

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – 12:00-1:30PM
Houston- Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120,
Houston, Texas 77027
Virtual Meeting

Overview

The following Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were present:

Chairs

METRO – Vincent Sanders (Chair)*
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray (Vice Chair)

Advisory Board Members

Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Heather Ball
Texas Electric School Bus Project Jessica
Keithan
City of Houston – Terrance York
Houston Frieghtliner - Jose Barraza*
Gulf Coast Transit District - Tim Sykes*

Partners and Stakeholders

Alief ISD – Astrid Alvarez
Chevron – Bobby Wright
City of Houston – Desta Takie
City of Houston – Magdalena Soto
Edinburg Consolidated ISD – Alonzo Barbosa
Electric Vehicle Association – Collen Loewen
Electric Vehicle Association - Robert
Sanchez*
Entergy – Sheree Schimdt
Excargo – Marcia Faschingbauer
Friendswood ISD Dean Lewis
Gulf Coast Transit District Amber Weiser
Hempstead ISD – Quinn Navarre
Houston ISD - Emma Lockett*
Moonshot Compost – Chris Wood
One Gas Jose Garcia
Onegas – Dayna Bolger

Pasadena ISD – Robert Stock
Petroleum Express – Peggy Roark
Port Houston – Andy Morgans
Rice – Kristianna Bowles
Roadrunner Moving - Mark Birdwell*
Roush – Frank G. Walkiewicz
SPEER – Shaun Auckland
TempleTx – Kirk Scopac
TXDOT – Mansour Shiraz
TXDOT – Brenda Bustillos
University of Houston – Anima B. Bose
Watt EV – Gordon Magne
Watt EV – Mike Ganny*
Watt EV – Sahid Zadeh

Coalition and H-GAC Staff

H-GAC – J. Ben Finley*
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall
H-GAC – Andrew DeCandis*
H-GAC – Carlos Lugo

Others Present

Guest Speakers

HARC – Micalah Spenrath
NCTCOG – Jared Wright

“*”Indicates those that met in person

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- a) There were no action items on the agenda.
- b) There was a series of information items:
 - Item 1: Introductions
 - Item 2: Presentations
 - Item 3: Updates on Advisory Board and Subcommittees
 - Item 4: Current Grant Funding Announcement
 - Item 5: Announcements
 - Item 6: Adjourn Meeting
- c) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting information.

ITEM 1: Introductions

- a) Vincent Sanders called the meeting to order.
- b) H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.
- c) Mark Birdwell of Roadrunner Moving, our host, [presented a short video on Roadrunner Moving Ltd.](#)

ITEM 2: Microgrinds – Micalah Spenrath, Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)

- a) Micalah Spenrath presented an overview to the members, focusing on the definition, benefits, and future expectations of microgrids, particularly in Texas. She addressed the challenges facing microgrid development, such as policy uncertainty and cost barriers, while also highlighting the potential impact of the Texas Energy Fund.
- b) Jared Wright provided an update on the Texas Triangle Hydrogen Refueling Project, which aims to establish five hydrogen refueling stations by 2031. This project is lead by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), but will include a hydrogen station in the Houston region.

ITEM 3: Updates on Advisory Board and Subcommittees Ben Finley, HGCCC

J. Ben Finley presented the annual report, showcasing significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and emphasizing the need for improved data collection on electric fleet usage, along with plans for future data collection efforts. The coalition received two national awards from the Department of Energy for our efforts.

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ITEM 4. Current Grant Funding Announcements & Updates.J. Ben Finley, HGCCC

J. Ben Finley provided an update on the following grant opportunities:

1. Clean Ports Program
2. Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Program
3. Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emission Reduction Program
4. Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program
5. Department of Energy-Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant
6. Texas Emission Reduction Program
7. Volkswagen Fund (still open)
8. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

ITEM 5. Announcements:

J. Ben Finley provided an update on the following:

1. Alternative Fuel Motor Fuel Tax Credit Webinar-November 13
2. Speer Texas Energy Advocates University Program (TEA-UP) Workshop (April)
3. Gulf Coast Association for Pupil Transportation (GCAPT) October 8 at Hempstead ISD
4. Several Events at the Houston Electric Auto Association (View Facebook Page)
5. Other

ITEM 6. Adjourn Meeting

1. The next meeting: TBD
2. Meeting adjourned at 1:27 P.M.