

# **Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes**

## **September 18, 2014**

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### **FISCAL YEAR 2015 PRIORITIES**

1. Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses.
2. Strengthen partnerships with local environmental programs.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

### **REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM MARCH 20, 2014 MEETING**

Jennifer Amelang briefly discussed minutes from the March 20, 2014, meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

### **TCEQ AUSTIN UPDATE**

Shannon Herriott provided the SBAC with updates and information regarding the Texas drought, current outreach and initiatives, expectations for the upcoming legislative session and upcoming dates for the Asset Management and Oil and Gas workshops. She also mentioned that the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) is currently developing a survey to distribute to the SBACs regarding encouraging participation in the SBAC.

Rebecca Costigan provided the SBAC with information on Petroleum Storage Tank Stage II Decommissioning.

Jennifer Amelang provided information on submitting nominations for the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Once the CAP survey is developed, distribute it to the Houston SBAC participants.
2. Think of ways to encourage participation and increase attendance of the SBAC meetings and encourage a colleague to attend the next meeting.

Next SBAC Meeting: Thursday December 4th at the HGAC office at 10 AM.