anything. But you can say we're going to fund pink  
15 underwear across the entire state, it's not necessarily  
16 reasonable, it's not necessarily rational for this  
17 program, but you can take a vote and if you agree by  
18 majority vote that that's something you want to buy as  
19 part of this program, then there's nothing as staff that  
20 I can do to prohibit a law enforcement agency from  
21 charging us for those expenditures. So I just want to be  
22 clear, the board has discretion to make its choices but  
23 it can't rely on staff to go over or violate any of those  
24 standards.

25           So one of the standards adopted by the

1     comptroller is called supplanting, and supplanting is  
2     where if you were doing a brand new program and every  
3     year you paid for a police officer and then all of a  
4     sudden -- and this board has dealt with a jurisdiction a  
5     few years ago that had eight officers, they wanted to go,  
6     Poof, two of them are now auto theft investigators and  
7     they're still going to end up at the end of the grant  
8     cycle with eight officers, that's supplanting, and the  
9     board chose -- you weren't willing to do that. You would  
10    gladly, for a large urban area, buy two new officers as  
11    long as they backfilled and ended up with a total of ten.

12    That's not supplanting. But you could have, and as  
13    David pointed out years ago, you could have done that, I  
14    can't. I want to be clear about that, I can't do that.  
15    You could have chosen to let that jurisdiction have that  
16    supplanting and had a total of eight officers when, Poof,  
17    two of them would just be turned into state funded  
18    resources. As you decided years ago, it was not a wise  
19    use of money but you could have done that and that's why  
20    it was before this board.

21            In this case there's some grants specifically  
22    to -- laid out on page 31 -- if you decide to award them  
23    and you don't deal with the supplanting issue, I will not  
24    be able to solve that problem. In other words, you have  
25    a jurisdiction who gave \$1.4 million in contribution last



1 year to an ongoing program -- or is it \$1.2-, and they've  
2 reduced it to \$600,000. So if you say give them an award  
3 for X amount of dollars and they have \$600,000 in match,  
4 if this board doesn't take care of that and either waive  
5 it, say, Bryan, you can negotiate up to half of it,  
6 whatever you want to do, then I can go forward with legal  
7 counsel and I can try to negotiate, okay, you're going to  
8 get a million dollars, you cut your match by \$600,000 but  
9 if you'll raise it back by \$300,000, we'll be good, you  
10 can have this million dollars -- throwing out an example.

11 But what I'm really worried about, after the  
12 discussions last night, is if you award that amount and  
13 I've got two major -- one went from \$1.2 million down to  
14 \$500,000, and he sent you a letter this morning or last  
15 night that I placed in front of you, he's saying it's a  
16 new grant, every year is different. Well, that's not the  
17 way the feds work and that's the way other state programs  
18 and it's certainly not what you can read in the plain  
19 language of the Uniform Grant Management Standards. If  
20 you have an officer already funded, you can't just pull  
21 those officers out and say, Now I want to use state money  
22 for doing that.

23 So I just want to be clear, on this item there  
24 are several things that are currently going on in these  
25 grant applications that if you award the amounts that the

1 committee is thinking about proposing here in a few  
2 minutes, I won't be able to do that award unless you say  
3 waive the match or waive the -- and keep in mind that the  
4 second part of that is if you do it with these, you have  
5 all the other ones that are still on the hook for the  
6 full amount of the match, and so you'll have to deal with  
7 the equity issue of the board. It's not my place to tell  
8 you what that is, I just want you to know that all the  
9 other grantees who came in at full match or cash match  
10 will then be on the hook.

11 So like I said, Houston reduced their match,  
12 City of Houston, on this grant by \$858,000, and then you  
13 have Harris County went from \$2.3- down to \$500,000, and  
14 that's the letter you have in front of you that's the  
15 sheriff saying that should be totally acceptable to you.

16 I'm the one with the problem.

17 Any other questions?

18 MR. MIZANI: I'm waiting for that Southwest  
19 commercial: "Want to get away?" I didn't hear it yet.

20 (General laughter.)

21 MR. HANSEN: Okay. A question then. If we  
22 later adopt the recommendations of the committee and the  
23 amounts set forth in that recommendation, there are  
24 mechanisms in place that before they accept that we can  
25 go back to that grantee and say that this adjustment or

1 that adjustment will have to be made before you can  
2 actually receive it.

3 MR. WILSON: Absolutely. Again, the Uniform  
4 Grant Management Standards is very plain that I can't do  
5 that, Bryan Wilson, grant administrator, director of  
6 ABTPA staff cannot do anything. The Comptroller can do  
7 stuff and you can do things as a board. But if you make  
8 that award and this is \$500,000, I can't give that award.

9 David, you're the legal counsel, but I don't  
10 see any way under Chapter 383 that I can issue that award  
11 unless you say, We're waiving the match, fine, just give  
12 them the million dollars -- again, I don't have the  
13 number in front of me but whatever the grant is -- give  
14 them the million dollars and don't worry about the match;  
15 we're taking a definitive action as a board saying let it  
16 go, they'll only provide \$500,000, and so they go from  
17 \$2.3 million down to \$500,000.

18 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, David Richards,  
19 for the record.

20 Mr. Wilson's statement is accurate. We're  
21 going to have to either negotiate them or you're going to  
22 have to waive it, and whatever the repercussions of that  
23 is, vis-à-vis the other grantees, should be taken into  
24 consideration. But Bryan is accurate, he cannot do that  
25 by himself.

1 MR. MIZANI: So you're looking for direction.

2 MR. WILSON: Well, in this agenda item you're  
3 either going to take up what you would like to do, in  
4 other words a strategy, if you will, that the board can  
5 deliberate and say that for these two -- there's some  
6 smaller ones on the list but our threshold is 5 percent,  
7 anybody can move 5 percent, that's always been the  
8 board's standard, we publish that out in the RFA, if  
9 you're within 5 percent. So people can get cost of  
10 living increases and things like that, we get it, budgets  
11 are budgets, they're planning documents, not legal  
12 documents. So we understand that there's movement, so  
13 the board has always used for the close-outs and things  
14 like that 5 percent. So there are a couple that are just  
15 outside of the 5 percent, I think one might 10, 12,  
16 something like that, but they're not far out. These are  
17 double and triple digits and they're huge sums of money.

18 MR. MIZANI: So in my opinion, Bryan -- and I  
19 don't know, Mr. Chairman, are you looking for us to just  
20 conversate what our thoughts are?

21 MR. HANSEN: Yes. Go ahead.

22 MR. MIZANI: So I think my position would be  
23 look at the four corners of our requirements, I think if  
24 we were to waive it sounds like we're going to have an  
25 equity issue, right, if we waive it?

1           MR. WILSON: I mean, I can't speak for the  
2 grantees but these are cities and counties that are  
3 represented here today, and so if you took one large  
4 jurisdiction and really greatly reduced. I've been  
5 negotiating with many of these for years on other issues.  
6 They've tried to press their cities and counties, even  
7 board members represented here today, that their  
8 jurisdictions have felt the weight of a lower -- in other  
9 words, wanting to increase their reimbursement rate. I'm  
10 just saying we'll have to figure out a strategy to say  
11 either we'll give you the million dollars but you've  
12 still got to put in the two million, which they probably  
13 won't accept that because they wrote a grant application  
14 saying they wanted some relief.

15           And I don't want to spend too much time, but  
16 on the other hand, as we went through a \$2-1/2 million  
17 cut two years ago, as we've gone through other stagnant  
18 fundings where their programs have had to grow and their  
19 cost of living went up and the health care has  
20 skyrocketed in much of these last eight years, all those  
21 jurisdictions have picked up the slack to keep this  
22 program operating. So I don't think it's irrational to  
23 recognize what their trauma is in trying to justify why  
24 does Harris County, for instance, pay two-thirds of the  
25 operating cost to our one-third of the grant when many of

1 these grantees are getting 80 percent reimbursement for a  
2 20 percent match. So I don't think it's irrational what  
3 they're asking for but it just leaves me unable to deal  
4 with it on my own. The board has to come up with a way  
5 to say, well, they turned in a new application, they  
6 followed our process but we know that it is still an  
7 ongoing grant.

8 In the case of Harris County they've removed a  
9 lot of their officers, so they've already taken out a lot  
10 of their structured costs, but as we heard last night in  
11 the committee meeting, Houston didn't change any of their  
12 costs, they just moved it into a different category, so  
13 to me, that's an easy fix is to bring some or most of it  
14 back over, if they're willing to do that, but if you give  
15 me the authority, I can go negotiate that if you give me  
16 a dollar amount that I can address it.

17 Now, the Harris County thing is much more  
18 difficult. I don't know. They've made it clear, through  
19 my personal conversations with the chief deputy and their  
20 accountants and things like that, they are not willing to  
21 continue funding this grant at the current level.

22 MS. HUNTER: Sorry. Why are we making this  
23 harder than it seems to be? I mean, if it's 5 percent,  
24 do we need to change the rule, or I just feel like we're  
25 going around in circles trying to make the thing work for

1 one or two groups. I mean, I get what you're saying but  
2 the problem is it's like, okay, we're just spinning our  
3 wheels here. Like what is it? You've got two or three  
4 people who want more so you're going to pull from others.

5 I guess why is this? Why don't we just say no?

6 MR. MIZANI: And I would second that as well.

7 Mr. Chairman, I think my inclinations are we stick with  
8 it. I wouldn't want to waive it certainly. I think  
9 there's an equity argument to be made for all the other  
10 agencies, and so I would agree, I think if we've got a 5  
11 percent number, I would want to stay close to that. I  
12 would not be opposed if this board wants to negotiate and  
13 give staff the authority to do that, I also wouldn't be  
14 opposed to that, but I think we have to be cautious.

15 I think the sheriff's letter was well written,  
16 it was convincing, but he did have a line and I think his  
17 argument was, "The county's fiscal position is natural  
18 ebbs and flows" and so we ought to consider that, but at  
19 the same time so does the state and so does this agency  
20 or so does this task force. And so I would just second  
21 what was just stated for those reasons.

22 MR. HANSEN: But the reasoning on that letter  
23 from Harris County, that was truly based on the fact of  
24 the original scoring process. In that document there was  
25 recommendation that they not be funded, period, and

1 that's not the direction in any way, shape or form that  
2 the committee wants to go with that.

3 MR. MIZANI: I'd agree with that.

4 MR. HANSEN: So in knowing how this works, for  
5 these folks out here in the audience, I think moving  
6 forward with the awards and negotiating because these  
7 people out here are not in a position to stand up to that  
8 podium right now and make a decision without it going  
9 through authorized personnel within their agency. I  
10 think most of these grants have been around long enough  
11 that if we can do these awards appropriately, that if we  
12 cannot come to a negotiable agreement, then we'll take  
13 that money and move it elsewhere. But it would pain me  
14 to see us today lose or take a chance of losing one of  
15 our very key programs or any of our key programs, or any  
16 of our programs -- they're all key to this mechanism --  
17 without not going to the end of the limit to do that.

18 And I think so if we can do that, give Mr.  
19 Wilson the authority to do the awards accordingly,  
20 whatever the board decides to go with, and if it anywhere  
21 resembles what the recommendations are, then I think at  
22 that point in time we should authorize Mr. Wilson, and I  
23 think if it requires one of the board members to also go  
24 sit down with chiefs and sheriffs or whatever to bring  
25 the numbers to something we can live with or something



1 close to it that we'd have to come back and approve, then  
2 I think I would like to move forward in that direction.

3 MS. HUNTER: What are we negotiating, first?  
4 I mean, someone is on Mars and the other person is on  
5 Earth. I mean, it's not even talking the same language,  
6 so what's the number, like if they're within 10 percent,  
7 if they're within five? I mean, at this point we're just  
8 making up numbers. If the number is five, then so what  
9 is the number?

10 MR. HANSEN: Well, the problem we had is most  
11 of these grant applications were based on the assumption  
12 or the hope that we were going to have additional funds,  
13 and that's not the case. So we're kind of back to square  
14 one from the original where we were the last cycle as far  
15 as at least for now, the first year of this budget. So I  
16 think it's just a matter of them realigning their match,  
17 once they're given an award to get their match to meet  
18 the requirements, but it's hard to do that when you were  
19 applying for this and now you're getting this and you're  
20 not sure what your match should be until you get awarded.

21 MS. HUNTER: Well, I guess that is my point  
22 because if we're not getting additional funding and then  
23 we're not even following our own rules, that's not going  
24 to look great the next time we go to the lege and ask for  
25 money. Right? Like we're not even following our own

1 rules. I mean, that's just how I'm looking at it.

2 MR. HANSEN: Okay. Any other comments? Any  
3 direction?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. HANSEN: Before we move to item number 6,  
6 which will be consideration of the new grants, I'd like  
7 to move public comment up because the two that we  
8 received are concerning the grant awards, so I'd like to  
9 move that up, if the board is okay with that.

10 First one, Mr. Hale, Richard Hale, Travis  
11 County. If you could state your name and who you  
12 represent when you get started.

13 MR. HALE: My name is Richard Hale, sergeant  
14 with the Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force.

15 I'll start out on a little jovial note since  
16 everybody is so solemn right now. After leaving last  
17 night, I put the address for Waze to come back here this  
18 morning, and it was the first time that Waze ever told me  
19 not to come, but I'm here.

20 (General laughter.)

21 MR. HALE: So what do I represent? I  
22 represent a 17-county task force that currently has six  
23 agents assigned, one of those is at 50 percent. The  
24 Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force is comprised of  
25 17 counties: Guadalupe, Comal, Hays, Jefferson, Travis,

1 Wharton, Bell, Blanco, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette,  
2 Gonzales, Lee, Milam, Llano, Williamson and Wilson.  
3 That's a 17-county area that we're required to cover.

4 In the request that I submitted for the grant  
5 award, which was a continued grant, it only included a  
6 salary increase and direct operating expenses. Having  
7 been involved in the legislative process and being at the  
8 Capitol, I was very unsure whether we were going to get  
9 the funding or not, so I stayed on the safe place that I  
10 thought would be the best choice. So what ended up  
11 happening was the recommendation from staff was to reduce  
12 the grant award which left us in a deficit of some  
13 \$13,800 for salaries.

14 Last night, after the board discussion, we  
15 received notification that they would be all funded but  
16 some would have to take a hit, some would have to be  
17 reduced. Thinking that surely salaries would be  
18 important to keep agents on and not have to cut anyone's  
19 salary, I felt confident that the board would recommend  
20 the minimum that I needed which was \$645,253 just to meet  
21 the salary obligation for the grant. However, the  
22 rollback was to the previous grant year which reduced it  
23 another \$354, so instead of the \$13,000 shortfall, it's  
24 now \$14,116 in salaries.

25 The recommendation also indicated that the

1 SCATTF unit was supplanting. I had no prior knowledge  
2 that we were supplanting. We emailed the ABTPA staff to  
3 get some guidance on that and I was surprised to see that  
4 beginning the third quarter of this year that we were  
5 supplanting, and I still have no explanation of that  
6 today.

7 Lastly, we answer to 17 sheriffs, the board of  
8 governors. They meet twice a year, they're our governing  
9 body, they dictate to us how we operate and how we do  
10 things. So if I'm going to be cut -- and it's a  
11 financial decision, I understand that -- I would  
12 respectfully request that I get something in writing that  
13 I can bring to these sheriffs, that I can explain to them  
14 why we're cutting this percentage or we're going to take  
15 an agent out of a county, so that I can inform those  
16 sheriffs with the proper response on why this is  
17 happening.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. HANSEN: Thank you, Richard.

20 Next would be Victoria. Jerry.

21 MR. SEPULVEDA: Detective Jerry Sepulveda,  
22 Victoria Police Department.

23 And it's the same lines as the communication,  
24 knowing what's needed and what's not needed. It was a  
25 grading system used to calculate whether you were

1 approved or not. We would like to know some feedback,  
2 what was wrong, what we did right, what we did wrong.  
3 That would be great so we could improve next year.

4 I saw that you have excellent on there, I'd  
5 like to get excellent, so if I didn't do that, I'd like  
6 to improve it. I don't know and if we could get some  
7 feedback or some paperwork saying this is what you're  
8 doing right, this is what you're doing wrong. So just  
9 feedback and definitions on what's required, we'd be  
10 really grateful from y'all.

11 MR. HANSEN: Thank you, Jerry. That goes back  
12 to my comment earlier about better communications between  
13 us and task forces.

14 The last one, Houston PD.

15 MS. HITZMAN: Good morning. My name is Dana  
16 Hitzman. I'm the commander of the Auto Theft Division  
17 for the Houston Police Department.

18 I just want to clarify some of the statements  
19 because I feel like the whole story is not being told  
20 here. The Houston Police Department is still giving the  
21 same \$1.2 million that we gave in the previous grant. It  
22 was all previously under cash match, half of it's been  
23 moved to in-kind. We're still paying the same officers,  
24 it's still coming out of our pocket. Not only did we  
25 meet the 20 percent cash match, we're at 28 percent. We

1 are in compliance with the requirements of the  
2 application. Those facts are not being told to the  
3 board, so I just want to make sure that's presented.

4 I also have Leann Hoang, from our budget and  
5 finance, who would like to speak about the other budget  
6 issues.

7 MS. HOANG: Well, first of all, we've been  
8 audited by the federal government every year, and one of  
9 the subjects that they audit us was supplanting, and HPD  
10 was never fined on supplanting, so I don't know. We have  
11 14 officers that was directly working on this ABTPA  
12 projects and they continue to work. We just add an  
13 additional eight people in. If you award us or not, we  
14 will take them out, but it was never supplanting.

15 What happened was we did not -- that full  
16 reimbursement was based on actual costs that was last  
17 year and this alone we made sure that we will meet the  
18 cash requirement. So for us, I come to Director Wilson  
19 and asked him for advice, and the advice from him was to  
20 say, well, other agencies do this, if you put the in-kind  
21 match, then you surely will meet your cash match so you  
22 can get full reimbursement on actual costs which is for  
23 this program. So that's all we did was put in an in-kind  
24 match because it was not going to affect -- we wanted to  
25 make sure that we will meet the cash match portion so we

1 will get full reimbursement based on the award amount.  
2 That's all we did.

3 But the cash match and in-kind basically are  
4 actually cash that was paid by the City of Houston as a  
5 match, it's just the reporting is different. It has  
6 nothing to do with we're not meeting the cash match. We  
7 still have to report the in-kind match and cash match,  
8 it's just the category that we split it at. It has  
9 nothing to do with supplanting or that we did not meet  
10 the requirement of the grant saying that we should do.

11 So to me, that statement is incorrect. If you  
12 awarded us, it's not because we are supplanting, that  
13 means you have to award everybody that's supplanting. We  
14 are not supplanting, period. The 14 officers that work  
15 on this grant for the last how many years, 27, 25, is  
16 continuing to work directly for this grant to enhance the  
17 others of that department that we have already. And  
18 we've been audited by the feds every year and we never  
19 find out HPD has been supplanting. I just want to make  
20 that clear. The only reason different from \$1.2 million  
21 cash match because we split because we want to make sure  
22 that we get reimbursed based on actual costs to operate  
23 this program

24 MR. MIZANI: Quick question, when you say in-  
25 kind, I know you don't them in front of you, but what

1 were some of those in-kind items?

2 MS. HOANG: It's personnel.

3 MR. MIZANI: Personnel.

4 MS. HOANG: Personnel. The requirement of the  
5 grant is 20 percent, correct, cash match. But to made  
6 sure we meet the guidelines. The rest is in-kind but in-  
7 kind doesn't mean the buildings, it's the cost of the FTE  
8 position that was an in-kind. It still costs the city  
9 actual cash, they have to fork it out. It's still \$1.2  
10 million, no less than it was last year, the year before.

11 We want to make sure that we meet the cash match, the  
12 percentage that you calculate based on the total amount,  
13 cash match plus what ABTPA reimburse us by percentage and  
14 we want to show that we meet that percentage by lower our  
15 cash match but the cost of operating this grant is still  
16 two point something million dollars, and we matched \$1.2-  
17 .

18 MR. HANSEN: Good. I applaud your enthusiasm.

19 (General laughter.)

20 MS. HUNTER: Do y'all want to explain the  
21 discrepancies?

22 MR. WILSON: I'll try not to make it  
23 complicated. So first of all, I thought I said a few  
24 minutes ago in front of this board that for Houston it  
25 was just an accounting issue. They moved \$600,000 from



1 one line to another. The grant that we have in place and  
2 has been in place for many years has three columns:  
3 ABTPA funded, cash match, which this board has authorized  
4 DPS and NICB to used in lieu of, and then the third  
5 column is in-kind.

6 The legal definition of in-kind and the way we  
7 apply it is a little bit different. Legal definition  
8 means Whataburger gives you \$1,000 to run your program so  
9 you can do parking lot things, that's in-kind. What  
10 we've allowed is for these large cities and  
11 jurisdictions, but even small ones, to count all the  
12 other resources. Lubbock gives free rent and they count  
13 it as in-kind because there are a lot more costs that go  
14 into this. So even though the definition in UGMS is  
15 third party, we just say, you know what, we understand  
16 and we want to report to the legislature the full weight  
17 of this program, and so on your legislative report you  
18 see over \$10 million in contributions and in-kind. And I  
19 want to be clear that when I talked earlier -- so that's  
20 the issue, in-kind is not counted in the calculation,  
21 it's just also, in addition to.

22 The other thing Houston has 14 officers, and  
23 what most of the larger jurisdictions do is they take --  
24 because like El Paso, San Antonio, they have a much  
25 larger unit and so does Harris, and so what I'd suggested

1 that they do in future years is to take this other 16  
2 officers that are proactive officers who are doing the  
3 exact same thing that our grant-funded officers, and I  
4 said, Call them in-kind and then that way if somebody  
5 retires or you have turnover in the grant-funded unit,  
6 what San Antonio did a month ago was they simply took one  
7 of their in-kind officers, moved it into the grant-funded  
8 position for the six or eight or three months that it  
9 takes to backfill a detective through sergeant boards and  
10 all that stuff, so they get to continue counting and  
11 accruing money and getting reimbursed for that full-time  
12 officer. And in the case of San Antonio they let me  
13 know, well, we took Bill and put him back in the in-kind  
14 column and now we've got Sally here. So that's what I  
15 had suggested to Houston.

16           What they did was they took the 14 officers we  
17 were paying for and moved half of their salaries into  
18 in-kind. That's a different animal. Again, I want to be  
19 clear, I did not say Houston, Texas has supplanted. What  
20 I said was this board has to consider before they make an  
21 award how for me to deal with that issue so that they  
22 don't supplant. They have never supplanted, they're not  
23 supplanting now, they didn't supplant three years ago.  
24 This is going forward that if we grant the award and  
25 don't deal with the supplanting issue -- in other words,

1 we're not issuing a grant that's going to supplant.  
2 You're either going to waive it, you're going to put it  
3 at 5 percent, but if you say, Bryan, give them a million  
4 dollars, and you don't give me any direction, then the  
5 only direction I have is the statute.

6           And as I said earlier, they can fix their  
7 issue just by moving the \$600,000 back into the cash  
8 match, taking the other 15 officers or 16 officers and  
9 move them to in-kind, and any time that they have an  
10 opening -- you know, I tried to explain to them if  
11 there's training dollars over here in the grant and these  
12 other 16 need training, if they're in-kind, if they're on  
13 the grant page, you can train them, you can buy gas for  
14 them, you can buy paper clips, you can buy whatever,  
15 because now they're part of the grant, they're just not  
16 being funded.

17           And again, that's what most of the larger  
18 jurisdictions do. They put them in the in-kind for two  
19 reasons: one, to show the effort, and the other so that  
20 they can use training dollars, fuel dollars. I think  
21 even Laredo does some of that, I'm not sure. I think  
22 they have some in-kind officers that they can apply  
23 grant-funded resources to the full cadre of people that  
24 are doing the work.

25           That's the best I can explain, and I think it

1 was a misunderstanding, and I apologize. I've done my  
2 best to communicate that as a strategy that other  
3 grantees were employing that that would be a good  
4 strategy, because they did have the other 64 officers  
5 that are not on the grant that I thought would be a good  
6 idea to at least show some of them so they could apply  
7 those resources and make sure that they spent all their  
8 money.

9 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask a  
10 question of Mr. Wilson.

11 Who are some of those grantees you referred to  
12 that are doing that?

13 MR. WILSON: El Paso and San Antonio are two  
14 of them. Austin has something similar but I'm not sure  
15 that they use that technique. Tim, do you remember? I  
16 guess we did that last year, right, where you moved an  
17 officer in?

18 MR. RICHARDS: Okay. Thank you, sir.

19 MR. WILSON: Tim Thompson from Austin.

20 MR. HANSEN: I'm not sure if this is a  
21 question or a comment, but based on his explanation of  
22 whatever confusion happened, Houston, are we in agreement  
23 that this is an easy, we can move on?

24 MS. HITZMAN: In agreement, yes.

25 MR. WILSON: We can talk about it.

1 MR. HANSEN: Very good. Thank you.

2 MR. WILSON: Anna Hitzman. I was just going  
3 to read into the record Anna Hitzman said that.

4 MR. HANSEN: Anna Hitzman, Houston PD. Thank  
5 you, Anna.

6 Anything else on number 5?

7 MR. WILSON: No.

8 MR. HANSEN: Before we get into number 6, the  
9 discussion of the grants, I think we'll take a short  
10 break. It's 10:16, we'll take ten minutes.

11 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

12 MR. HANSEN: All right, folks, can everybody  
13 get a seat?

14 Let it reflect -- I need new glasses or a  
15 bigger clock -- I think it's 10:35.

16 MR. RICHARDS: Yes, sir.

17 MR. HANSEN: We're going to move on to the  
18 adoption of the 2020 grant awards. In lieu of that, we'd  
19 like to have the committee give their report  
20 recommendations. Mr. Rodriguez.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, again, the  
22 methodology that was used yesterday to put these numbers  
23 together, it was quite a task. I want to say just  
24 because we did not want to leave any of the task forces  
25 out, and of course, saying again what you just said

1 earlier today about if we don't fund one of the task  
2 forces, it's going to be very hard to get them back. And  
3 again, you know, some of the things that we took into  
4 consideration, aside from the point system that was used  
5 by the staff, one was the amount of auto thefts that were  
6 in that jurisdiction, number two was the fact that the  
7 task forces that were seen by staff as not to fund, some  
8 of those task forces do a very good job in bringing down  
9 the numbers for auto theft, so we took that into  
10 consideration, we took the amount of auto thefts that  
11 were in that jurisdiction, but more than anything we saw  
12 the applications one by one and determined who was all in  
13 into this mission of reducing auto crimes. So that was  
14 the most important, I guess, aspect with me and Justin  
15 that who has complete buy-in into the program.

16 And so with that in mind we thought we  
17 actually had about \$14 million but we didn't have that,  
18 so we had \$12.2-something, considering what was given by  
19 Director Wilson as the budget. Do you remember what page  
20 was that?

21 MR. WILSON: Page 15, the budget that we  
22 adopted earlier -- 17. Excuse me.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So we have \$12,207,851. For  
24 the grants we came up with \$12,286,322. With that in  
25 mind, I just want to say that we as a board and myself, I

1 just want to make it known that for this biennium that we  
2 recommend to fund some of these task forces and some of  
3 these task forces, we spoke about it yesterday, we just  
4 need to do a better job in putting those stats, you know,  
5 on paper. We cannot continue allowing task forces to  
6 have 16 cases per year, we cannot continue to be  
7 overlapping on jurisdictions, and again, the amount of  
8 arrests and the amount of recoveries, you know, take all  
9 that into consideration for the next time that we budget  
10 and that we allow for these grants to keep on being with  
11 us and with ABTPA. But more than anything is that we  
12 don't want to be held hostage to a point where if we  
13 don't fund you that they're going to be gone.

14 And so next time I just want to make sure that  
15 we sit down with the grantees and let them know that if  
16 next time the production is not there, the numbers are  
17 not there and the amount of cases that are being handled  
18 in those jurisdictions don't justify the amount of money  
19 that is being given to that jurisdiction, my  
20 recommendation would be, again, not to fund.

21 So with that in mind, I'm going to pass the  
22 mic to Board Member Owen, and if you have any questions,  
23 Mr. Chairman, please let us know.

24 MR. OWEN: Thank you.

25 First off, I'd like to address Hidalgo County

1 and TAVTI. They were new applications and they were very  
2 good applications, there were some very good things in  
3 them that we liked, and I believe some of the board has  
4 spoken to you and we strongly encourage you to reapply  
5 next year, strongly. Okay?

6 I'm about to make a motion, and please refer  
7 to the supplement that was distributed, I believe, last  
8 night, everyone on the distribution list should have  
9 received it, which is the FY20 proposed recommendations.

10 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to  
11 approve the FY20 proposed recommendations that are listed  
12 on the supplement, with the exclusion of the grant award  
13 for Laredo and the grant award for Galveston County.

14 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

15 MR. MIZANI: I've got a question real quick  
16 before we get there. So can I get just some clarity on  
17 the two items that we seem to have issues with, Houston  
18 and Harris. Where does that leave -- I know we see the  
19 amounts here, but where does that leave staff with  
20 everything we discussed as far as negotiating or waiving  
21 these things? Are we there yet?

22 MR. WILSON: No. I don't think you took up a  
23 motion to authorize me to even negotiate, or do what Ms.  
24 Hunter said, just hold it to the 5 percent variance.

25 MR. MIZANI: So should we do that before we do



1 this?

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do we need a motion to  
3 negotiate?

4 MR. OWEN: Mr. Chairman, I would now like to  
5 make a motion to -- what do I say?

6 MR. RICHARDS: Your motion would be to approve  
7 and then you need to carve out those entities that we  
8 need to negotiate with as well, and you're still  
9 excluding Laredo and Galveston County from this vote, on  
10 this first motion. We'll vote on them in a minute.

11 MR. WILSON: Can I make a suggestion. If  
12 these award amounts are what the board wants to do, I  
13 would just go ahead and simplify the process as a vote on  
14 the award amounts, whether you accept them or not. I  
15 don't know which way it will end up, but if you end up  
16 accepting them, then come back and say that I would  
17 recommend that you would have the director negotiate and  
18 approve through the Grants and Budget -- what was it,  
19 GBR, Grants, Budget and Reports Committee to final  
20 approval about whatever, and just delegate that to the  
21 director to negotiate and the Grants, Budget and Reports  
22 Committee to approve.

23 MR. MIZANI: Because you're going to negotiate  
24 off this amount that we're about to vote on?

25 MR. WILSON: Correct. So you'll say, This is

1 the award we'd like to make to you but we'll let Bryan  
2 and the committee decide whether we come off of that.  
3 I'm throwing that out there as a quick solution, but that  
4 is not necessarily agreement.

5 MS. HUNTER: So this is not binding for  
6 Harris -- like we're approving this amount but then we're  
7 negotiating this amount.

8 MR. WILSON: No. I'm sorry. Negotiating the  
9 amount of match that they would have to provide.

10 MS. HUNTER: Okay.

11 MR. WILSON: The only thing that's negotiable  
12 is the amount of match they would have to provide to get  
13 that amount.

14 MS. HUNTER: To get that amount. Okay.

15 MR. GAUSE: Now, are there any other agencies,  
16 also, that this would need to address?

17 MR. PRICE: There are a total of approximately  
18 ten different agencies that have much smaller issues in  
19 that regard but they still exceed the 5 percent limit  
20 that had been previously standard.

21 MS. HUNTER: Who are they?

22 MR. PRICE: This is Dan Price, ABTPA staff.  
23 The other folks who would require some type of minor  
24 adjustments would be Corpus Christi, Eagle Pass,  
25 Montgomery County, Travis County, Dallas County, El Paso,

1 and Mansfield.

2 MR. WILSON: I do want to say this is not  
3 based on the new numbers. We only had the application  
4 numbers, so most of these would go away. Certainly if  
5 you vote on the Eagle Pass number, that's a non-issue  
6 because the grant award is so much smaller. We haven't  
7 had time since you gave us the numbers to reconcile this,  
8 but all of them are very low except Corpus is at 10  
9 percent, the rest of them are very small above the amount  
10 of 5 percent. Travis was at 9 percent, but Harris was  
11 166 percent, and the reason we called these out as major  
12 issues is because -- and City of Houston, if it were to  
13 go forward at the value would be 151 percent. So those  
14 are the ones that brought us problems or caused concern.  
15 The other ones are just within, except Travis and  
16 Houston are 10, everybody else is much less than 10.

17 MR. HANSEN: But those numbers, Bryan, were  
18 based on their application amounts.

19 MR. WILSON: Yes, sir, not the actual list.

20 MR. HANSEN: So this is going to adjust or  
21 eliminate a lot of those because these are lower amounts.

22 MR. WILSON: Correct.

23 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, may I make a  
24 comment? What I'd recommend doing is making your motions  
25 as is, make the two, you can exclude Laredo and Galveston

1 County for the second, and then make a third motion for  
2 the board to consider to allow the Grants, Budget and  
3 Reports Committee to negotiate where they need to  
4 negotiate with these entities if there area any  
5 irregularities.

6 Does that sound fine?

7 MR. HANSEN: Yes, sir, that's perfect.

8 MS. HUNTER: But I suggest that we add all of  
9 these, with the exception of Eagle Pass, because if the  
10 number is 5 percent, then they'll stay within the limit.

11 MR. RICHARDS: And it would be. Anybody that  
12 Mr. Wilson or staff encounter with issues, that you would  
13 approve the committee and him and staff to negotiate  
14 with.

15 MR. GAUSE: So we don't need to name specific  
16 entities.

17 MR. RICHARDS: No, not at all, because as we  
18 just stated, some will be rectified, so we don't know if  
19 they'll be on the list or not.

20 Is that fine with you, Mr. Wilson?

21 MR. WILSON: That is. I just want to clarify  
22 that the director will negotiate and obtain approval from  
23 the GBR Committee.

24 MR. RICHARDS: Right. Okay.

25 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Owen.

1 MR. OWEN: Justin Owen, for the record.

2 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to  
3 approve the FY20 proposed recommendations for grant  
4 awards, excluding Galveston County and Laredo.

5 MR. HANSEN: Do we have a second?

6 MR. MIZANI: I'll second.

7 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Mizani.

8 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
9 any further discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I'll call for a  
12 vote. All those in favor of approving the FY20 proposed  
13 recommendations by the Grants Committee, excluding  
14 Galveston County and Laredo, please raise your hand.

15 (A show of hands.)

16 MR. HANSEN: All approved. Motion passes.

17 Your second one.

18 MR. OWEN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make  
19 a motion to approve the FY20 proposed recommendations for  
20 Galveston County and Laredo.

21 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

22 MR. GAUSE: I'll second.

23 MR. HANSEN: The motion has been seconded. Is  
24 there any further discussion?

25 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, we'll call for a

1 vote. I'll show that I will abstain from voting, as well  
2 as Mr. Rodriguez.

3 All those in favor of approving the FY20  
4 proposed recommendations for Galveston County and Laredo,  
5 please signify by raising your right hand.

6 (A show of hands: Members Gause, Hunter,  
7 Owen, and Mizani.)

8 MR. HANSEN: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. HANSEN: Seeing none, the motion passes.

11 MR. RICHARDS: We'll need our third motion.

12 MR. OWEN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
13 motion to grant authority to the Grants, Budget and  
14 Reports Committee and Director Wilson to enter into and  
15 negotiate with the grant entities that are out of  
16 compliance regarding their cash match.

17 MR. HANSEN: We have a motion. Is there a  
18 second?

19 MR. GAUSE: Second.

20 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Gause. The motion has been  
21 seconded. Is there any other further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I'll call for a  
24 vote. All those in favor of approving the motion as  
25 read.

1 MR. RICHARDS: Raise your right hand, please.

2 MR. HANSEN: Please raise your right hand.

3 (A show of hands.)

4 MR. HANSEN: Any opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. HANSEN: I see none. Motion passes.

7 Thank you.

8 Before we go to the next item, again, this was  
9 said earlier, a lot of people are not going to be happy  
10 today, some people are going to be elated. It was an  
11 extraordinarily tough, but we're going to ask your  
12 support when we talk a little bit later about this other  
13 bill to encourage stuff, but I think in the near future  
14 we're going to be okay. But thanks to everyone for your  
15 patience, and I cannot give enough thanks to the  
16 committee for the due diligence they did yesterday on  
17 this proposal.

18 Item number 7, discuss and consider action on  
19 insurance refund request by National Liability and Fire  
20 Insurance Company. Mr. Wilson.

21 MR. WILSON: I'll defer to Dan Price to do the  
22 layout for you.

23 MR. PRICE: This is Dan Price, ABTPA staff,  
24 for the record.

25 So we received back on April 10 a request from

1 National Liability and Fire Insurance Company indicating  
2 that they had made an error and had inadvertently double  
3 counted part of the year on their automotive remissions  
4 for the fees for the ABTPA fees. They were able to  
5 provide documentation of their payments, we were able to  
6 confirm with the State Comptroller's Office that those  
7 payments were made and reviewed their tax accounts to  
8 make sure that they were in good standing, and we are  
9 recommending that an approval be made to give them a  
10 refund of their overpayment of \$25,006 -- I'm sorry, I  
11 apologize, I stand corrected -- \$23,460.

12 MR. HANSEN: \$23,460?

13 MR. PRICE: Correct, sir.

14 MR. HANSEN: Would it be okay for Mr. Wilson  
15 to explain that that does not come out of our grant  
16 funds?

17 MR. RICHARDS: Sure.

18 MR. HANSEN: Before we go any further with  
19 this, some of the grantees are new and not familiar with  
20 this, when we have to make these refunds it does not come  
21 out of our grant funds. And, Mr. Wilson, if you would  
22 explain to them where that comes from.

23 MR. WILSON: The current statute that the  
24 board shall request the Comptroller to draw warrants out  
25 of the funds available to the account available for these



1 purposes. That's at 3206, that's a revenue account. The  
2 money gets deposited into the revenue account, the  
3 warrants are drawn out of the revenue account. When the  
4 legislature puts money into the DMV's account, it's not  
5 over in the revenue account, so they're not drawing from  
6 our funds.

7 MR. HANSEN: I just want to make sure that  
8 everybody knew that these refunds don't come out of our  
9 grant funds.

10 MR. WILSON: And just one other thing real  
11 quick. House Bill 2424 out of the 85th Legislature gave  
12 an extension of four years for the claims. We used to  
13 see one of these about once every year or once every  
14 other year, now I think you'll see them at every board  
15 meeting from here on out because an insurer has four  
16 years to file the claim, and so they can find the mistake  
17 that they made three years ago. But we're also doing  
18 more denials, so out of this batch we had four or five we  
19 were working but the insurers are not providing any kind  
20 of documentation or appropriate documentation, so we'll  
21 continue to -- we will only bring to the board the ones  
22 that we can validate and then the rest when we bring  
23 something it will be because we have a suspicion or  
24 inappropriate filings or things like that. You've  
25 already dealt with three or four of those in the last

1 year.

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 MR. HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Wilson. Thank  
4 you, Dan.

5 Okay. Do we have a motion?

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, I would like to  
7 make a motion to approve the refund request of National  
8 Liability and Fire Insurance Company in the amount of  
9 \$23,460.

10 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

11 MR. MIZANI: Second.

12 MR. HANSEN: Second, Mr. Mizani.

13 The motion has been made and seconded. Is  
14 there any further discussion?

15 MR. GAUSE: Mr. Chairman, I will abstain from  
16 this vote.

17 MR. HANSEN: Note Mr. Gause is going to  
18 abstain from voting.

19 MS. HUNTER: I will too.

20 MR. HANSEN: Ms. Hunter will also abstain from  
21 voting.

22 Hearing none, I'll call for a vote. All in  
23 favor?

24 (A show of hands: Members Hansen, Mizani,  
25 Owen, and Rodriguez.)

1 MR. HANSEN: All opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. HANSEN: None. The motion passes.

4 Item number 8, consider and adopt a process to  
5 update TxDMV and Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority  
6 memorandum of understanding as required under the  
7 Transportation Code. Mr. Wilson.

8 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is  
9 Bryan Wilson, for the record.

10 The statute is moving out of the Texas Revised  
11 Civil Statutes over to the Texas Transportation Code,  
12 Chapter 1006, a new subchapter being established. So as  
13 a result with the name change and the new  
14 responsibilities, we feel that it's best to examine your  
15 four or five year old contract with the Texas Department  
16 of Motor Vehicles. The statute specifically requires  
17 that you look at the divisions of responsibility. This  
18 board is a policy-making board; except for the allocation  
19 of funds, your responsibilities are policy in nature.  
20 Like I was talking earlier about the CPA and the budget  
21 request and the requisitions, none of y'all will ever  
22 deal with that because that's DMV's responsibility.

23 So it places an onus on the director, on staff  
24 and DMV to make sure everybody knows what their role is  
25 in operating this. We're not our own agency. We're a

1 subsumed agency or a subsumed entity, and so we have to  
2 be very clear with our administrative agency, TxDMV,  
3 about how we operate.

4 So again, I recommend that you would go ahead  
5 and set up a committee, either use a committee that you  
6 already have, if you want to, or appoint one or two  
7 members to volunteer right now from this board, or talk  
8 to them later, and then delegate that authority to  
9 negotiate that. We have three standing committees:  
10 Legislative and Education, Grants, Budget and Reports,  
11 and then you have the -- what's the other one, Mary  
12 Beth? -- Insurance Committee.

13 MR. HANSEN: I would like to get past today  
14 and then we'll sit down and get with the members and do  
15 that. Are you okay with that?

16 Do we have a motion on item number 8?

17 MR. OWEN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
18 motion to delegate authority to adopt a process to update  
19 the memorandum of understanding between the ABTPA and  
20 TxDMV to an ABTPA committee, as displayed on pages 44  
21 through 52 of the board meeting book.

22 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I second.

24 MR. HANSEN: The motion has been seconded. Is  
25 there any other further discussion? My only discussion

1 would be if any of the board members think they're going  
2 to be interested in this to get with me later or get with  
3 Mr. Wilson.

4 Any other further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I'll call for a  
7 vote. All in favor of authorizing an ABTPA committee to  
8 update the MOU between TxDMV and the MVCPA, please  
9 signify by raising your right hand.

10 (A show of hands.)

11 MR. HANSEN: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. HANSEN: Seeing none, the motion passes.  
14 Thank you.

15 Item number 9, consideration and possible  
16 action to publish proposed amendments and corrections to  
17 Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, as required in  
18 statutory changes.

19 I'll give this to Mr. Wilson and during  
20 this -- I talked to Mr. Richards -- is when we'll discuss  
21 House Bill 2048 under this, as well.

22 MR. WILSON: So the statute change that  
23 changed the name of the Automobile Burglary and Theft  
24 Prevention Authority, it also raised the fee from \$2 to  
25 \$4, and then part of that implementation is to update our

1 rules because, of course, in the Texas Administrative  
2 Code, Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority  
3 is listed, we have to have our own section, we have our  
4 name used lots of times throughout, and then it cites to  
5 old statutes, and then, of course, it has the wrong fee  
6 that's going into effect on September 1.

7 So what you're doing now just in the  
8 rulemaking process is before an agency can change a rule,  
9 you have to publish it out for comment. It will be out  
10 for comment for 30 days from the day that it's posted,  
11 not from today but from the day that it's posted in the  
12 *Texas Register*. There will be instructions to notify  
13 David Richards. He'll take those comments.

14 In August or September we're going to have to  
15 have another meeting to do the final adoption, and we'll  
16 take those comments, if somebody has a really good  
17 comment or something that you really need to address --  
18 like somebody comes to you and says, I don't want the fee  
19 to be \$4, well, that's not something you can handle, but  
20 there will probably be a couple of comments from some of  
21 the insurers, some of the agencies that have already  
22 notified me, but we'll do the best we can, and we'll  
23 present a recommendation to you in an August or a  
24 September board meeting.

25 And then at that time, if the board says that

1 they feel like they've resolved all the comments, you'll  
2 be able to establish those rules into the Texas  
3 Administrative Code under your new section, under your  
4 new title, and with all the corrections. But most of  
5 these titles, if you'll look at them, are simply changing  
6 the word ABTPA to Authority -- that way if they change  
7 our name again, as long as they use the word Authority  
8 we're good. I'm just kind of half joking. But the rest  
9 of it is just striking our name, putting in MVCPA or the  
10 Authority. So there's all the changes on those sections.

11 That's all.

12 MR. HANSEN: I'm sure most of you should be  
13 aware because we forwarded it out to you many, many times  
14 considering what House Bill 2048 was about and how it  
15 impacted us, and I'll give you a little background on  
16 what's taken place since that time.

17 There was a Driver's Responsibility Act that  
18 apparently was in place in Texas, and I wasn't all that  
19 familiar with it but it was a learning process for all,  
20 and apparently this law was hampering many, many, many  
21 people that had had prior violations from being able to  
22 get a driver's license and/or get insurance, thus forcing  
23 them to go to work every day illegally and going  
24 illegally to feed their families. So they were looking  
25 for a method to change that because the funding from that

1 bill was going to funding trauma centers, ERs, life  
2 flight helicopters and things such as that, plus some  
3 other areas were funding that program.

4 They wanted to get away, and apparently  
5 through previous sessions there had been a number of  
6 bills filed that just couldn't get traction to do away  
7 with the Driver's Responsibility Act but provide a  
8 resource for a reasonable and stable funding process for  
9 the trauma centers group. So as a result of that, they  
10 came up with House Bill 2048 which made us the funding  
11 mechanism for that.

12 I had numerous conversations with Mr. Ryan  
13 Ambrose, who represents Memorial Hermann Hospitals, who  
14 actually wrote this bill, and in this I asked him, number  
15 one, how and why did you come up with the ABTPA in this.

16 And he explained to me that, number one, he was very  
17 familiar with our program because he had worked at the  
18 Capitol before and was familiar with our financial woes  
19 but also was familiar with our stable process that we  
20 have for collecting fees from the insurance industry.  
21 They had looked at several other avenues in the state,  
22 through license plates and driver's licenses and those  
23 things, and decided that that just was not the route to  
24 go, especially since we are already imbedded with the  
25 insurance industry and the fact that a vast majority, as



1 their testimony alluded to, a vast majority of trauma  
2 entries into their hospitals comes about from automobile  
3 accidents, so it was kind of a good deal.

4 And he was aware of us so when he wrote the  
5 bill it was written in a fashion that would also help us  
6 improve our funding. Based on that, 2048 would improve  
7 the amount of funding -- this is a ballpark number --  
8 from \$50 million a year to what we're doing now to \$100  
9 million a year, with 60 percent of that to go to the  
10 trauma group, 20 percent to go to the state, and 20  
11 percent to go to the Authority, which is us, which would  
12 equate to \$20 million a year or more as the number of  
13 cars increase, so \$20-something million, which is pretty  
14 close to what our LAR was at the beginning of this  
15 session.

16 That was all warm and fuzzy. It passed at the  
17 very last of the session, it was signed by the Governor,  
18 so it's law, but our question was -- and I'll let Mr.  
19 Wilson kind of explain that he gets it better than I  
20 do -- is when do we get the benefits of this bill,  
21 because obviously we weren't going to get it immediately.

22 And if you'll explain the collection process a  
23 little bit.

24 MR. WILSON: (Microphone not on.) Briefly, the  
25 collection process for insurance is twice a year. The

1 first payment is due in August that covers the January to  
2 June period. The second payment is due March 1 and that  
3 covers the July through December period.

4 This is Bryan Wilson for the record. I think  
5 you heard that so I'm not going to repeat all that, so  
6 two collection periods. And what that means is the bill  
7 went into effect September 1, last year we collected \$50  
8 million, this year we'll collect about \$62-1/2 million  
9 and that payment will be made by insurers on March 1 of  
10 2020. Then the next cycle will be March 1 of 2021, we'll  
11 be back in session. We can't even apply the 20 percent  
12 to the equation and get something that would raise our  
13 value or appropriation, so it's not going to be  
14 considered. The appropriation we have is a sum certain  
15 amount, it's not estimated, it's not theoretical, it is  
16 \$12.8 million, period.

17 MR. HANSEN: Well, and researching that, as he  
18 said, because a portion of this collection period is in  
19 the \$2 versus the \$4 range, if they were to give us 20  
20 percent of that we'd take a cut of what we have now, so  
21 we'd leave well enough alone.

22 So we had a meeting, last week, I guess it  
23 was, with Representative Zerwas and his staff. I've been  
24 in communications with his staff several times since that  
25 time to keep them abreast of when would we seek that.

1 You have a better chance of winning the lottery, but they  
2 could do something in the middle of the biennium -- I  
3 doubt it very seriously -- but we're going to continue to  
4 remind them of that.

5           So I also provided her with a list of our  
6 funding history and how we have been -- well, I'll just  
7 leave it alone at that, everybody knows that history. So  
8 she was very receptive to that, so we just told her that  
9 we were going to continuously remind them, because our  
10 biggest question is when the next session starts do we  
11 start at the \$12.8- number or do we start at the 20  
12 percent number, and believe it or not, we haven't got a  
13 direct answer to that, although everyone seems to think  
14 that we should be getting an increase in funds by the  
15 beginning of the next session. So if something happens  
16 between now and then, well, we can pray for that, and  
17 we're not going to quit reminding them and pushing this,  
18 I can assure you of that.

19           The other co-sponsor of that bill was Senator  
20 Huffman, who is out of Harris County and Fort Bend County  
21 areas. She is very pro-police, so to our brothers in  
22 that area, if y'all have a good contact or hook with her,  
23 let me know because we could go visit with her as well,  
24 like we did with Representative Zerwas. And he was very,  
25 very appreciative of us taking the time to pursue this

1 because we actually asked him a few questions that even  
2 he didn't have the answers to, so that was good. And we  
3 provided him -- you know, when session is going on, we've  
4 talked to everyone about this -- we provided him with  
5 stuff about what you all do but when session is on it's  
6 chaos, so we brought him another package of a breakdown  
7 of the type of work that all of you do, and he apparently  
8 did pass it on to his staff because she was aware of some  
9 of that.

10 Bryan, anything else on 2048?

11 MR. WILSON: No. We need to vote on this rule  
12 package.

13 MR. HANSEN: Okay. Do we have a motion?

14 MR. GAUSE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
15 motion to approve the publication of the proposed  
16 amendments and corrections to Title 43, Texas  
17 Administrative Code, Chapter 57, as a result of the  
18 legislative implementation from the 86th Legislative  
19 Regular Session.

20 MR. HANSEN: Is there a second?

21 MR. OWEN: Second.

22 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Owen.

23 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
24 any other further discussion on this?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I will call for a  
2 vote. All those in favor of approving the publication of  
3 the proposed amendments and corrections to Title 43 of  
4 the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 57, for a 30-day  
5 comment period, please signify by raising your right  
6 hand.

7 (A show of hands.)

8 MR. HANSEN: Are there any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. HANSEN: Seeing none, the motion passes.  
11 Thank you very much.

12 Item number 10, discuss and consider grant to  
13 Texas A&M University Public Policy Research Institute,  
14 officer-directed research regarding bait car development  
15 and offender data analysis.

16 MR. WILSON: Yes. This was the  
17 same document -- well, actually, at the time you approved  
18 it in January it was a rough draft, but this is the  
19 document that I was trying to get a contract amendment on  
20 and then reformatted into a grant, and I ask you to  
21 approve it consistent with your previous.

22 MR. HANSEN: Do we have a motion?

23 MS. HUNTER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to  
24 make a motion to approve the awarding of a grant, not to  
25 exceed \$35,000, to Texas A&M Public Policy Research

1 Institute for officer-directed research regarding bait  
2 car deployment and offender data analysis.

3 MR. HANSEN: Thank you, ma'am.

4 Is there a second?

5 MR. OWEN: Second.

6 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Owen.

7 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
8 any further discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, we'll call for a  
11 vote. All those in favor of approving the award of a  
12 grant in the amount of \$35,000 to Texas A&M University  
13 Public Policy Research Institute for officer-directed  
14 research regarding bait car deployment and offender data  
15 analysis, please signify by raising your right hand.

16 (A show of hands.)

17 MR. HANSEN: All in favor, none opposed.

18 Motion passes.

19 MR. MIZANI: Bryan, Mr. Chairman.

20 MR. HANSEN: Yes.

21 MR. MIZANI: In the future, I know we  
22 discussed this research, the \$35,000, but I'm looking at  
23 their itemized deliverables. For example, if we can in  
24 the future get some more details on what that all  
25 entails, you know, writing a report and presenting

1 findings, those type of things, that would be  
2 appreciated.

3 MR. WILSON: Each one of those deliverables  
4 would have to be accepted by me and then they would have  
5 to give me the data, show me that they've analyzed the  
6 data, then they would write a report. And so normally,  
7 I'd have more time to negotiate this out but because it  
8 turned into a grant instead of a contract, I couldn't get  
9 all the details in time. I apologize. But I've worked  
10 with this group, they've really done a lot of research on  
11 juvenile justice and on HHS, they're really top quality.

12 The whole institution is really committed to affecting  
13 public policy and helping boards make good decisions.  
14 They've been around for over 35 years and really do  
15 quality work or they wouldn't be recommended, and they're  
16 with A&M, in case you want to know.

17 MR. MIZANI: Maybe that's my problem.

18 (General laughter.)

19 MR. HANSEN: The next agenda item, number 11,  
20 report and consideration of modifications to NICB  
21 education and awareness grant.

22 MR. WILSON: There will be no action needed  
23 for this agenda item, but I hope you've seen the  
24 commercials. There's a list on page 70. Since we  
25 launched these commercials, we've received over \$256,000

1 in play time. We spent about \$40,000 to the Texas  
2 Association of Broadcasters for that time, and that's  
3 what's been leveraged. And I encourage the grantees to  
4 contact your local stations, every radio station and  
5 television station.

6 What we were working on, the reason this was  
7 an action item, is we were trying to negotiate the  
8 ability to buy Pandora, Spotify, Facebook time. It's  
9 just too big of a rush and I just pulled the plug. We  
10 had a little bit of money and I wasn't sure how the  
11 grants were going to come out, so I just pulled the plug  
12 on it, but one of the things we'll have to decide going  
13 forward in the future grant cycles, this contract ends on  
14 December 31, so we're going to have to figure out a way  
15 to add to it or continue it or whatever.

16 But it's been very, very good. The police  
17 officers, I know Roden, Mr. Plummer in El Paso did a  
18 great presentation that is also on the website, and then  
19 numerous, San Antonio, Houston, we've launched Spanish  
20 versions, as well, all over the state. It's been a great  
21 opportunity for us.

22 And we used our new name. I hope y'all  
23 weren't made at me about that, but if we're going to  
24 launch a public awareness campaign, I wasn't going to use  
25 the older name.



1 MR. HANSEN: This does not require a vote.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: A quick question, Mr.

3 Chairman.

4 MR. HANSEN: Yes.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Director Wilson, is there any  
6 way that -- who do these videos belong to, NICB or ABTPA?

7 MR. WILSON: ABTPA.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is there any way that we can  
9 share the videos within our grantees so they can post on  
10 their YouTube channels and all?

11 MR. WILSON: Oh, absolutely. We've sent it  
12 out numerous times, both the Spanish and English  
13 versions, to all of our grantees. Maybe we're not  
14 hitting the right folks but we're sending it out to our  
15 primary contacts with those local agencies, and they can  
16 download it. But certainly we have been sending it out  
17 on numerous occasions.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Did they only do videos or did  
19 they do any sort of posters?

20 MR. WILSON: We did radio spots, 30 and 50  
21 seconds, and then we filmed television spots, 30 and 50  
22 seconds.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I just wanted to ask the  
24 grantees so we can do that organically within our pages  
25 to keep on posting. Just to give you a quick percentage,

1 in Laredo 85 percent of the burglaries is because of  
2 unlocked vehicles, and that's why I think that the only  
3 way to reduce that would be to keep on pushing to the  
4 public to lock their doors. So thank you.

5 MR. WILSON: The "If You Like It, Lock It"  
6 campaign is really good, and thank you for the Spanish  
7 speaking groups that looked over our material before it  
8 got published.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

10 MR. WILSON: We were trying to fit in printed  
11 material. I don't know if we're going to do posters, but  
12 NICB is going to try to work with us within our existing  
13 grant to do our printed material, which obviously all of  
14 our other stuff says ABTPA on it.

15 Ready to go on, Mr. Chairman?

16 MR. HANSEN: Yes, sir. Number 12, discuss and  
17 consideration of requests for applications on special  
18 purchases for existing grant programs and delegation of  
19 process to award.

20 MR. WILSON: We agreed to skip that one. That  
21 was kind of a contingency at the time we were doing the  
22 agenda.

23 MR. HANSEN: So we're going to pass on that.  
24 Thank you.

25 Item number 13, consider approval for TxDMV

1 staff to renew and/or extend interagency contracts, A.  
2 Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and B. Texas A&M  
3 University, Public Policy Research Institute.

4 MR. WILSON: As I said earlier when we were  
5 talking about the budget, we have two contracts. One of  
6 them needs to be renewed with the Comptroller. I will  
7 put this board on notice that now that we get such a  
8 small fraction of the funds that we're participating in  
9 collecting that I'm going to ask the Comptroller to waive  
10 the \$10,000 per year. I think it's the only right thing  
11 to do, I hope they'll go along with it, but I am going to  
12 be very insistent, that we'll be collecting \$62 million  
13 this year and \$100 million the year after, and for them  
14 to charge us for other jurisdictions or other funds -- in  
15 other words, most of the money will now be going to the  
16 trauma centers, and in my opinion, it's not right. If  
17 the board directs me otherwise, but I think I should at  
18 least try to insist that they waive the \$10,000 fee.

19 We'll still do the interagency agreement  
20 because we do have to have that in place to coordinate  
21 our efforts, and they've done a lot of good work on their  
22 website and helped us do a better job of collecting and  
23 analyzing what we're collecting, but I just don't think  
24 they should continue charging us.

25 That's my recommendation that you authorize me

1 to negotiate, with legal counsel, for the new contracts,  
2 I guess the authority for the A&M to extend and the  
3 negotiation of the new contract with the CPA.

4 MR. RICHARDS: So it's a joint motion.  
5 Correct?

6 MR. WILSON: Correct.

7 MR. GAUSE: Mr. Wilson, you mentioned earlier  
8 about the Texas A&M and the grant management system not  
9 updating as quickly as planned before the last grant  
10 cycle.

11 MR. WILSON: Those were enhancements we were  
12 wanting to make. They actually did some for free. There  
13 was a new toggle feature that the grant could -- I guess  
14 the lady from Houston earlier, she was talking about how  
15 the ratio worked and so we added a new feature into the  
16 application where you can just type in how much do you  
17 want to spend for an officer, \$100,000, check the 20  
18 percent box and it just populates everything  
19 automatically.

20 So A&M did a bunch of those features already  
21 for us, we just couldn't pull off the contract amendment  
22 to pay them -- what was it, \$15,000 -- to do it, so they  
23 did several enhancements, so we just let it go. So it  
24 was our ability to effect a contract amendment to pay  
25 them for all the additional work that they did for us.

1 So this is the routine maintenance and the evergreening  
2 of the software system we rely on.

3 MS. HUNTER: Mr. Chairman, I move that we,  
4 ABTPA board, adopt the renewal of the interagency  
5 contract for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
6 and I further move that the board approve the extension  
7 of the interagency contract for Texas A&M Public Policy  
8 Research Institute, as displayed on pages 76 to 79 of the  
9 board meeting book.

10 MR. HANSEN: Thank you, Member Hunter.

11 Do we have a second?

12 MR. GAUSE: I second.

13 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Gause.

14 A motion has been made and seconded. Is there  
15 any further discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. HANSEN: Hearing none, I'll call for a  
18 vote. All those in favor of approving the renewal of the  
19 interagency contract with the Comptroller of Public  
20 Accounts and extending the interagency contract with  
21 Texas A&M University, please signify by raising your  
22 right hand.

23 (A show of hands.)

24 MR. HANSEN: All in favor. See none. Motion  
25 passes. Thank you.

1 Director's report.

2 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 I'll go ahead and launch right into page 81.

4 We referred to it earlier today. This is the budget  
5 going forward. You'll see that there's still a little  
6 bit of money left in '18, even though they were supposed  
7 to carry it forward, the Comptroller, sometimes these are  
8 charge backs or something similar. So this will be the  
9 last time you'll see '18 budget going forward. From now  
10 on it will be FY19 and '20.

11 Any questions about the budget?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. WILSON: The Sunset Advisory Commission,  
14 the little part that's the final report from the Sunset  
15 Advisory Commission. They did continue us for 12 more  
16 years. There's only one little section that we  
17 highlighted on your board book related to give us the  
18 authority to fight a broader range of crimes.

19 Any questions about the Sunset results?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. WILSON: As a result, we're doing  
22 legislative implementation. I provided the written plans  
23 that I am working on right now to make sure that this  
24 agency is in compliance with meeting the September 1  
25 deadline. One of the things we just took care of was the

1 rules. We're working with the insurers. You'll see some  
2 letters to the Comptroller. We put the Comptroller and  
3 TDI on notice that -- I mean, look, they know that the  
4 law changed too but we pointed out specific things that  
5 we know need to change with them and we're working  
6 closely with their staff, and I've already heard back  
7 from both staff in those agencies as they indicated who  
8 that I'm supposed to work with. There's going to be form  
9 changes, website changes.

10 MR. HANSEN: On that name change, so that  
11 everyone will know, when we met with the Sunset and  
12 several other people, it was just maybe time for a fresh  
13 look, and since everyone in this room is involved in  
14 investigations outside of just B&B and auto theft, those  
15 lead you into your title frauds, odometer frauds, we work  
16 all type of motor vehicle crimes, it was just thought  
17 that if we're going to start and try to get fresh and  
18 hopefully get more funding that our name is more  
19 inclusive as to what you all do every day, and that's the  
20 reason for the change to Motor Vehicle Crimes. We wanted  
21 to get Prevention out and replace it with Enforcement but  
22 that didn't fly, but we still got the Motor Vehicle  
23 Crimes in there. So a little history of how that came  
24 about.

25 MR. WILSON: The next page on 92 is about the

1 brief meeting we've already discussed, Mr. Chairman, so  
2 I'm going to just go on past that.

3           And I'd like to introduce our new staff, our  
4 Grant Coordinator II, Tessie Ajala. He comes to us with  
5 a great deal of experience with the National Crime  
6 Council. He came directly to us from the General Land  
7 Office, and we're really glad that he's got a lot of  
8 grant experience to help us out, and always has lots of  
9 good ideas as we move forward, so we're paying close  
10 attention. He's going to provide the update on the grant  
11 material, progress reports, starting on page 93.

12           MR. AJALA: Thank you, Bryan.

13           Ladies and gentlemen, it's a privilege and an  
14 honor to be a part of this project, the ABTPA. Like he  
15 said, I came from the General Land Office, but prior to  
16 that I have done grants management work for about 15  
17 years and I was one of the guys in Washington, D.C. that  
18 reports to a dog in a trench coat, McGruff.

19           (General laughter.)

20           MR. AJALA: So that brings me back home to  
21 what we used to do in crime prevention, so I'm very happy  
22 to be here. Thank you for giving me the privilege.

23           MR. HANSEN: Welcome aboard.

24           MR. AJALA: Thank you, sir.

25           On page 93 we have a status report on



1 recovered stolen vehicles, and up to date this fiscal  
2 year we're at about a little over 8,000. We anticipate  
3 that we will be over 12,000 by the end of the fiscal  
4 year.

5 On page 94 is a list of all of the present  
6 fiscal year grant adjustment reports, that takes us from  
7 94 to 95, with a total at the bottom of the 95, all of  
8 the adjustments.

9 Thank you.

10 MR. HANSEN: Mr. Wilson, have the grant  
11 adjustments leveled out a little bit?

12 MR. WILSON: I mean, it's about normal. We  
13 went through a cycle a few years ago that they were just  
14 happening all the time, but it's as expected. There's  
15 always grant adjustments, people need to move money  
16 around, so I don't have anything that really jumps out.  
17 As they seize and obtain property, they'll often want to  
18 turn that into assets, because we haven't been able to  
19 fund equipment very well for years, so you will see those  
20 on a regular basis if somebody seizes a high dollar item  
21 that they convert quickly into a pickup or bait car or  
22 LPR.

23 MR. HANSEN: Thank you.

24 MR. WILSON: For the next item related to our  
25 launch, Mary Menoskey.

1 MS. MENOSKEY: For the record, I'm Mary  
2 Menoskey.

3 For July we are now in "Watch Your Car Month"  
4 so we did get our Governor's proclamation, which we're  
5 happy with. Matthew Miller, from the Government and  
6 Strategic Communications, helped us get that pushed  
7 through and we got it on time this year. Last year we  
8 got it in August, so we had to make August "Watch Your  
9 Car Month" so this time we're official for July.

10 And the proclamation is on the next page,  
11 which you can see, and then we were also able to get  
12 Mansfield and Lubbock has also made their own  
13 proclamations for "Watch Your Car Month" so we're happy  
14 about that. And then the proclamation does reference our  
15 "If You Like It, Lock It" campaign so we're happy that  
16 that's getting some promotion out there.

17 And that is it.

18 MR. WILSON: So some of the grantees have been  
19 sending in their local resolutions and proclamations, so  
20 we're very grateful for that. As soon as we get a  
21 breathing moment we're going to go ahead and launch our  
22 new Facebook for Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention  
23 Authority, and then develop a new Twitter account so we  
24 can start as people do the press releases, but I did get  
25 approval for that last week, but I've been working on

1 grants.

2           The agency operations, I just wanted to let  
3 you know, I realize that on April 1 -- I know you got  
4 copies of it -- we did make it on time for submitting the  
5 statutory required report to the legislature. We are  
6 still working through issues with the final version of  
7 the border security report with '18 money, so I think  
8 we'll have a supplemental to turn in. It's not required  
9 but it's something that I really felt like we should do  
10 after everything was spent, that we would go back,  
11 because if you remember, the LBB and the Governor's  
12 Office closed the window on what we could report, so it  
13 looked like we only spent \$3 million, but yet they  
14 reported to the legislature we spent \$5 million, and so  
15 we need to close that loop because when they closed the  
16 report on the border security for the Governor and LBB,  
17 we still have outstanding grants for another two or three  
18 months that we're still paying on that are border  
19 security grants. So it's teasing that out and figuring  
20 out, because they do not move their closeout window when  
21 they close out a project, so feel like we need to go back  
22 and make sure we get the numbers correct.

23           And then we had an Auto Theft School with NICB  
24 that I trained at, and NICB has asked me to do instead of  
25 more about that this board does, talk more about what the

1 grantees do and provide stories and examples and trends  
2 that we're seeing, because now that we're halfway through  
3 the second year, we can actually do really robust  
4 reports. And I hope y'all take time to go look at the  
5 progress reports because these grantees provide a lot of  
6 textural things.

7           And you talked about enhancements, Mr. Gause,  
8 they added a feature where we can do any word search,  
9 weapons, arms, drugs, prescriptions, and it will give you  
10 all the grantees that use that word. So even though it's  
11 a lot of text, you can quickly get through. Even on a  
12 lot of the insurance fraud, you can see the word fraud  
13 and it pops up as insurance fraud. So there's thousands  
14 and thousands of words, tens of thousands, if not  
15 hundreds, you can just look at the grants that have a key  
16 word that you're looking for. It's a really powerful  
17 tool the programmer came up with.

18           Personnel updates. We've already introduced  
19 Mr. Ajala. And I told him when I first met him, I said,  
20 Now, is this like Ahala, like jalapeno like we're used to  
21 down here. He said, No, it's Ajala.

22           And then Dorothy Ogden, we'll introduce  
23 Dorothy, our summer intern. We're grateful that she's  
24 been part of this grant process and working with us to  
25 help do a lot of the things we never can get around to.

1 She's put together a lot of data for this meeting, some  
2 of the documents up in the front about cost per LAO, cost  
3 per case. She pulled that, the comparisons of the DPS  
4 data. I don't like to do that, go in to the DPS website  
5 over and over and over, but Dorothy did it.

6 And Mary Dominguez, after 20 years has retired  
7 from state service, and so that position is open. We  
8 have 45 applicants and I'll be trying to set up  
9 interviews over the next few weeks. We're doing the  
10 screening now and then hopefully by early August we'll  
11 have somebody in place.

12 Are there any questions about that?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. WILSON: And whenever people write letters  
15 to the board or to you, I put them in the back of the  
16 book. Most of them aren't action items but supplemental  
17 to any other things you want to consider.

18 That concludes my presentation, Mr. Chairman.

19 MR. HANSEN: How is Dominic doing? Have you  
20 heard from him?

21 MR. WILSON: It's been a few weeks. The twins  
22 are growing really fast. He was trying to get by our  
23 office one more time before he left; he's due to move to  
24 Lubbock in August. In the last two weeks I haven't  
25 talked to him, but he was doing good about three weeks

1 ago when I talked to him.

2 MR. HANSEN: The next item is executive  
3 session. Thank God we have nothing for executive  
4 session.

5 (General talking and laughter.)

6 MR. HANSEN: Any more public comment, anybody  
7 else have anything?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. HANSEN: Can we have a motion to adjourn?

10 MS. HUNTER: I make a motion to adjourn.

11 MR. HANSEN: Do we have a second?

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I second.

13 MR. HANSEN: Second. We are adjourned. It is  
14 11:34.

15 (Whereupon, at 11:34 a.m., the meeting was  
16 adjourned.)

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