

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

June 9, 2010

Fiscal Year 2010 Priorities

Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses and strengthen partnerships with local elected officials.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Co-Chair J. Kelley Mowry. Each of the 19 participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM MARCH 10, 2010 MEETING

Matt Boger briefly discussed minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

SPECIAL GUEST

Obi Odiakosa, TCEQ-Continuous Air Monitoring Section.

Mr. Odiakosa explained the TCEQ's procedures for obtaining ambient air samples in the Houston region. He provided the SBAC with detailed information regarding the improvements in air quality over the last 10-20 years.

AUSTIN UPDATE

Andrew Gardner

Andy outlined the purpose of the Sunset Advisory Commission's review and the timeline, including opportunities for public comment. He explained that the Small Business and Local Government Assistance section is available to help the SBAC understand the process and timeline. Andy discussed the self evaluation that the TCEQ has completed and sent to the Sunset Advisory Commission, and copies of the comments were distributed to the SBAC members after the meeting. Andy also explained that any comments from the SBAC to the Sunset Commission will need to go through Mark Shelton of the Compliance Advisory Panel.

COMPLIANCE COMMITMENT RECOGNITION:

J. Kelly Mowry introduced and recognized one business that is part of the compliance commitment (C2) program: Mr. Michael Kaufman of Wholesale Drive Thru Cleaners. Mr. Kaufman briefly explained his experience with the program, and the benefits it has had on his business.

ACTION ITEMS:

1: Send a link to the SBAC members with the self evaluation that the TCEQ provided to the Sunset Commission. 2: Provide J. Kelley Mowry with all the email addresses for the SBAC members. 3: Provide J. Kelley Mowry with the contact information for the other SBAC chairs in the State.

See www.sblga.info to find a full list of compliance tools or <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/sblga/sbac.html> for membership lists, meeting dates and directions.

Next SBAC Meeting: Wednesday September 15, 2010