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Property Tax Assistance Advisory Board Meeting February 13, 2020

First meeting of the Property Tax Assistance Advisory Board Meeting (PTAAB) was called to order at 1:30 PM in Room 114, of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building on February 13, 2020.

The Board Members introduced themselves with all but one in attendance.

An overview of the PTAAB policies and structures was given including the statutory authority in Tax Code 5.01 that creates the PTAAB. As well as the purpose of PTAAB to advise and make recommendations to the Comptroller for the purposes of improving effectiveness and efficiency of the property tax system.

Bill Messick, Field Appraiser Operations Manager gave an overview of the Property Value Study (PVS) process. Casey Bean, Field Appraiser Operations – West Supervisor gave an update on the 2019 PVS preliminary findings.

Michael Gray, Senior Counsel for Property Tax Assistance gave an update on Rule 9.103 concerning the audit of total taxable value of property in school district.

Lori Fetterman, Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) Supervisor, gave an overview of the Comptroller's review of each appraisal district's governance, taxpayer assistance, standards, procedures and methodology commonly known as MAP reviews. Ms. Fetterman also reported on the 2019 Final MAP results and referrals to the Texas Department of Licensing (TDLR).

Jeff Van Pelt, Outreach and Support Manager, gave a report on limited scope MAP reviews and rules for the conduct of the limited scope reviews. Board member Martin Villarreal commented about the length of time it would take to get a district into compliance when there are IT conversions, outdated mapping systems and systemic staffing shortages, providing a specific example from La Salle. He suggested a cushion for MAP review.

Michael Gary gave an update on the Notice of Estimated Taxes under Tax Code §26.04(e-4) the estimated taxes to be imposed on an owner's property by each taxing unit, and rules prescribing the form, format and delivery of the notice.

Board member Mike Soto commented on disaster related legislation that provided relief to property owners impacted by future disasters like Hurricane Harvey. He also expressed gratitude for PTAD employee Katharine Reed for working with his staff on his MAP review in the aftermath of Harvey

Board member Mike Amezcuita commented about an IAAO peer review that was completed about 16 years ago where six chief appraisers across the state wrote a report. He expressed interest in investigating this kind approach.

There were no public comments made.

Meeting concluded 1:50 p.m.