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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:06 a.m.)

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3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning. My name is Mike
4 Rodriguez, and I am pleased to open the Board meeting of
5 the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. It is 9:05
6 a.m. I'm now calling the Board meeting for October 17,
7 2024, to order.

8 I want to note for the record that the public
9 notice of this meeting containing all items in the agenda
10 was filed with the Office of Secretary of State on
11 October 8, 2024. Before we begin today's meeting, please
12 place all cell phones and other communication devices in
13 silent mode.

14 Also, as a courtesy to others, please do not
15 engage in side conversations in the meeting room. I want
16 to welcome those who are with us for today's Board
17 meeting. If you wish to address the Board or speak on an
18 agenda item during today's meeting, please complete a
19 speaker's sheet at the registration table.

20 Please identify the specific item you are
21 interested in commenting on, your name and address, and
22 whether you are representing anyone or speaking for
23 yourself. If your comment does not pertain to a specific
24 agenda item, we will take your comment during the general
25 public comment portion of the meeting.

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

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

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

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

19 Before we begin today, I'd like to remind all
20 presenters and those in attendance of the rules of conduct
21 at our Board meetings. In the Department's administrative
22 rule, the Chair has the authority to supervise the conduct
23 of meetings. This includes the authority to determine
24 when a speaker is being disruptive of the meeting, or is
25 otherwise violating the timing or presentation rules I

1 just discussed.

2 Moving over to Agenda Item 1, roll call. Now,
3 I'd like to have a roll call of the Board members. Please
4 respond verbally when I call your name.

5 Board Member Jones?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Is on her way.

8 MR. DIGGS: She's 10 minutes out, sir.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: All right. Board Member
10 Whitehill?

11 MS. WHITEHILL: Present.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Brotherton?

13 MS. BROTHERTON: Present.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Cantu-Serrano?

15 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Present.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Sloan?

17 MR. SLOAN: Present.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Jackson?

19 MR. JACKSON: Present.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And let the record reflect that
21 I, Mike Rodriguez, am here too. We have a quorum.

22 Agenda Item 2, Pledge of Allegiance. Please
23 stand. Please all stand in honor of country and state
24 with the Pledges of Allegiance.

25 (Whereupon, the U.S. and Texas pledges were

1 recited.)

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Members.

3 Agenda Item No. 3, Chair's Reports. Just real
4 quick, is there -- we can make some comments, William?

5 MR. DIGGS: Yeah.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Just real quick, on some
7 comments. I know that we are moving forward on some new
8 grantees for our task forces across the state. I
9 appreciate everybody that's here, and for the ones that
10 are going to be granted today, with this Board's
11 permission, you know, I welcome you, but more than
12 anything is, it just keeps getting better and better,
13 right.

14 Every time that we come here to our executive
15 Board meetings and we find out about new things that are
16 happening in our organization. It's just great to see new
17 faces and new task forces coming in to help with the
18 objectives and the mission of this MVCPA.

19 I'm also going to welcome two of our new,
20 brand-new Board Members, Board Member Tom Sloan and Board
21 Member Scott Jackson. I'll let them speak a little bit
22 about themselves before we proceed, but I do welcome them.

23 They're much needed, and Tom has a great background in
24 law enforcement, and we've got Scott here with a great
25 background in the insurance community.

1 So I'll let you, Tom, start first.

2 MR. SLOAN: Thank you, Chief. If you were not
3 here yesterday, my name is Tom Sloan. I did a brief
4 introduction yesterday. It was following lunch, and I
5 thought if I rambled on, I'd probably put you to sleep,
6 because a lot of people ate barbecue.

7 Seventeen years in Round Rock Police
8 Department. I'm the Criminal Investigation Division
9 Commander. Round Rock, if you're not familiar with it, is
10 Austin's little brother just to the north. We've got the
11 border -- on the border, just to the north of the city.

12 A little over 21 years in service with the
13 military. Military background -- I was a Marine. I was a
14 reporter in the Marines, and was embedded with an infantry
15 battalion during the battle of Ramadi in Fallujah.

16 Really looking forward to being here. I've
17 experienced nothing but a great welcome and enthusiastic
18 law enforcement professionals and support staff. I
19 understand the zest and the vigor that you have.

20 And I want to be an enthusiastic crime fighter
21 and support you with the MVCPA myself over the next
22 several years. Looking forward to getting to know you all
23 better on a personal level as well.

24 So thank you, and good morning.

25 MR. JACKSON: Well, that was a difficult one to

1 follow, but Scott Jackson. I too retired out of law
2 enforcement. I spent the majority of my time in criminal
3 investigations. I spent time on the federal task force
4 with the Secret Service and Bureau, working identity
5 theft.

6 I too am a veteran as well. Very excited about
7 being here. And currently, I lead the Fraud Department
8 for USAA.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Scott. Thank you,
10 Tom. Welcome again.

11 And we have a lot of work to do. I know that
12 you guys are going to be a great help. I know we had
13 Julio here for quite a while, and you know, he was a great
14 help. And you know, we do thank him for serving in this
15 Board.

16 We was to have a follow-up to do with him and
17 giving him a big thanks and a certificate as well, the
18 ones we give out. Correct, William?

19 MR. DIGGS: Yes.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But nonetheless, I do want to
21 say thank you to everybody. I know that we're now
22 preparing and moving forward with the next conference.
23 And you know, that's going to happen next year in Fort
24 Worth. We have a lot of work to do for that.

25 But more than anything is the work that's

1 coming for us as far as the objectives, the auto theft and
2 the catalytic convertor part. Auto theft, there's been a
3 big increase in our auto theft, not only within, you know,
4 the Houston and the Dallas area with GMC Sierras, but
5 we're also talking about Austin and San Antonio, El Paso
6 and Laredo and all the border cities that have been
7 experiencing this spike in GMC Sierras. And now, you
8 know, we're seeing the spike in Tahoes and other items,
9 big-ticket items.

10 So again, you know, we're going to be here to
11 continue supporting those agencies, you know, especially
12 our sheriffs departments, our police departments, and any
13 other agency that needs the support in those areas. But
14 we continue to see an increase also in Midland/Odessa. I
15 keep on saying Midland/Odessa, but Midland/Odessa,
16 Lubbock, all those areas that we continue to see a spike
17 in auto theft in general.

18 We now have Ms. Sharon Jones joining us, for
19 the record. Welcome. The traffic caught up to you?

20 Again, going on to the catalytic convertor
21 part, you know, we've seen a big decrease in catalytic
22 convertor thefts, and all across the state, but we
23 continue to see the -- certain pockets that continue to be
24 a concern. And so we're going to continue to pushing the
25 note and advising not only the agencies that are here

1 today, but if you know any other agency, any constables,
2 anything that has to do with supporting the mission, any
3 agency that can support the mission, please let them know
4 that there is going to be a new, grand opportunity opening
5 up so that they can continue, you know, to push.

6 We can continue to push to get more funding out
7 there to support us and the main objectives, which is the
8 auto theft and the catalytic convertor theft.

9 So again, I do want to welcome Sharon Jones.
10 Welcome. Do we have to put it on record that she's here?

11 MR. DIGGS: You did.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, we did.

13 MR. DIGGS: You just did.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. And with that being
15 said, I will move into Agenda Item 3.A., Approval of
16 Transcript from July 19, 2024. Members, we will now take
17 up Item No. 3.A., Approval of Transcript from our July 19,
18 2024, Meeting as Minutes.

19 Cass, are there any public comments?

20 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
21 comments. Cassandra Flint, MVCPA Executive Assistant, for
22 the record.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No comments, Members. If
24 everyone has reviewed their transcripts, would anyone like
25 to take a motion approving the transcripts as minutes?

1 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I move to
2 approve the minutes.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion from Board Member
4 Brotherton.

5 MS. JONES: Member Jones. Second.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And a second from Member Jones.
7 Any further discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.
10 Board Members, when I call your name, please state your
11 vote for the record.

12 Member Jones?

13 MS. JONES: Aye.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

15 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

17 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano? Member
19 Cantu-Serrano? On the approval --

20 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: -- of the transcript? Yeah.

22 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Can you hear me?

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We can hear you.

24 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

1 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Board Member Jackson?

3 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
5 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes to
6 none. The motion passes.

7 We do not have any Chair reports today, so we
8 are not taking up on Agenda Item No. 3.B.

9 We'll move on to Agenda Item 4. Agenda Item 4.

10 I will turn it over to MVCPA Director William Diggs for
11 Agenda Item 4.A. and 4.B.

12 MR. DIGGS: Good morning. William Diggs,
13 Director, MVCPA, for the record. Chief Rodriguez and
14 Members, I'm happy to announce this morning that the MVCPA
15 is fully staffed. We have 15 of our 15 employees
16 employed. And attached, you will see an org chart that's
17 going to provide you with the ability to -- you know, to
18 better understand our structure.

19 I'm going to tell you, the MVCPA is a great
20 place to work, and that's why we're full today and we have
21 no vacancies. So with that, that's all I have on our
22 staffing update.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Outstanding. Finally. Well,
24 finally, we're fully staffed.

25 MR. DIGGS: Fully staffed.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Thank you, Mr. Diggs.
2 Agenda Item 5, Senate Bill 224, Plan of
3 Operation. We will now move to Agenda Item 5, and we'll
4 turn the meeting back over to Major Sharon Jones and
5 William Diggs. All right.

6 Point of order. We'll go back to Agenda Item
7 4.B. Mr. William Diggs -- before we go to Agenda Item 5.

8 MR. DIGGS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
9 Members. William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for the record.
10 And we want to talk about the money. Right? So this is
11 important.

12 So the total adjusted budget for FY '25 for all
13 MVCPA programs is \$64.2 million, which includes the
14 following. There's \$24,940,521 in our Motor Vehicle Crime
15 Prevention appropriations. There is \$30,077,145 in our
16 Catalytic Convertor Program appropriations. And we have
17 \$6,181,539 in additional insurance collections in FY '24
18 for our Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention budget.

19 We have \$3,065,136 in additional insurance
20 collections in FY '24 for our Catalytic Convertor Program
21 budget. These will UB forward into FY '25. The total
22 estimated budget for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention
23 strategy, which is our task force strategy for FY '25, is
24 \$31,131,060, as of September 1, 2024, estimated. The
25 total FY '25 task force grants awarded, including

1 negotiations, as of September 30 is \$23,696,455.

2 Today, we're going to talk about our total Tier
3 Two FY '25 task force grant request, and they equal
4 \$2,235,022. The total combined FY '25 task force grants
5 equal \$25,931,427.

6 We have a total estimated operating cost for
7 our headquarters, salaries, expenses to be \$1,506,428.
8 And as of September 1, when you calculate all this out,
9 the total remaining estimated FY '25 task force budget is
10 \$3,693,205.

11 Moving on to our catalytic convertor strategy,
12 our SB 224 funding, which is what most of you know that
13 as -- the total estimated FY '25 Catalytic Convertor
14 Program strategy budget is \$33,142,281. The total FY '25
15 Catalytic Convertor grants awarding, including
16 negotiations, as of September 30 -- these are the 22 that
17 you approved back on July 19 -- is \$7,216,578.

18 A second round request for applications, RFA,
19 has been posted, and it closes on November 12. I am happy
20 to report that, as of this morning, we have one
21 application in the system that's been complete, and we
22 have 15 other applications that are right now in the
23 process of being complete from agencies throughout Texas,
24 both city agencies and also additional county agencies.

25 So there's a total of 15 that are still

1 currently in the process of submitting their application,
2 and I do not have the total numbers, what those would
3 equal at this point. I do know that the City of Universal
4 City has applied for a -- \$40,000. The other 15, we don't
5 have any dollar amounts on yet.

6 So moving forward, our total State partner
7 agency budget is \$5,750,000. Our total estimated
8 operating cost -- and this again is for our headquarters
9 budget -- is \$589,743. The total remaining estimated FY
10 '25 Catalytic Convertor Program strategy budget, not
11 counting the 15 that have yet to submit their application
12 but are in the queue, is \$19,585,960.

13 We continue to work closely with our State
14 partner agencies to ensure we are providing for any unmet
15 needs they may have in support of SB 224. We have monthly
16 meetings with these folks, and we always ask about their
17 unmet needs to ensure that we're providing all the support
18 that they need. And that's the Texas Department of
19 Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of
20 Public Safety, and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

21 In closing, I would like to say that the MVCPA
22 FY '25 budget is really in great shape. Thank you.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Very good job, Director Diggs.
24 Quick question. So we do have -- for the auto theft
25 budget, total remaining is 3.6. Correct? And then we

1 have the 19.5 for catalytic convertor?

2 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir. Just slightly over
3 \$3 million in our task force auto theft budget, and then,
4 yes, 19.5 in the catalytic convertor funding. Yes, sir.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. And then -- so this is
6 the -- SB 244, just to be clear, this is the one we're
7 opening again? And we already opened. Correct?

8 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir. It's already -- it's
9 been open for a few weeks, and that's correct. It closes
10 on November 12. And we've got 15 agencies in queue that
11 haven't finalized their application yet.

12 But they're from all over Texas. So it's
13 really good to see these agencies, both city and county
14 agencies throughout the state, are in the process of
15 applying.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Very good.

17 Members, any questions for Mr. Diggs?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Director Diggs.

20 We will move over to -- move on to Agenda Item
21 5, Senate Bill -- SB 224 Plan of Operation. We will now
22 move to Agenda Item 5. We will turn the meeting back over
23 to William Diggs and Major Sharon Jones.

24 MS. JONES: Good morning, sir. In relation to
25 5.B., as you know, Laredo PD hosted our Senate Bill 224

1 Committee meeting. And I have to say a huge thank you
2 again to Border Patrol for stopping their operations, so
3 to speak. I don't think they let anyone in that they
4 weren't supposed to, but -- I know. Right?

5 But they literally showed us the operation, how
6 it works, what happens, where things are supposed to be.
7 I'm also eternally grateful for them, because a lot of
8 times, those types of tours are usually for law
9 enforcement. And for them to accommodate our non-law
10 enforcement was an extremely grateful showing on their
11 part of support for us.

12 The continued hosting by your department, sir,
13 was top-notch. So we appreciate the love that we were
14 shown.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Got them there. Right?

16 MS. JONES: Absolutely. Okay. So one of the
17 things that's also very impactful that I noticed on the
18 border was the way the vehicles, especially those rental
19 vehicles, are checked. I was impressed with the fact that
20 my thinking and their thinking were the same.

21 There was a car that was coming, and my
22 thoughts were, that's the car I would stop, but being
23 mindful, when you stop that car, there's a whole lot that
24 are behind. So it was a great operation, like, the way it
25 ran.

1 I also thought about our tour as I saw on the
2 news in Austin, there was a report about Flock. And on
3 the news, they quoted stats from Austin PD, and the stats
4 from Flock were mainly about auto thefts and those that
5 are going to the border. So I immediately thought about
6 the fact that Austin PD has literally secured all these
7 vehicles that were intended for the border.

8 That's my report on 5.B., sir.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think -- yeah. I think the
10 Flock system is a great system. And we -- you know, I
11 know we continue to pretty much push the note that, you
12 know, more LPRs is great for auto thefts across the state.

13 But more than anything is the work that the boots on the
14 ground are doing, right?

15 So I know that I met with DPS Region 3 down in
16 Laredo. And the DPS troopers that are from Cotulla all
17 the way to Laredo, they've been seeing an increase in the
18 Sierras. And now knowing that, year to date, they've
19 already made 80 encounters. And out of those 80, you
20 know, 70-plus have been stolen vehicles.

21 You know, now, they're shifting. They've moved
22 to start stealing right from Laredo, and then we ended up
23 getting a grasp of that. And then they stopped.

24 But now we're seeing again the cars coming in
25 from Houston, Galveston, all these other areas where

1 they're just focusing on areas that are not hardening --
2 target-hardening. Because at the end of the day, they're
3 going to be moving to where it's easy -- easier to steal
4 these trucks, right?

5 And so one of the things that we continue
6 pushing is that these things for cartels are not only
7 happening in Laredo or in San Antonio. It's happening
8 across the state. And you know, you see it in Dallas.
9 You see it in Houston. You see it in El Paso.

10 So we need to continue pushing the note that,
11 to our guys, our investigators, our patrolmen -- that GMC
12 Sierras is a hot ticket item for them. That's what they
13 want. That's what they're asking for.

14 So we need to continue letting them know and
15 putting those situational awareness -- that anytime that
16 they see a suspected, you know, Sierra that is running at
17 two o'clock in the morning, or even at six o'clock in the
18 afternoon, it doesn't matter. You know, once you see
19 somebody that doesn't fit the vehicle, you know. Develop
20 your probable cause and let's stop the vehicle, right.

21 But at the end of the day, it's going to take
22 more than that, not just stopping vehicles as they're
23 going into the border, but also, you know, long term
24 investigations are very clear what is going to be putting
25 a stop to this. So I do want to take a moment to address

1 that, because we continue to see that, and we need to
2 continue attacking that problem, because it is a problem.

3

4 But nonetheless, I am going to break your
5 heart, while we are on the topic of Laredo being a great
6 host. So Sergeant Jaime Rodriguez is no longer a
7 sergeant. He just became a lieutenant.

8 He promoted to lieutenant. So congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: You will be moved out of auto
11 theft. He's going somewhere else. But very proud, very
12 proud of Jaime, because I said it in his promotion, that
13 when I saw him, he was a patrol sergeant. And we saw him
14 in his patrol car and it was at a restaurant, a local
15 restaurant there in Laredo.

16 And I told him, I said, hey, do you want to
17 come over to auto theft? I know it sounds like it's a gig
18 that everybody wants, but it comes with a lot to it,
19 right? So it's a lot of grant administration. It comes
20 with a lot of -- you have to have a lot of energy to focus
21 on this, right.

22 Because we're in a border town. So talking to
23 him back in the day, he said, yes, sir, let me go ahead
24 and try it. Right? But he never said no. So once he got
25 there, he came and told me, you know, this is not what I

1 thought it was, right. It's a different animal.

2 It's a lot of work. But more than anything is
3 this that he loved. He fell in love with MVCPA. He fell
4 in love with this group right here, the commanders of
5 every other task force and the passion that they have for
6 auto theft. That's what got him, you know, completely
7 passionate and connected to this.

8 So now that I told him that he's going to get
9 moved, he doesn't want to get moved. He wants to move
10 Jeanette somewhere else -- Lieutenant Tovar.

11 But we do thank you, Jaime, for everything that
12 you've done. And I think this family is going to miss
13 you, but I know that where you're going, you're going to
14 do a lot, a lot of good things for Laredo PD. So thank
15 you for -- appreciate you.

16 MS. JONES: I'm very proud of you.
17 Congratulations. Your dedication and loyalty to MVCPA
18 will be missed.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do we have a motion on this
20 item? Or --

21 MR. DIGGS: It's just a report.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Director Diggs?

23 MR. DIGGS: Yes. Thank you, Chief Rodriguez.
24 William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for the record. Also just
25 did want to just wanted to give you a brief update on our

1 interagency contracts with Texas DPS and TDLR.

2 We actually have fully executed FY '25
3 contracts with those two agencies. Currently, the budget
4 for Texas DPS is \$1.7 million and some change, and the
5 budget for TDLR is just over half a million dollars. We
6 work closely with Texas DMV in providing support for
7 Enforcement Division, the Vehicle Title and Registration
8 Division, and also the ITSD Division. And we are
9 supporting them fully as well.

10 We meet monthly with the partner agencies. All
11 of the partners are fantastic. They join -- we have
12 virtual calls monthly. We get updates on trends, on any
13 existing case information that they can provide, as well
14 as best practices.

15 And again, we talk about unmet needs and we
16 talk about the things that any of these agencies need,
17 whether if it be FTEs, equipment, technology that we can
18 provide and be able to support the catalytic convertor
19 theft and prevention, the SB 244 funding. And we work --
20 we're working hard on that, and we look to bring a plan
21 together here soon, working closely with Texas DPS in
22 relationship to cameras, camera systems, to help deter
23 catalytic convertor theft and to prevent that from
24 occurring.

25 So we hope to be able to bring an update to the

1 Board here pretty soon. I'm working closely with my
2 counterparts over at DPS. And we look forward to bringing
3 you guys an update on that, here in the next few months.

4 So that's all I have on Agenda Item No. 5.A.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Digs. Agenda
6 Item 5.A., SB 224 Partner Agency Interagency Contract?

7 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir. That was it.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That was it? Okay. Agenda
9 Item 5.B., SB 224 Advisory Committee update. And that's
10 the brief that you gave.

11 So then we now to go Agenda Item 5.C.,
12 Consideration of the Continuation of SB 224 Advisory
13 Committee under Transportation Code Section 1006.103.
14 It's an action item.

15 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. At our last meeting in
16 Laredo, there was support for a continuation of Senate
17 Bill 224. I know, in July, when we were in Houston, we
18 were going to have two meetings in 2025.

19 However, in Laredo, there was a discussion, and
20 so the proposal is to have four meetings instead of the
21 two. That was also being pushed by our industry partners.

22 And so what I'm asking for today is if we have
23 four meetings instead of the two -- however, in working
24 with Mr. Diggs, we will still continue to have the two
25 planned off-site meetings, but then have two planned

1 meetings here in Austin at this location.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So we're going
3 quarterly?

4 MS. JONES: Yes, sir, quarterly.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

6 MS. JONES: And I would like to move that the
7 MVCPA Board approve the continuation of Senate Bill 224
8 Advisory Committee under Transportation Code 1006.103.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Before we make that motion,
10 real quick, is there -- are there any public comments?

11 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
12 comments.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Now we can move on the motion.
14 No? No one wants to make the -- you moved? You made the
15 motion? Oh. I need a second.

16 MS. JONES: I made the motion.

17 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Member Cantu-Serrano. I
18 second.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay, okay. We have a motion
20 from Committee Member Jones and a second from Member
21 Cantu-Serrano. Any further discussion?

22 MS. JONES: No, sir.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
24 for the vote. Board Members, when I call your name,
25 please state your vote.

1 Member Jones?

2 MS. JONES: Aye.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

4 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

6 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

8 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: [Inaudible].

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

10 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

12 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

14 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Mike Rodriguez, vote
16 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes to
17 none. Motion passes.

18 Agenda Item 6, Grants, Budget, and Reporting
19 Committee Update. This is a briefing only. We will now
20 move to Agenda Item 6, and I will turn the meeting back
21 over to Major Sharon Jones.

22 MS. JONES: Sir, the Grants Committee met
23 yesterday briefly. We discussed the Tier Two agencies
24 that were not funded when we were in Houston in July at
25 our meeting. There will be further discussion there. Our

1 meeting was brief but informative, sir.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Where there any recommendations
3 from that meeting?

4 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. And that recommendation,
5 it's going to be in Agenda Item No. 7. But we are going
6 to recommend that those five agencies that were not funded
7 in July, that they will get funded --

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. And --

9 MS. JONES: -- and we'll have a motion for
10 today, sir.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But we're funding them as --
12 the way the application came in. Correct? There's no
13 change from the Committee?

14 MS. JONES: Correct. Yes, sir. And then we
15 also verify that all members who are represented here,
16 Hidalgo County, Maverick County, the City of San Marcos,
17 the Town of Prosper, and City of Cedar Hill, presented in
18 Houston. So we've heard all presentations, sir.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

20 Are there any questions for Major Jones?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, move on to Agenda
23 Item 7, FY '25 Tier Two Taskforce Grant Award
24 Recommendations. This is an action item. We will now
25 move on to Agenda Item 7.

1 We will turn the meeting over to William Diggs,
2 MVCPA Director.

3 MR. DIGGS: Thank you, Chief Rodriguez.
4 William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for the record. As
5 everybody -- most of you that were in our meeting on
6 July 19, you heard me talk about being fiscally
7 responsible and ensuring that the budget would support
8 these additional task force requests. We were able to
9 make that determination.

10 You heard the budget report that I gave just a
11 few minutes ago. I am confident in our ability to support
12 the additional cost, which is just a little over
13 \$2.2 million. Hidalgo County, in a little over \$1.1
14 million; Maverick County, \$642,623; the City of San
15 Marcos, \$177,401. These are both for FTEs and equipment.

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17 The Town of Prosper, \$286,400. This is an
18 equipment request. And then the City of Cedar Hill,
19 \$14,250, as well. This is an equipment request.

20 And I fully support this. I appreciate the GBR
21 Committee's action on it yesterday, being in support of
22 moving forward with these five requests. And I'm
23 confident that we -- that this is the right way to go. I
24 know a number of these task -- a number of the cities and
25 the counties are here with us today, and I know they

1 appreciate the support that MVCPA is going to provide.

2 So with that, I'll close. Thank you.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And even after funding these
4 task forces, we still remain with the 3.6. Correct?

5 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir. It's 3,066,000 and some
6 change. Yes, sir.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I am going to ask that
8 the MVCPA staff -- that when we are submitting or when
9 Hidalgo County, which is with the other task force down in
10 Brownsville, the South Texas Task Force, that when they're
11 submitting statistics, that we're very clear that it's not
12 overlapping. The same thing with Maverick County and
13 Eagle Pass, that those statistics are not overlapping, so
14 that we can have a very clear picture as to if it's the
15 FTEs and the equipment that are being placed in there,
16 that it's separate and it's something that's needed for
17 future funding.

18 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir. We will make sure that
19 we are keeping awareness on that and double-checking all
20 of that. Thank you.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
22 Diggs.

23 Any other questions from Board Members?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Are there any public comments

1 on this, Cass?

2 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
3 comments. Thank you.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now entertain a motion
5 on Agenda Item 7.

6 MS. JONES: Sir, Member Jones. I move that the
7 MVCPA Board approve the Tier Two Fiscal Year '25 Task
8 Force Grant Applications Requests submitted by Hidalgo
9 County for \$1,114,348; Maverick County, \$642,623; the City
10 of San Marcos, 177,401; the Town of Prosper, 286,400; and
11 finally, the City of Cedar Hill, \$14,250.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion from Board Member Jones.

13 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. Second.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second from Member Whitehill.

15 Any further discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.

18 Board Members, when I call your name, please state your

19 vote for the record.

20 Member Jones?

21 MS. JONES: Aye.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

23 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

25 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

2 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

4 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

6 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
8 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes to
9 none. The motion passes.

10 Moving on to Agenda Item 8, Rule Review
11 Proposal under Government Code, §2001.039: Chapter 57,
12 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. And this is an
13 action item.

14 We will now move to Agenda Item 8 and we'll
15 turn the meeting over to David Richards.

16 MR. RICHARDS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
17 Members, Director Diggs. David Richards, General Counsel,
18 for the record. As the Chairman stated, this is an action
19 item. What we're seeking of the Board today is to approve
20 the publication of our proposed rule review in the *Texas*
21 *Register* for a 30-day public comment period.

22 Under Government Code 2001.039, this agency or
23 the MVCPA is required to review its rules every four years
24 to consider whether or not the reasons that existed at the
25 time for creating them still exist and whether or not the

1 rules should be repealed, re-adopted or re-adopted with
2 amendments.

3 We will have a second item here in just a
4 minute that I'll present with some of the amendments, but
5 this is just an intention to review public notice, if you
6 will, that will be published in the *Texas Register*. It is
7 found on page 19 of your Board book.

8 It's a standard intention to review, and I ask
9 the Board's approval to publish this notice. Thank you.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Richards.

11 Any questions for Mr. David Richards?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
14 comments?

15 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
16 comments. Thank you.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
18 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 8.

19 MS. JONES: Member Jones, for the record. I
20 move that the Board approve the proposed notice of
21 intention to review 43 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter
22 57, as recommended by staff for publication in the *Texas*
23 *Register*.

24 I also move that the Board grant staff the
25 authority to make changes to the proposed notice of

1 intention to review Chapter 57 that are approved by the
2 Authority's General Counsel, as necessary for compliance
3 with State or federal law or for acceptance by the
4 Secretary of State for filing and publication in the *Texas*
5 *Register*. In addition, I move that the Board grant the
6 authority to staff to make changes to the proposed notice
7 of intention to review Chapter 57 based on nonsubstantive
8 corrections made by the *Texas Register*.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion from Member
10 Jones. Do I have a second?

11 MR. SLOAN: Board Member Sloan. Yes.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion from Member
13 Jones and a second from Board Member Sloan. Any further
14 discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
17 for the vote. Board Members, when I call your name,
18 please state your vote for the record.

19 Member Jones?

20 MS. JONES: Aye.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

22 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

24 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

1 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

3 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

5 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
7 aye. Let the record reflect, there are seven votes for
8 and zero against. The motion passes.

9 Moving on to Agenda Item 9, Chapter 57 Motor
10 Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority - Amendments: §§57.9;
11 57.14; 57.18; 57.27; and 57.29; 57.30; 57.48; 57.49;
12 57.50; 57.51; and 57.52, Relating to Cleanup. This is an
13 action item.

14 We will now move to Agenda Item 9, and we'll
15 turn the meeting back over to David Richards.

16 MR. RICHARDS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
17 Members, Director Diggs. David Richards, General Counsel,
18 for the record. On page 20 of your Board book, it's set
19 out various proposed amendments that staff and I feel
20 should be proposed in the *Texas Register*, and we recommend
21 for your approval.

22 These amendments are necessary to bring the
23 amendments in alignment with statute, to remove the
24 language that's redundant to statute or with statute,
25 clarify the purpose of a rule by amending the title and

1 language, to clarify existing requirements, and modernize
2 language and improve readability through the use of
3 consistent terminology. Also to clarify and delete
4 unused, archaic or inaccurate definitions, terms and
5 references, and to more specifically describe the
6 Authority's methods and procedures.

7 These are proposed to also be filed with the
8 *Texas Register* for a 30-day public comment period. At the
9 next meeting, we will come back, entertain any comments
10 that were made to these rules, should you approve them
11 today, and make any necessary changes, but we'll adopt
12 them. As I understand, the meeting will be in January,
13 and we will have these on the agenda for January for final
14 adoption.

15 So that's all I have to say for this agenda
16 item now, and just need a motion, second and approval, if
17 you so choose. Thank you.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Richards, how long has it
19 been since we haven't modernized the language or proposed
20 amendments for these rules?

21 MR. RICHARDS: We've -- it's four years --
22 sorry. David Richards. Four years is the requirement.
23 It's been five years since we've reviewed the rules under
24 that statute.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Any other questions

1 for Mr. Richards, Board Members?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
4 comments?

5 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
6 comments. Thank you.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
8 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 9.

9 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I move that
10 the Board approve the proposed rule amendments to 43 Texas
11 Administrative Code, Chapter 57, and publish them in the
12 *Texas Register* for a 30-day comment period. I also move
13 that the Board grant the authority to make changes to the
14 proposed amendments to Chapter 57 that are approved by the
15 Authority's General Counsel as necessary for compliance
16 with State or federal law or for acceptance by the
17 Secretary of State for filing and publication in the *Texas*
18 *Register*.

19 In addition, I also move that the Board grant
20 the authority to staff to make changes to the notice of
21 re-adoption of Chapter 57 based on nonsubstantive
22 corrections made by the *Texas Register*.

23 MS. JONES: Member Jones. Second.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion from Board
25 Member Whitehill and a second from Board Member Jones.

1 Any further discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
4 for the vote. Members, when I call your name, please
5 state your vote for the record.

6 Member Jones?

7 MS. JONES: Aye.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

9 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

11 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

13 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

15 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

17 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
19 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes
20 for and zero against. The motion passes.

21 MR. RICHARDS: Thank you, Members.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Richards.

23 Agenda Item 10, MVCPA Logo Redesign review and
24 selection. This is an action item. We will now move to
25 Agenda Item 10, and I will turn the meeting back over to

1 Herman Adair.

2 MR. ADAIR: Good morning. Good morning,
3 Chairman, Board. Herman Adair, MVCPA Law Enforcement
4 Trainer, for the record. Get started with Agenda Item 10.

5 So during the March 28, 2024, MVCPA Board
6 meeting held in Houston, Texas, Chairman Mike Rodriguez
7 asked that we look at redesigning our current logo, which
8 I think has been a long time coming. So on April 18,
9 2024, MVCPA Director William Diggs sent out an email to
10 all of the task force commanders.

11 And as it read: "To Task Force Commanders.
12 During our March 28 MVCPA Board meeting in Houston, our
13 Chairman asked that we look at redesigning our current
14 logo below. I feel strongly that it is your logo and you
15 should play a role in its design.

16 "Please work with your folks and consider
17 submitting a redesigned MVCPA logo. We will then take the
18 recommendation to the MVCPA Board for consideration and
19 adoption of a new logo in July. Your submissions should
20 be sent to Herman Adair no later than June 15, 2024. Only
21 one submission per task force, please."

22 So that being said, we received, by June 16, a
23 total of seven logos from different task forces throughout
24 the state. We took it to the -- the top three logos were
25 chosen by the MVCPA Board, and asked that the designers on

1 the top three have a chance to revamp it in some certain
2 way, fine-tune them. So we sent the logo back to the
3 redesigners. And two logos were resubmitted with no
4 changes, and one came back with a change.

5 But let's take a look at the logos here. So
6 during the September commanders' teams meetings, Director
7 William Diggs wanted to let the commanders have a part in
8 what they thought was the logo that they wanted to
9 represent MVCPA. So he presented them as in Logo 1, Logo
10 2, and Logo 3, and you can see the vote that we got.

11 So Logo 2 got two -- or Logo 1 got two votes.
12 Logo 2 got 17 votes. And Logo 3 got one vote. So
13 overall, Logo 2 was the commanders' favorite.

14 So we'll take a look at the -- so this is
15 Logo 1 that got revamped, and this was done by MVCPA
16 staff. This was Logo 2, done by Dallas County SO Torrance
17 Clemmons. And Director Diggs actually spoke with Torrance
18 Clemmons, and said that if font needs to be bigger or
19 whatever needs to be done, we can actually change that and
20 make it a little larger if need be, wherever need be.

21 And then the third logo was submitted by
22 Commander Matt Peterson with Tarrant County SO. Give it
23 back to y'all.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Herman. And I know
25 that we discussed the one that got the most votes, said

1 that the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has to
2 be bigger. We have -- it has to stand out. Right?

3 And so this is, I guess, the question that
4 we're talking about, asking the Commander if we can make
5 those changes?

6 MR. DIGGS: William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for
7 the record. So Chief Rodriguez, earlier this week, I
8 reached out and had a conversation with Torrance over the
9 phone, and he was willing to allow the MVCPA to make that
10 adjustment on the font, make it bigger. He told us which
11 software that it was created in, and we would be able to
12 go in and make some adjustments.

13 I know that there was some thought that,
14 obviously, "MVCPA" is not quite large enough and that we
15 would be able to make that font larger. He had no issues
16 with us doing that.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Well, this is the one
18 that got the most votes, so we're going to go with this
19 one.

20 MS. BROTHERTON: Member Brotherton. I have a
21 question. Is the blue background going to be -- is that
22 going to always be the -- is it going to be a square, or
23 is it going to be actually the seal? It looks like a seal
24 to me.

25 MR. DIGGS: William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for

1 the record. So it would just the seal, and that square
2 background would be gone.

3 MR. ADAIR: Herman Adair, for the record. Yes.
4 Torrance did say that that was just the background that
5 was part of the program he used. It's mainly the seal
6 itself.

7 MS. JONES: Is the artist here? Is the artist
8 here?

9 MR. ADAIR: No, ma'am.

10 MR. DIGGS: He is not.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We can still vote for this, and
12 then we can ask for the modifications, right? The
13 modifications?

14 MS. JONES: [Inaudible].

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I know, but the Board has to
16 say yes, but we're going to vote for it. Yes. We're good
17 with this.

18 I just want to change the font. All right.
19 Herman, thank you for that presentation.

20 Cass, are there any public comments?

21 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
22 comments. Thank you.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now entertain a motion
24 on Agenda Item 10.

25 MS. JONES: Chairman Jones, for the record. I

1 move that the MVCPA Board approve Logo 2, as presented by
2 staff, as the new logo for the Motor Vehicle Crime
3 Prevention Authority. MVCPA staff will work with the
4 artist to enhance the font of the words stating "Motor
5 Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority."

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: A motion from Member Jones. Do
7 we have a second?

8 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Member Cantu-Serrano. I
9 second.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.
13 Board Members, when I call your name, please state your
14 vote for the record.

15 Member Jones?

16 MS. JONES: Aye.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

18 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

20 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

22 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

24 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

1 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
3 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes
4 for and zero against. The motion passes.

5 We now have a new logo. So completely re-brand
6 our -- everything, right. Even our coffee mugs and stuff?

7 MR. DIGGS: Everything. Some of you guys got
8 some wraps out there; we're going to have to re-wrap.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We're going to have to re-wrap.
10 You know, and this is where -- I'm saying, like, we're
11 getting -- you know, those Sky Tracks that we're funding,
12 from Flock and all these other vendors, that we can put
13 our logo in there so there would be more recognition, more
14 brand recognition for MVCPA. And somebody can come and
15 ask, what is MVCPA? Now they'll know, right.

16 So this was the objective of getting a new logo
17 that will stand out when we're putting our -- especially
18 things that we're funding, the tools that we're funding
19 for these commanders and these task forces, that this logo
20 is there. And of course, you know, anything else that
21 they would want to do with it.

22 MR. RICHARDS: Mr. Chairman, David Richards --

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Richards?

24 MR. RICHARDS: -- General Counsel, for the
25 record. I will also -- once we get the font issue

1 resolved, I will file a trademark protection for that
2 particular emblem as well with the U.S. Patent and Trade
3 Office in Washington.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Richards. Okay.

5 Moving on to Agenda Item 11, MVCPA Training
6 Section Update. This is a briefing only. We'll hear from
7 Herman.

8 (Pause.)

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We'll come back to Agenda Item
10 11? Yeah. Okay.

11 Moving to Agenda Item 12, MVCPA 2025 Conference
12 Venue recommendation and selection.

13 Member Sharon Jones?

14 MS. JONES: Sir, MVCPA staff, Member Sloan, and
15 I, we met with the Tarrant County Task Force and the City
16 of Dallas Task Force in Fort Worth at the downtown Hilton,
17 the historic downtown Hilton. It is two miles from the
18 Stockyard.

19 And every last one of us agree that that's
20 where it should be. Absolutely loved it. They rolled out
21 the red carpet for us.

22 We already have a lot planned. We're trying to
23 top our conference this year. It's going to be hard to do
24 that, but I think I can do it. I have a lot of help, a
25 lot of great ideas already being pushed.

1 And so it is unanimously decided by all who
2 were there that it should be at the historic downtown
3 Hilton in Fort Worth. They rolled out the red carpet for
4 us.

5 MR. SLOAN: Having been there, sir, it was very
6 welcoming. It's always good when you attend a conference,
7 if there are other venues that you can go visit so you
8 don't overwhelm the hotel staff. Anytime you can get in
9 Cowtown with a bunch of friends, there's lots of nice
10 restaurants around there.

11 The food that we ate there at lunch was good as
12 well. And so I think it will be a good venue.

13 MS. JONES: Mr. Diggs?

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We also have Member Brotherton
15 and Member Whitehill that can definitely give huge help on
16 this event. So we're looking forward to your help.

17 FEMALE VOICE: We got you.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: But I do want to add one thing
19 to this event, and I might say that this year if we can
20 bring a speaker to the event that has to do with
21 leadership, that has to do with a different focus, not
22 only on auto theft itself, but on leadership, and you
23 know, dealing with a new generation and things like that,
24 that I think it's much needed this time in all police
25 forces to learn about that, to talk about that, and to

1 give our commanders and everybody present, you know, what
2 the future holds for new leaders and a new generation of
3 leaders that are coming on board.

4 MS. JONES: Yes, sir. The training team has
5 met. We have subcommittees. One of them is training.
6 And we will have management.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good.

8 MS. JONES: Definitely a topic. We're already
9 forming the ideas for new subject matter. We're also
10 going to include, every day, courses for non-law
11 enforcement.

12 This year, we had courses that were only for
13 law enforcement. And then unfortunately, that excluded
14 the analysts who worked on our projects, the
15 administrative assistants, those who were actually behind
16 the scenes, who were doing all the work. They know
17 everything, but we excluded them.

18 It also excluded sponsors who are supporting us
19 on specific sponsorships and specific -- what they're --
20 what I call, wares. They're selling their wares to us.
21 So whether it's equipment, subscription, it excluded them
22 as well from attending some of the courses that they're
23 supporting us on.

24 And also it excluded some of -- unfortunately,
25 like, some staff members, even some members from Senate

1 Bill 224 Committee. So there is a lot of exclusion there.
2 The partnerships.

3 So this year, simultaneously, we're going to
4 have meetings for everyone. So you can either go to law
5 enforcement -- and then we're going to include our non-law
6 enforcement staff. We're also definitely focusing heavily
7 on our 224 partners, the industry, auto parts. We want
8 them to participate.

9 We're asking for them to present to us their
10 thoughts, their ideas, what we can do better. How can we
11 help them? We're also going to include -- our
12 presentation to them -- our limitations.

13 So it's not a matter of -- we don't want to
14 make an arrest for catalytic convertors because they may
15 have 10. In some counties, you have to get approval from
16 the DA. So there's a lot of understanding between the two
17 groups that we are definitely forging relationship with --
18 in our 224 Committee. So we're going to have that.

19 Also, one of the private partners asked if we
20 could have a meeting, a Senate Bill 224 meeting, during
21 that week of the conference. And we accommodated that
22 request. It was actually a great idea.

23 We're going to have them there at the
24 conference. They're already going to be there. So I work
25 with -- I almost said, Major Diggs -- Mr. Diggs. You will

1 always be Major Diggs to me.

2 MR. DIGGS: I've answered to worse.

3 MS. JONES: Mr. Diggs and Ms. Flint and we came
4 up with a pretty solid schedule for that week. And so we
5 have a plan to accommodate not only just a 224 Committee
6 meeting, but also we're going to have -- since we're
7 already there, we're going to go back and actually have
8 our Grant Committee meeting there and our GBR meetings.

9 Everyone will be there. So it just made sense
10 to just have it at that moment.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Yes.

12 Any other questions for Member Jones?

13 MS. JONES: Mr. Diggs, did you have any input
14 on the hotel?

15 MR. DIGGS: I mean, y'all said it real well. I
16 actually love Fort Worth. I went up there with my fiancée
17 and we met up there with you guys, and we walked around
18 downtown for probably three hours, and had a great time.

19 So the hotel is phenomenal. I love the
20 history. And it's just the right size, I believe. And so
21 I look forward to going back in July.

22 MS. JONES: The conference date will be the
23 week of July 13. So basically, July 13th to the 18th.
24 And I know some of you are thinking -- I've already
25 checked the Rangers' schedule, and on the 18th, which is

1 the Friday, I think they're playing the Orioles.

2 FEMALE VOICE: Is that a baseball team?

3 MS. JONES: Yeah. The Orioles.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It is a baseball team.

5 MS. JONES: Yes. I only know the Astros, the
6 Rangers and the Astros. So yes, there's baseball on the
7 18th.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Are the Astros a baseball team?

9 (General laughter.)

10 MS. JONES: Yes, no, yes, of course. I know
11 that much.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I'm just checking
13 because --

14 MS. JONES: And before you --

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And it came down to the
16 Baltimore Orioles, but --

17 MS. JONES: So when we're there on the 18th,
18 it's kind of ironic and funny that the Rangers are playing
19 the Astros, but in Houston. So on the 18th is when they
20 have -- they're playing in town, the Rangers. So I asked
21 the hotel if they could accommodate us with the -- our
22 conference rate throughout that weekend so that those who
23 will like to stay after the conference and enjoy a game at
24 the conference rate, and the hotel said yes.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Awesome. Well, I think -- I

1 mean, we're moving forward with this. I think the venue,
2 Fort Worth, you know, it's always a really, really nice
3 city. And so I think everybody is going to enjoy it. And
4 so thank you for being out there and trying to make this
5 happen.

6 And I know it's going to be a great conference
7 this coming year. You're going to up it another level
8 this time, I know.

9 So any other questions for Sharon Jones?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, Cass, are there
12 any public comments on this?

13 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
14 comments. Thank you.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
16 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 12.

17 MS. BROTHERTON: It's only fitting for Member
18 Brotherton to make the motion, since it's in my hometown.

19 I move that the MVCPA Board approve the historic district
20 Hilton in Fort Worth as the venue for the MVCPA Conference
21 in 2025 and direct MVCPA staff to navigate the contracts
22 process with the TxDMV.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
24 Brotherton. Do I hear a second?

25 MR. JACKSON: Member Jackson. Second.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.

4 Board Members, when I call your name, please state your
5 vote for the record.

6 Member Jones?

7 MS. JONES: Aye.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

9 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

11 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

13 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

15 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

17 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
19 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes
20 for and zero against. The motion passes.

21 It is 10:13 a.m. We will take a 15-minute
22 break. We'll be back -- well, let's be back at 10:25.

23 (Whereupon, at 10:13 a.m., there was a short
24 recess.)

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It is 10:35 a.m., and we're

1 back in session.

2 We're moving on to Agenda Item 13, MVCPA
3 Taskforce 68A Inspection Updates for FY '23 and FY '24.
4 This is a briefing only.

5 Director Diggs?

6 MR. DIGGS: William Diggs, Director, MVCPA, for
7 the record. And so I did want to give everybody a quick
8 update on the 68A inspection summary, the things that our
9 task forces have actually been working on.

10 This is an FY '23 and an FY '24 update. And I
11 know Zach is pulling some information up there for you
12 guys real quick.

13 Anyway, during FY '23, MVCPA task forces
14 conducted around the state 27,365 68A inspections. In FY
15 '24, that went up just a little bit, 28,281. And that may
16 not have all of them in there, but that's what we knew
17 as -- when this thing went to print last week.

18 With that, the dollars that were collected in
19 FY '23 was \$661,260 -- was reported in GMTS that was
20 collected. And then in FY '24, this is where we feel like
21 it may not be complete yet. There was \$526,939 -- was
22 collected.

23 So when you take a hard look at it -- so
24 remember the -- so everybody knows, and most of these guys
25 and gals in the room know that that fee is \$40, right?

1 And when you look closer at this, the uncollected version
2 in FY '23 is \$433,340. In FY '24, to date, it's \$614,301.

3 And so I did want to talk a little bit about
4 history, and hope everybody is okay with that. So back on
5 July 6, 2017, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
6 adopted a policy that encouraged but did not require that
7 that fee be assessed for the VIN inspections. And I
8 believe that position is still correct.

9 And the reason I say that is because the
10 Transportation Code 501.0321(e) -- David's probably
11 checking me right now when I'm starting to talk about the
12 law -- it actually says -- it says that an agency "may" --
13 may collect. You know, it doesn't mandate it. It doesn't
14 say "shall," it says that they may.

15 So when you think about that, you think about
16 the position of the MVCPA Board back in 2017. I believe
17 they called that right, and that if they do charge a fee,
18 that those funds should be reported, that those are
19 actually program income, and those dollars should be
20 reported in GMTS.

21 And you know, we took a kind of a look. And
22 this is just a sample, you know, of -- well, you know, why
23 was there a discrepancy in the monies collected? And it's
24 exactly what we thought, you know. And I think everybody
25 that reported back, you know, they kind of called it

1 right.

2 And you know, here's Dallas County. When it
3 comes to the fee, in parentheses, it says -- in quotations
4 it says "may be applicable." You know, so in other words,
5 they're looking at the statute, and says, hey, it says
6 that we may collect it. We don't have to collect it.

7 And some of the agencies are waiving it for
8 certain persons, you know, and that's a local policy. And
9 I think that -- I believe that also is appropriate,
10 because they don't have to collect the fee.

11 And so we -- and so whenever the task forces
12 came back and reported to us, it was -- everybody was kind
13 of the same. You know, they either collect it for
14 everyone or they don't always collect it, and some don't
15 collect it at all. They do it as a service to the public.

16 And then when you look at the 68A inspections
17 for FY '23 and FY '24, for all of the task forces, you'll
18 see that FY '23 is tracking in red, and the FY '24 is
19 tracking in green. What you'll see is, they're all --
20 they're pretty consistent, year over year, the number of
21 68A inspections that they are actually conducting.

22 And then this is in kind of relation to the
23 funds that realized -- in others, they collected. They
24 reported. You know, was in green. And so you'll see
25 that, obviously, and you can look at it for yourself.

1 You know, Burnet County is doing a lot of
2 inspections up there, the Heart of Texas Task Force --
3 Howard, I think you're in here somewhere. Howard, thank
4 you for the hard work, you know, that you guys are doing
5 here in Central Texas. And so -- and they're collecting
6 that fee.

7 So -- and then in Dallas County, you'll see
8 there that they also are collecting the fee. And where
9 you see the red, the unrealized, again that's where either
10 they're not collecting a fee or they have a policy that
11 they're waiving some of those.

12 And so this is the information that I went back
13 and took a hard look at, when it comes to 68A inspections.

14 I think -- and this is for FY '24. And like I said, we
15 feel like that possibly some of the FY '24 data is
16 incomplete at this point when it comes to the fees that
17 have been collected and reported.

18 But with that, that concludes my update on 68A
19 inspections. Like I said, I believe that the statute is
20 permissible. Agencies do not have to charge the fee. I
21 feel like that if they do charge the fee and if they are
22 an MVCPA task force funded officer that those dollars are
23 program income and should be reported in GMTS.

24 And that concludes my update, sir.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Diggs.

1 Moving on to Agenda Item 14, Fiscal Year '24
2 Supplanting follow-up report conducted by MVCPA Audit
3 Section. I will turn the meeting over to Lauren Williams,
4 our auditor.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank y'all. Lauren
6 Williams, MVCPA Grant Auditor, for the record.

7 On July 19, 2024, seven grantees presented to
8 the Board their supplanting position. Three of these
9 grantees, being Burnet County, the City of Belmont, and
10 the City of Pasadena, had repayment amounts decided upon
11 that day. All three of these grantees have indicated
12 their repayment plans to the MVCPA, and Burnet County has
13 actually repaid this amount in full already.

14 Four of these grantees, the City of
15 Brownsville, the City of Eagle Pass, Galveston County, and
16 Harris County, presented information that required further
17 evaluation per the Board.

18 We've analyzed the presentations,
19 documentation, and verbal cases made by each of these
20 grantees in the July 19 Board meeting, and we have
21 responded to the information at the Board meeting by each
22 grantee, and have included a rationale, calculations to
23 support our final recommendation to the Board today.

24 To begin, we'll start with the City of
25 Brownsville. The original FY '24 supplanting calculation,

1 as of 7/19, equals \$141,935.66. For FY '23, that total
2 was \$178,648.64. These are the same figures presented in
3 the handout provided by Brownsville on 7/19.

4 I have that in front of me in case anyone has
5 any questions. The case made verbally and in the handout
6 was that the supplanting amount would have been lower if
7 the reimbursement rate had been the same in FY '22 and in
8 FY '23 as it was in FY '21.

9 I'd like to touch on that a little bit and
10 remind everyone that a reimbursement rate is calculated as
11 a result of an approved application. And essentially,
12 that's calculated by MVCPA total expenditures divided by
13 the overall total expenditures. So the reimbursement rate
14 was higher in FY '22 and in FY '23 than it was in FY '21,
15 but that's just a result of Brownsville applying for more
16 grant money while reducing their match amount.

17 So that's kind of where that came from. The
18 reimbursement rate again is a product of the contribution
19 made by a grantee, as well the contribution made by the
20 MVCPA, and it's not a determining factor in supplanting.
21 The local contribution was reduced, which resulted in the
22 supplanting violation by Brownsville.

23 Another point that was made was, an
24 investigator was hired in FY '22, towards the end of it.
25 This filled a previously existing position, and that

1 employee in FY '21 was paid more. So this was unreported,
2 just due to an association error, I guess.

3 It was mis-coded in their system. Everything
4 that we can see in our GMTS system says that they reported
5 the same amount of investigators in FY '21, FY '22, and FY
6 '23. This means that even if this is the case, that they
7 did not report a certain amount of expenditures for an
8 investigator in FY '22 and FY '23.

9 They also did not report that in FY '21. This
10 means, if we gave them credit to reduce essentially their
11 supplanting of that in FY '22 and FY '23, we would also
12 have to add that salary to their baseline of FY '21. And
13 it would, in essence, actually worsen their supplanting
14 position, as again that previous investigator was paid
15 more.

16 With all of this being said, none of the
17 information presented July 19 by Brownsville altered any
18 of our calculations. So this still leaves us with a total
19 of \$319,684.30 of a supplanting violation. If we used
20 that 25 percent repayment percentage that we've utilized
21 in the past, this would result in City of Brownsville
22 supplanting repayment amount of \$79,921.08.

23 As for the City of Eagle Pass, the original FY
24 '22 supplanting calculation, as of that 7/19 Board
25 meeting, was \$11,592.47. There was no supplanting

1 detected in FY '23.

2 At that Board meeting, Eagle Pass did provide
3 us \$1,677 of previously unreported expenditures, which I
4 have verified that these amounts were not reported in any
5 previous quarters in GMTS. And they have been accepted by
6 the MVCPA audit team. This resulted in a reduction of
7 that \$1,677, leaving City of Eagle Pass the supplanting
8 violation of \$9,419.70. Again, multiplying that amount by
9 that 25 percent repayment percentage, that would leave
10 City of Eagle Pass supplanting repayment amount of
11 \$2,354.93.

12 Galveston County, their original FY '22
13 supplanting calculation, as of 7/19, was equal to
14 \$19,251.06. For FY '23, that amount was equivalent to
15 \$5,257.17. No information was presented at that July 19
16 Board meeting that altered any of our calculations.

17 Rather, Galveston County explained that program
18 income was actually utilized in FY '21 to support the task
19 force, increasing the match amount for that current year.

20 No program income was utilized in FY '22 or FY '23. So
21 this lowered their cash match. And no additional in-kind
22 funds were expended to account for that difference,
23 meaning there was a reduction in total local expenditures
24 from FY '21 to FY '22, and again in FY '23.

25 Galveston County has acknowledged the

1 occurrence, and will ensure future compliance. This
2 leaves their total supplanting amount at \$24,508.23 for FY
3 '22 and FY '23, combined. If we use that 25 percent
4 repayment percentage, that would leave Galveston County
5 with a supplanting repayment amount of \$6,127.06.

6 Harris County, FY '22 supplanting calculation,
7 as of 7/19, is \$473,859.82. In FY '23, it's \$450,489.43.

8 No information was presented that altered our
9 calculations.

10 I would like to note that, prior to the July 19
11 Board meeting, they offered a pretty large amount of
12 unreported expenditures, previously unreported in-kind
13 expenditures that we did accept, and this did reduce their
14 supplanting amount. There was a reduction in over
15 \$450,000 in local expenditures between both FY '21 and FY
16 '22, as well as FY '21 and FY '23, comparatively. All
17 during this, MVCPA expenditures increased over \$115,000
18 each of those years. Harris County has explained that
19 their reduction in expenditures was due to an increase in
20 vacant positions which were not filled, and that we
21 understand this is an incredibly widespread issue.

22 We would just like to note that it's important
23 in these cases that any other available funds due to
24 vacancies are allocated elsewhere within the task force,
25 contributing to the local -- or to the goal of reducing

1 motor vehicle crime, or that grant funding is reduced in
2 proportion to the reduction in local expenditures to avoid
3 supplanting.

4 This would leave Harris County with a total
5 supplanting amount of \$924,349.25 for FY '22 and FY '23.
6 If we use that, again, 25 percent repayment percentage,
7 that would leave Harris County with a supplanting
8 repayment amount of \$231,087.31.

9 Now, to discuss next steps or supplanting
10 calculations moving forward. By the conclusion of today,
11 October 17, we do anticipate that any supplanting concerns
12 for FY '22 or FY '23 will be addressed and any repayment
13 amounts will be decided. Moving forward, baseline request
14 by Chairman Rodriguez, the MVCPA audit team will monitor
15 supplanting on an ongoing basis hopefully to avoid
16 situations as such, moving forward.

17 MVCPA leadership has also recommended that we
18 use the preceding fiscal year as the baseline for our
19 supplanting calculations. Based on this recommendation,
20 the supplanting calculations in FY '24 would be completed
21 by comparing local expenditures in FY '23 and in FY '24.
22 The same pattern would continue in perpetuity, as long as
23 there is a need for supplanting testing.

24 And that is the end of it for now. I am more
25 than happy to hear any questions if there are any.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: So Lauren, where are we with
2 these agencies on repaying what -- the 25 percent?

3 MS. WILLIAMS: So in the three that have been
4 decided, Burnet County has repaid in full. The City of
5 Belmont, as well as the City of Pasadena, have both made
6 commitments as far as how they'd want that to be reduced.
7 The City of Belmont has already had their first
8 installment reduced from their last expenditure report,
9 and the City of Pasadena is expected to have their first
10 reduction occurring in this next quarter.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: What about the City of Eagle
12 Pass?

13 MS. WILLIAMS: The City of Eagle Pass has not
14 been decided yet. That's one of the ones that we're
15 deciding today.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

17 Anyone has any questions for Ms. Lauren
18 Williams?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Ms. Williams.

21 I will now like to turn the meeting over to
22 MVCPA Director Diggs.

23 MR. DIGGS: Yes. William Diggs, MVCPA
24 Director, for the record. So Chairman Rodriguez and
25 Members, I believe that Lauren, along with Dan and

1 Sterling, have done a phenomenal job in navigating this
2 review over the last few months.

3 I'm very confident in their numbers and feel
4 they are accurate. We've given the agencies a number of
5 opportunities to provide any additional expenses that
6 could be considered, and nothing has been brought forward
7 that changes the numbers as presented today, other than
8 the Eagle Pass, I believe -- was \$1,677. And surprised I
9 remember that number. But moving forward, that did reduce
10 their supplanting amount a little bit.

11 I also fully believe that we should -- in
12 moving forward, we should consider the preceding -- the
13 year before when considering supplanting, moving forward,
14 and it should be ongoing. We should review it year to
15 year. And I know the team now in place is going to be
16 able to do that.

17 And I would ask that today -- that there be a
18 final determination on those that Lauren just presented
19 on. So with that, I'll close.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Diggs.

21 Cass, are there any public comments?

22 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
23 comments. Thank you.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
25 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 14.

1 MS. JONES: Member Jones, for the record. I
2 move that the Board require the City of Brownsville to
3 repay the MVCPA \$79,921.08 for violations of 43 Texas
4 Admin. Code, Section 59.7, non-supplanting requirement for
5 FY '22 and FY 2023. I got --

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a -- oh, you have
7 another one?

8 MS. JONES: Three pages. Yeah. Three pages.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let's do each one. Okay.

10 MS. JONES: I further move that the Board
11 require the City of El Paso -- the City of Eagle Pass, to
12 repay -- (coughing).

13 MS. BROTHERTON: Are you okay? I further move
14 that the Board require -- oh, wait. We're doing this one?

15 MS. JONES: Uh-huh.

16 MS. BROTHERTON: Okay. I further require [sic]
17 that the Board require the City of Eagle Pass repay the
18 MVCPA \$2,354.93 for violations of 43 TAC 57.9, non-
19 supplanting requirements for FY '22. Continuing, I
20 further move that the Board require the City of Galveston
21 to repay the MVCPA \$6,127.06 for violations of 43 TAC
22 57.9, non-supplanting requirements for FY 2022 and 2023.

23 I also further move that the Board require
24 Harris County, Texas, to repay the MVCPA \$231,087.31 for
25 the violation of 43 TAC 57.9, non-supplanting requirements

1 for FY 2022 and 2023. To continue, I further move that
2 each of the aforementioned grantee task forces remit their
3 respective sums to the MVCPA in quarterly installments
4 over a one-year period.

5 And lastly, I move that the Board require the
6 MVCPA staff to use the preceding fiscal year as the
7 baseline for supplanting calculations, going forward,
8 starting with FY '24 supplanting calculations.

9 That was a lot.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion by Member
11 Jones, finished out by Member Brotherton. Do I have a
12 second?

13 MR. SLOAN: Board Member Sloan. Second.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.
17 Board Members, when I call your name, please state your
18 vote for the record.

19 Member Jones?

20 MS. JONES: Aye.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

22 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Brotherton?

24 MS. BROTHERTON: Aye.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano? Member

1 Cantu-Serrano?

2 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Jackson?

4 MR. JACKSON: Aye.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

6 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
8 aye. Let the record reflect that there are seven votes
9 for and zero votes against. Motion passes.

10 We're going to go back to training updates.

11 That's Agenda Item 11, MVCPA Training Section Update.

12 Mr. Herman?

13 MR. ADAIR: Chairman, Board, Herman Adair,
14 MVCPA Law Enforcement Trainer, for the record. All right.

15 Let's try this again.

16 All right. Just going to do an update and what
17 we did in fiscal year '24, and what we're looking at in
18 '25 for the training team.

19 So we started in November 2023. Our team
20 consists of -- there's three of us. We have a lead law
21 enforcement trainer, and then we have two law enforcement
22 trainers. The training team provides specialized motor
23 vehicle theft investigator training to law enforcement
24 officers. So the trainers are responsible for course
25 development, course coordination and facilitation,

1 instruction, evaluation, and maintaining State-required
2 documentation.

3 So basically, we're kind of a one-stop thing.
4 We create the training. We find locations to hold the
5 classes and the training.

6 And normally, we try and find a local task
7 force to assist with our training. And then, of course,
8 we do the evaluations and submit all the paperwork to the
9 State for TCOLE hours. Our two main courses that we have
10 are Intermediate Auto Theft Investigator School, also
11 known as Part 1 Auto Theft, and then we have the Advanced
12 Auto Theft Investigator School, Part 2.

13 So in the Intermediate, it is a four-day class.

14 We do the first morning, classroom. Second -- and then
15 the afternoon, hands-on, learn what we went over that
16 morning. We do the same thing on the second morning.

17 And -- no, I'm sorry. I'm getting ahead of
18 myself. On the 32-hour class, which is a four-day class,
19 it's three days of classroom, and the last day is all
20 hands-on, outside.

21 We do acid restoration the first part of the
22 morning, which Lubbock County Task Force has helped us for
23 years with the acid restoration class, and we thank them
24 very much. And then we do the hands-on with all the stuff
25 we learned during the week, which is, as you can see on

1 the list, VIN structure. We go out and look at vehicles.

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3 We try and get the top 10 stolen at the time,
4 and take a look at all those and all the secondary numbers
5 of them, and then trailers from -- anything from a little,
6 bitty trailer, all the way up to a huge fifth-wheel
7 camper. And we do hands-on on those.

8 Then, on the advanced class, which is a three-
9 day class, that's the one that we do half a day in the
10 class, half a day out on the hands-on, and we do that the
11 first two days. And then the third day, it's classroom
12 only. So that's where, if one of our task force members
13 or anybody that comes to the school has a vehicle that's
14 stolen and ends up in Mexico, we have someone come in from
15 NICB who teaches how to get your vehicle back from Mexico.

16 We do commercial vehicles. We do marine theft,
17 construction equipment. We do the automobile financial
18 fraud.

19 The repair shop and the mechanic shop
20 inspection, that was big. That's one thing that the
21 students really enjoyed, because they're in all of our
22 little towns, and some of us don't know how to actually go
23 hit those.

24 So -- and then, of course, salvage dealers and
25 e-Tags, those are our DMV partners here. They teach that

1 class. And then, of course, the practical applications.

2 So what we say is, on the Intermediate School,
3 we're going to send you home dirty. The Advanced School,
4 we're going to send you home clean, because you leave from
5 the Intermediate School, from hands-on. So -- all right.

6
7 Other courses that we have, we have an MVCPA
8 presentation which talks about how we started to where we
9 are now and what we offer here at MVCPA. Now, we have the
10 fraudulent documents and title/odometer fraud. We do
11 those together. That's been a great class.

12 The motor vehicle theft trends, we try and stay
13 up on what the trends are right now that's happening,
14 because as we all know in auto theft, they change every
15 year. Sometimes, they change every six months. So we try
16 and stay up on that. And then, of course, our catalytic
17 convertor thefts and technology-based courses.

18 So looking at our 2024 statistics, we had one
19 Intermediate Auto Theft School, which was the Part 1, and
20 we had 24 attendees, and that was actually last year at
21 the TAVTI Conference. We hold that Part 1 class with the
22 TAVTI Conference.

23 And then we had one Advanced class, which we
24 did that in Conroe, and we had 40 attendees. I think
25 we've got a couple of pictures here.

1 Here's one where we're out looking at
2 commercial trailers. And it was hot that day, very hot.
3 And then that was the first day.

4 Then, the second day, we went and looked at
5 construction equipment and then looked at boats and
6 trailers. And this is where it's very important having
7 our partnerships with our task forces, because here in
8 Conroe, we got with Commander Kelly Smith, who is here
9 today.

10 And we're, like, hey, we need commercial
11 vehicles. We need construction equipment, and we need
12 boats. And so I showed him how the class was set up. I
13 said, the first day, we need anything commercial.

14 He found us a location where everything was
15 there, commercial trucks and trailers. So we went and
16 knocked that out that afternoon. The next day, he found
17 us a place that was a rental company right next door to a
18 boat dealer. So we had to go to one spot that afternoon
19 and just walk right across the neighboring spot.

20 So that's the importance of having our task
21 force basically as a host.

22 And then here is a picture of all of us, the
23 training team. Our fierce leader, Deputy Director Earl
24 Pence, and then Justin White, and then Amber Ott. And
25 then I'm on the end there.

1 So also, this past summer, we had our MVCPA
2 2024 Training Conference in Houston with 174 law
3 enforcement attendees. It was great, and I have to give
4 Justin White kudos on this one. He was pretty much the
5 backbone of this. He did the scheduling, dealt with all
6 the instructions, anything last-minute, and he didn't
7 think we got a good picture of him, but there he is in a
8 tie.

9 So then we assisted with the 2024 North Texas
10 Auto Show. And if you haven't been to that, it's pretty
11 amazing all the vehicles that they have, everything new.
12 Well, the North Texas Auto Dealers Association got with us
13 and said, hey, we want to put a class together here.

14 And they got with Sergeant Darren Schlosser
15 with Houston PD, which is DMV Board. He has a class that
16 is the vehicle finance fraud, which I'm sure all of us sat
17 through. And great class. And we had 24 law enforcement
18 attendees, but the room was full.

19 We had -- he does half the morning where the
20 dealer finance folks can be in there, and then they leave,
21 and it's just law enforcement. And it was full of dealer
22 folks in that class. Great class.

23 We also assist with DPS, their Auto Theft
24 School. For a while, DPS, they were the ones doing the
25 Part 1 and Part 2. Well, then, they quit doing it, and

1 now, they're back to teaching DPS.

2 And that's a big thanks to Major Jones. She
3 actually helped get that restarted and going again. So
4 fiscal year '24, we had 138 attendees between three Auto
5 Theft Schools for DPS and two Fraud Schools.

6 Then we assist NICB. We've partnered with NICB
7 for years. We help teach in their school. We've had four
8 of their schools for fiscal year '24, with 213 attendees.
9 Great school.

10 And then we have conducted two Fraudulent
11 Documents classes. We did one in Victoria and one in
12 Corpus, and I think we got a -- there's a fantastic
13 picture of me looking into the wild, blue yonder there.
14 So all right.

15 Let's -- moving on.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Where was that, Herman?

17 MR. ADAIR: What's that?

18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Where was that class taking
19 place? What location was that?

20 MR. ADAIR: Oh, so this was in -- this was
21 actually in Midland, NICB School in Midland. And if y'all
22 haven't been out to Midland, that's a long ways out there.
23 It's a long drive.

24 Okay. I call this slide, actually, Law
25 Enforcement Trainer Amber Ott's slide. She has been --

1 she's been a wonderful part of the team as well. She
2 presented at the DMV Motor Carrier Enforcement Division,
3 with 21 attendees. She presented at the DMV Motor Vehicle
4 Enforcement Conference, with 59 attendees.

5 She created a presentation for Director William
6 Diggs that he took to Florida to the IAATI Conference. So
7 the good thing about this is, with Director William Diggs
8 going out to Florida for this conference, IAATI is not
9 just national. They're actually worldwide.

10 So the world got to see what MVCPA is doing
11 here in Texas. So that was a great opportunity. She also
12 created a presentation for TxDMV Deputy Executive Director
13 Roland D. Luna, Sr., to present at the Texas Automotive
14 Recycling Association Tristate Convention and Trade Show,
15 which went phenomenal as well.

16 So pretty much in full, we have either trained
17 or assisted with the training of law enforcement officers
18 from all over the state of Texas and other states, to
19 include local, county, state and federal law enforcement
20 officers, including members of the task forces here that
21 MVCPA provides grants to. So over 600 law enforcement
22 attendees we have taught, and over 100 non-law enforcement
23 attendees that we have taught.

24 And those numbers are actually greater. We've
25 kind of realized we need to keep a better toll on the non-

1 law enforcement. So we'll have better numbers for this
2 next fiscal year, so 2025 stats.

3 Just last week in Lubbock, we held the Part 1
4 School. We had 25 attendees. Another thing that's not on
5 here is, Amber Ott presented the MVCPA presentation to
6 TAVTI to over 220 attendees. So that's another thing that
7 we've done.

8 So our plan for 2025. So we are planning
9 another -- we've already done one Part 1 for this year.
10 We're looking at doing another Part 1, which we actually
11 have tentatively scheduled for February in Laredo. And so
12 like we talked about yesterday at the commanders meeting,
13 I'm going to be hitting some people up for some help.

14 We also are planning two Advanced Auto Theft
15 Investigator Schools. The thing about fiscal year '25,
16 it's going to bring new training from the House Bill 718
17 in reference, transitioning from the paper plates to the
18 metal plates. So that will be new training that we'll be
19 bringing in to either the Part 1 or Part 2.

20 We continue to assist DPS with their Auto Theft
21 Schools and Fraud Schools. As a matter of fact, we'll be
22 in San Antonio next week for Fraud School. Continue to
23 assist NICB with their Auto Theft Schools. We have
24 another one in November.

25 And then, of course, more Fraudulent Documents

1 classes throughout the state of Texas. And then
2 technology-based courses such as Social Media, Dark Web
3 Investigation, and et cetera, related to auto theft. That
4 Social Media class was probably one of the biggest hits at
5 our MVCPA Conference.

6 And the thing about it is it just kind of
7 brings all -- everything full-circle, the cloned vehicles,
8 the VIN swaps, the fraudulent documents they're creating
9 to sell those. And they're selling them on social media.

10 So it's full-circle.

11 All right. So training team projects. So
12 social media -- several Board meetings back, y'all tasked
13 Amber Ott to bring in social media. So if you haven't
14 liked or followed us on Facebook, Instagram, and whatever
15 it is you do on the other one -- X, I think it's called --
16 y'all make sure you do that. So she stays up on that
17 daily.

18 So mapping projects, Amber Ott, that's her
19 project as well. She --

20 MS. JONES: Sir, can you back up, please?
21 Okay.

22 MR. ADAIR: Got it? Okay. So the mapping
23 project, which when she first started, she knew nothing
24 about, but it's -- every project that's thrown her way,
25 she tackles it and turns it out perfectly.

1 Billboards, we are actually on the final stages
2 of a contract. So y'all will -- and now that we have the
3 new logo, y'all will see advertisement very soon
4 throughout the state of Texas.

5 Participating in 68A inspections with task
6 forces, this one's big for me. Most of y'all know that I
7 was on a task force funded by MVCPA. So the last 15 years
8 of my career, I did 68A inspections.

9 That being said, I have been trying to push the
10 team to go and take part in 68A inspections with task
11 forces in their areas, because with 68A inspections, you
12 learn the new trends as to how they are passing the VIN
13 swaps, the clones, the ground-out trailers, and how
14 they're hiding that. You learn all the new trends through
15 these 68As and the recoveries you get. So I'm trying to
16 push them to go so they can keep up on all the latest
17 trends as well.

18 Participate in the Coastal Bend Police Chiefs
19 Association Law Enforcement Career Fair. This was
20 actually a big plus for us. It was in Corpus Christi.
21 The police chief of Refugio kind of headed this and this
22 was his baby.

23 And I'll tell you this. For the first, time it
24 was really neat to have someone look up to me, literally.
25 He had to look up to me. He's about this tall, but man,

1 that guy, his heart and his excitement, it was bigger than
2 that building we were at.

3 So it was really good. And Chief Rodriguez,
4 you should be proud of your guys. They were very
5 professional, very professional.

6 So all right. Let's get back into it.
7 Participate in National Night Out. Amber Ott got to
8 participate with Dallas County, which they are here.

9 As a matter of fact, here she is with the
10 Dallas Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff. And then here she
11 is with the Dallas County Task Force. This is a great
12 thing because it's an opportunity for us to be a part of
13 the public in a positive way. So National Night Out is
14 huge.

15 All right. That's it. So here's the team. If
16 y'all need anything from us, that's our information.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Outstanding job. I mean, the
18 whole, you know, 600 law enforcement officers trained, 100
19 civilians, you know, that's a, you know, a very, very good
20 job on your part. I think the -- you know, the mapping of
21 that project was -- you know, was very clear on your end,
22 that we were able to do this, you know.

23 And I know we're going to do more in 2025. I
24 do want to say that I would like to incorporate in our
25 trainings, Herman, some interrogation interview technique

1 trainings for our investigators across the board. And
2 also the -- if we might want to incorporate on the -- in
3 the trend -- crime trends and auto theft trends that we're
4 talking about, to gather that information from every task
5 force.

6 I know you're already doing it, but at the same
7 time, any time that we encounter up north anybody that is
8 working with somebody down south, whether it's McAllen,
9 Brownsville, Laredo, even El Paso, if they needed that
10 assistance, I know they call the task force. But if at
11 any given moment, you know, there's a situation where we
12 need to go up there to also ourselves engage in that
13 interrogation and interview, I think it would be something
14 that we can do, and we can arrange for, I think, to
15 further the investigation.

16 Like I said, you know, making those traffic
17 stops and seizing those motor vehicles that are being
18 stolen across the state is great, but that's just, you
19 know, an arrest. Right? And it's probably going to come
20 back to an unauthorized use of motor vehicle, and it's
21 probably going to come back to nothing.

22 When we do these long term investigations,
23 that's where we really create an impact on what we do
24 here. So along those lines, talk about that, engage about
25 that in those trainings.

1 But this is phenomenal work and I really
2 appreciate you taking the lead on this, and you know,
3 looking forward to what's going to -- what 2025 is going
4 to bring. So thank you for that.

5 MR. ADAIR: Yes, sir.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: All right. I do want to say,
7 on the billboards, if we can do "If you like it, lock it,"
8 and if we can light it up in every city that we have a
9 task force? I don't know if we can do something like that
10 with the current funding that we have, kind of figure out
11 and strategically where those areas that are being
12 impacted.

13 And throughout every city that we have a task
14 force, kind of let them give you their hot spots, and then
15 ourselves funding that billboard. I think it will be a
16 good idea, but I'll leave it up to -- for another meeting.

17 You will need to bring it back so that the
18 Board can decide.

19 MR. DIGGS: Yeah. William Diggs, Director,
20 MVCPA, for the record. So Chief Rodriguez, we are
21 actually in some of the final stages of working with our
22 finance department and purchasing department at Texas DMV
23 to finish up our statement of work.

24 We've got some quotes from around Texas when it
25 comes to billboards. And Amber Ott has done a lot of work

1 on that behind the scenes. And we're finishing that up as
2 we speak. And we will absolutely take your request and
3 work even harder on going to more places in Texas with the
4 billboards.

5 And so we've got some estimated costs. And we
6 do have it within the current funding to be able to manage
7 that. So we'll take care of that. We're working on it
8 this week as we speak.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I think this is the perfect
10 opportunity to bring back -- you know, we have that -- the
11 GBR Committee. We have the Insurance Committee. And then
12 the Public Awareness/Public Education Committee. We're
13 already set with those.

14 I would like to see those committees come back
15 to maybe the following executive meeting that we're going
16 to have before that -- the day before we meet and discuss,
17 you know, what direction we're going to take as far as
18 marketing, you know, and making sure that we're putting
19 out the lock it -- "If you like it, lock it," and doing
20 all this prevention and awareness out in every community.

21 The Committee and everybody should be working
22 together, and especially also the commanders that are out
23 there, and know exactly what the need is, engage in those
24 conversations. But if we can move forward in bringing in
25 those committees to help with that, that would be great.

1 MR. DIGGS: Yes, sir, we will. And Chief
2 Rodriguez, I did want to just mention, the training team
3 has done a phenomenal job. Deputy Director Pence works
4 with them -- I mean, I don't want to say, daily, because
5 Herman does a fantastic job navigating and leading that
6 team.

7 But Earl is working with that group every week.
8 And they're all over Texas. I was fortunate enough last
9 week to go to TAVTI up to Lubbock and watch them in action
10 for about a day and a half up there.

11 And there's a lot of work, as everybody can
12 imagine, going into this. And the coordination that Earl
13 and Herman put into this, to get these instructors and to
14 work with TAVTI and task forces all over Texas to do these
15 things.

16 So I just -- my hat's off to them. You guys do
17 a fantastic job. And so thank for everything that you
18 did. And with that, I'll close.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Sharon, do you have something
20 to say?

21 MS. JONES: Is Amber here?

22 MR. ADAIR: She's listening.

23 MS. JONES: So Amber, great job on social
24 media. We have moved beyond Facebook, so I'm pleased to
25 see that. So great job.

1 And Earl and Herman, fantastic, forward-going,
2 definitely taking this from the dark ages. Love it. I
3 cannot wait to see that truck, the wrap truck. I can't
4 wait to see it around town.

5 I can't wait to see the posting as it's in
6 different cities. Like, where's the truck today? That's
7 exciting. So great job.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm excited for that truck too.
9 With a new logo. Right?

10 MS. JONES: Please give him a new logo.

11 MR. ADAIR: That's what we're waiting on, sir.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: All right. Agenda Item 15,
13 refund requests from Berkley Casualty Company 1st Half
14 2023. It is an action item. I believe on this one, Board
15 Members Brotherton and Jackson need to recuse themselves
16 from this agenda item.

17 So we will now move on to Agenda Item 15. And
18 I will turn the meeting over to Dan Price, MVCPA Audit
19 Manager.

20 MR. PRICE: Hi. Dan Price, MVCPA Audit
21 Manager, for the record. I think I'm the last thing
22 standing between you all and lunch, so I'll try and be
23 crisp.

24 Anyway, we have five that are going to look --
25 five different requests today. They're all going to look

1 very similar to each other. They are all from the Berkley
2 family of companies.

3 They were all errors made by the same person on
4 the same day at their corporate headquarters when filing
5 for five separate legal companies, which is why we are
6 doing five separate approvals today, because they're each
7 separate legal companies. The explanation letters that
8 you're going to see in your packets are going to be
9 identical, because they wrote one letter of explanation
10 for all five companies.

11 We are on page 60 of your Board book at this
12 point, and I will call out each of the subsequent
13 companies as we review them. So these are all also going
14 to be overpayments for the first half of 2023.

15 There was a unique form created by MVCPA for
16 2023 for the first half particularly, because we had a
17 split period where a portion of the money was \$4 money,
18 and a portion of that was \$5 money. The actual change in
19 the fee occurred during the middle of that time period.
20 So each of these are a unique form for that period.

21 The first one we're going to look at is the
22 insurance refund for Berkley Casualty Company. The dollar
23 amount that is being requested for the refund is \$29,471.

24 If you go to page 61, you will see how that breaks down.
25 Of that, they overreported 6,144 \$4 policies, for a total

1 of \$22,576.

2 They had 979 five-year [sic] policies at
3 \$4,895, to get you to the total of \$29,471. The
4 explanation, which is given on the following page 62, is
5 that, while that they basically generate all these numbers
6 on a big spreadsheet out of their main computer system,
7 they had different columns on that spreadsheet. And when
8 the analyst transferred the numbers from her spreadsheet
9 report at the insurance company to the actual tax
10 reporting form or fee reporting form, she grabbed the
11 numbers from the wrong column and wound up subsequently
12 overreporting the numbers.

13 And again, that explanation is the same for
14 each of the companies. The following page, we do verify
15 that they have reported and made payment of the higher
16 amount. Before we will consider refunding something, we
17 need to make sure they've originally paid it.

18 So the subsequent page, on page 63, is the
19 original filing, where they did file the report
20 incorrectly and remitted that \$38,888 in total for their
21 original report.

22 Do we want to vote on each of these separately,
23 Mr. Richards, or do you want to vote on them all at once?

24 MR. RICHARDS: They will be separate votes.

25 MR. PRICE: Okay. So that concludes my report

1 on the first one, which is again insurance for refund for
2 Berkley Casualty Company for the first half of 2023, in
3 the amount of \$29,471. MVCPA staff recommends that you
4 vote for this refund.

5 Again, the insurance members are required by
6 law to recuse themselves from this vote.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Are there any questions from
8 Board Members for Mr. Price?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
11 comments on this?

12 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
13 comments.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
15 entertain a motion for Agenda Item 15. Do we have a
16 motion?

17 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I move that
18 the Board approve the refund request submitted by Berkley
19 Casualty Company in the amount of \$29,471.

20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

21 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan. I second.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
23 Whitehill and a second from Member Sloan. Any further
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
2 for the vote.

3 Member Jones?

4 MS. JONES: Aye.

5 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

6 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

8 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

10 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
12 aye. Let the record reflect that there are five votes for
13 and zero votes against. The motion passes.

14 Agenda Item 16, refund request from Berkley
15 National Insurance Company 1st Half 2023. It's another
16 action item. Again, this item, Board Members Brotherton
17 and Jackson will need to recuse themselves from this
18 agenda.

19 MVCPA Audit Manager Dan Price?

20 MR. PRICE: For the record, MVCPA Audit
21 Manager. Agenda Item 16 is on page 64 of your Board
22 books. It is an insurance refund for the Berkley National
23 Insurance Company for the first half of 2023 in the amount
24 of \$141,093.

25 Again, if you will turn to page 65, you will

1 see that breakdown. They had overreported the \$4 policies
2 at 29,532, for a total refund of 118,128. They
3 overreported five-year [sic] policy fees of 4,593
4 policies, for a total of \$22,695, for a total refund
5 amount of \$141,093.

6 Again, the explanation given was the same as
7 before. They picked up the wrong column from the data
8 provided to them to be able to file the report. On
9 page 67, you will see that their original payment and
10 filing indicated \$186,280.

11 The MVCPA staff recommends approval of the
12 refund amount to Berkley National Insurance Company for
13 the first half of 2023 in the amount of \$141,093.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Price. Are
15 there any questions from the Board Members?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
18 comments?

19 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
20 comments. Thank you.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
22 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 16.

23 MR. SLOAN: Chairman, I -- Tom Sloan, Board
24 Member, for the record. I move the Board approve the
25 refund request submitted by Berkley National Insurance

1 Company in the amount of \$141,093.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

3 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I second.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Any further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
7 for the vote.

8 Member Jones?

9 MS. JONES: Aye.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

11 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

13 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

15 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

16 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
17 aye. Let the record reflect that there are five votes for
18 and zero votes against. The motion passes.

19 Agenda Item 17, refund request from Berkley
20 Regional Insurance Company 1st Half 2023. This is an
21 action item. Again, Board Members Brotherton and Jackson
22 will need to recuse themselves from this agenda item.

23 We will now move on to Agenda Item 17, turning
24 it over to Mr. Dan Price, MVCPA Audit Manager.

25 MR. PRICE: For the record, this is Dan Price,

1 MVCPA Audit Manager. We are on page 68 of your Board
2 book, Agenda Item 17, as was called. This is for a refund
3 request to Berkley Regional Insurance Company for the
4 first half of 2023 in the amount of \$93,478.

5 If you would go to page 69, you will see the
6 breakdown of how that is calculated. They had
7 overreported the \$4 fee amount by 14,417 policies,
8 resulting in \$57,668. For \$5, they overreported 7,162
9 policies, for a refund amount of \$35,810, giving us a
10 total refund for the first half of \$93,478.

11 And again, the explanation was the same. They
12 pulled the wrong numbers from the report to put into the
13 Comptroller's filing system to do their reporting. The
14 amount they had originally paid with the one originally
15 filed was \$121,816 on page 71 of your Board book.

16 And that concludes -- the MVCPA staff does
17 recommend approval of the refund in the amount of
18 \$121,816.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Price. Are
20 there any questions from our Board Members?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
23 comments?

24 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
25 comments. Thank you.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
2 entertain a motion for Agenda Item 17.

3 MR. SLOAN: Board Member Sloan, for the record.
4 I move that the Board approve the refund request
5 submitted by Berkley Regional Insurance Company in the
6 amount of \$93,478.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
8 Sloan. Do I have a second?

9 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. Second.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Motion from Member Sloan and a
11 second from Board Member Whitehill. Any further
12 discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.
15 Member Jones?

16 MS. JONES: Aye.

17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

18 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

20 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

22 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
24 aye. Motion passes.

25 Agenda Item 18, refund request from Riverpoint

1 Insurance Company 1st Half 2023. This is an action item.
2 Again, Board Members Brotherton and Jackson will recuse
3 themselves from this agenda item.

4 We will now move on to Agenda Item 18, turning
5 it over to Mr. Dan Price, MVCPA Audit Manager.

6 MR. PRICE: For the record, this is Dan Price,
7 MVCPA Audit Manager. Agenda Item 18 is on page 72 of your
8 Board book. It is a refund request for Riverpoint
9 Insurance Company for the first half of 2023 in the amount
10 of \$19,255.

11 If you'll go to page 73, we'll review the
12 breakdown. So they had overreported \$4 amounts of 3,030
13 policies, resulting in a dollar amount of \$12,120, which
14 was overpaid. For the \$5 amount, they had overreported by
15 1,427 policies, for a refund request of \$7,135, giving us
16 a total for the first half of 2023 of \$19,255.

17 The following page indicates the same
18 explanation. It is a Berkley Company, and they pulled the
19 numbers from the wrong column when they were filing with
20 the Comptroller. Page 75 indicates the amount that was
21 originally paid with the original filing was \$29,806.

22 So the MVCPA staff does recommend the approval
23 of the refund for Riverpoint Insurance Company for the
24 first half of 2023 in the amount of \$19,255.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Price. Are

1 there any questions from Board Members?

2 FEMALE VOICE: No.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
4 comments?

5 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
6 comments. Thank you.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
8 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 18.

9 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill. I move that
10 the Board approve the refund request submitted by
11 Riverpoint Insurance Company in the amount of \$19,255.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

13 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan.

14 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Member Cantu-Serrano.

15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I have a motion from Member
16 Whitehill and a second from Member Cantu-Serrano. Any
17 further discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I will now call for the vote.
20 Member Jones?

21 MS. JONES: Aye.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

23 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

24 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

25 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

1 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

2 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

3 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
4 aye. Motion passes.

5 Agenda Item 19, refund request from StarNet
6 Insurance Company 1st Half 2023. This is an action item
7 again. Board Members Brotherton and Jackson will need to
8 recuse themselves from this agenda item.

9 We will now move on to Agenda Item 19, and
10 we'll turn the meeting over to Dan Price, MVCPA Audit
11 Manager.

12 MR. PRICE: For the record, this is Dan Price,
13 MVCPA Audit Manager. We are looking at Agenda No. 19 on
14 page 76 of your Board books. This is a refund request
15 from the StarNet Insurance Company for the first half of
16 2023 in the amount of \$1,600 -- I'm sorry -- \$16,917.

17 If we go to page 77, there's the breakdown.
18 Again, we have \$4 amounts for 3,100 -- 3,835 policies, in
19 the -- for \$4 policies, which results in a refund
20 calculation of \$15,252; \$5 amounts are 333 policies,
21 resulting in \$1,665 refund request, for a total of
22 \$16,917.

23 If we go to the following page, you will see
24 it's the same explanation. They pulled it from the wrong
25 column and put that wrong number into the Comptroller's

1 systems to do the remittance. Page 79 shows the original
2 payment made of \$22,420.

3 MVCPA staff does recommend approval of the
4 refund for StarNet Insurance Company for the first half of
5 2023 in the amount of \$16,917. Thank you.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Price. Are
7 there any questions from our Board Members?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Cass, are there any public
10 comments on this?

11 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
12 comments. Thank you.

13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will now
14 entertain a motion on Agenda Item 19.

15 MR. SLOAN: Board Member Sloan, for the record.
16 I move that the Board approve the refund request
17 submitted by StarNet Insurance Company in the amount of
18 \$16,917.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Do I have a second?

20 MS. WHITEHILL: Member Whitehill.

21 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Member Cantu-Serrano. I
22 second.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have a motion from Member
24 Sloan and a second from Member Cantu-Serrano. Any further
25 discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hearing none, I will now call
3 for the vote.

4 Member Jones?

5 MS. JONES: Aye.

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Whitehill?

7 MS. WHITEHILL: Aye.

8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Cantu-Serrano?

9 MS. CANTU-SERRANO: Aye.

10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Member Sloan?

11 MR. SLOAN: Aye.

12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And I, Chairman Rodriguez, vote
13 aye. Motion passes.

14 We don't have a closed session. Agenda Item
15 22, public comment.

16 Cass, are there any public comments today?

17 MS. FLINT: Chairman Rodriguez, there are no
18 public comments. Thank you.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Ready to adjourn?
20 Okay. Unless there is any further business, I would like
21 to entertain a motion to adjourn.

22 MS. JONES: I move that we adjourn.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: A motion from Member Jones.

24 MR. SLOAN: Member Sloan. I second.

25 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Second from Member Sloan.

1 Members, all those in favor of adjournment, please say
2 aye.

3 (A chorus of ayes.)

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Opposed, say nay.

5 (No response.)

6 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Let the record reflect that the
7 vote was unanimous. It is now 11:40 a.m. This meeting is
8 adjourned.

9 (Whereupon, at 11:40 a.m., the meeting was
10 concluded.)

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DATE: October 17, 2024

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