

# HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

## MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – 12:00-1:30PM  
Houston- Galveston Area Council of Government Offices  
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120,  
Houston, Texas 77027  
Hybrid Meeting

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### Overview

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

#### Chairs

METRO - Vincent Sanders - (Chair)\*

#### Advisory Board Members

Texas Natural Gas Foundation - Heather Ball  
Hermann Services - Jeffery Hermann

#### Partners and Stakeholders

Bollinger Motors - Gaberiel Rojas  
Brazos Transit District - Jo Marlow  
City of Alvin - Dan Kelinske  
City of Houston -Braxton Coles  
City of Houston -Irineo Quintanilla  
City of Houston -Lena Price  
Clear Creek ISD - Faryal Shaukat  
CNG 4 America - Bob Baldwin  
Congress (Rep. Lizzie Fletcher) - Ashleigh  
Simmons  
Electric Vehicle Association - Robert Sanchez  
Evolve Houston - Lisa Smith  
Government of Quebec - Eglantine Moss\*  
Gulf Coast Transit District - Neal Cooper  
Gulf Coast Transit District - Ted Ross  
Hermann Services - Christine Hermann-Van  
Hise  
Hermann Services - Adrian Hurgoi  
Hermann Services - Darcy Hyman  
Hermann Services - Ebony Hunter  
LSG Group - Lillian Wright  
Onegas - Dana Bolger  
Pasadena ISD - Robert Stock  
Port of Houston Authority - Andy Morgan  
Port of Houston Authority - Ken Gathright  
Port of Houston Authority - Maureen  
Harrington  
SPEER - Shaniaya Griffin

TxDOT - Brenda Bustillos  
TxDOT - Mansour Shiraz

#### Coalition and H-GAC Staff

H-GAC – Andrew DeCandis\*  
H-GAC – J. Ben Finley\*  
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall  
H-GAC – Pharr Andrews  
H-GAC – Neely Kim  
H-GAC – Jacob Eckhardt\*

#### Guest Speakers

Harris County - Raymond Burns  
H-GAC – Vinny Polignano

“\*” 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 were encouraged to place their name and e-mail in the chat forum for attendance purposes.

### ITEM 2: Presentations

- a) EV Migration Plan - Raymond Burns, Harris County Precinct 2  
The discussion centered on the progress and initiatives related to electric vehicle (EV) adoption and infrastructure within the Harris County Precinct 2 region. Raymond Burns reported on the successful implementation of an idle reduction plan that has led to significant fuel savings and a shift towards electric vehicles in Harris County. The plan not only reduced emissions but also highlighted the operational advantages of electric vehicles during disaster scenarios, prompting a growing demand for battery electric options in the precinct's fleet. The transition to electric vehicles is being supported by the introduction of battery buffered level 3 charging stations, which enhance disaster resilience and cost efficiency.
- b) An Overview of the EV Dashboard - Vincent Polignano, H-GAC  
Vinnie Polignano presented insights from the ongoing zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure study, emphasizing the need to address air quality issues linked to transportation emissions. He introduced a new electric vehicle dashboard that provides real-time data on EV registrations and charging stations, showcasing nearly 82,000 EVs in the region. This tool aims to facilitate better planning for EV infrastructure as adoption rates increase across Texas. The discussion also touched on the challenges faced by the trucking industry regarding public charging station availability, with suggestions for a more uniform network to improve access for drivers.

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c) The Annual Survey - J. Ben Finley, H-GCCC

J. Ben Finley discussed the annual report's significance in tracking fuel conservation and emissions, highlighting the goal of increasing stakeholder responses by 5-7%. He noted the need for better documentation of electric vehicle activity and outlined strategies to achieve these goals, including targeted outreach and partnerships with advocacy groups. Discussion continued with the annual report requirements from the Department of Energy, focusing on documenting fuel conservation and emission reductions. He set goals for increasing stakeholder engagement and improving the representation of electric vehicles in the report.

Mr. Finley announced an extension of the deadline for data submissions to April 8th, highlighting the importance of staff efforts in the process. He plans to reconvene the annual report subcommittee to analyze results and set goals for the next year. Also, he mentioned the need for outreach to ensure timely submissions and thanked the coalition staff and partners for their contributions.

**ITEM 3: Updates on Advisory Board and Subcommittees. J Ben Finley. HGCCC**

J. Ben Finley provide information from the Grant subcommittee. He shared updates on recent grants awarded to the Port of Houston and Port Freeport received grants from the Clean Ports Program aimed at reducing emissions. Mr. Finley continued with the goal of using the Annual Report to construct a database of fleet managers looking for vehicle replacement grants in order to speed grant notification efforts.

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

Discussion continued with updates on funding opportunities related to clean energy initiatives, noting the impending closure of applications for the Texas Volkswagen mitigation funds. Additionally, Mr. Finley discussed available tax credits for electric vehicle chargers and purchases, emphasizing the tightening eligibility criteria.

**ITEM 5. Announcements:**

The meeting concluded with updates on upcoming events and initiatives, including:

- Hermann Distribution Service Open House (April 17)
- Texas Solid Waste Association's (TxSWANA) annual conference (April 20)
- Advanced Clean Transportation Expo-(April 20)
- TxSWANA State Rodeo-(June 6)

**ITEM 6. Adjourn Meeting**

The next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M.