

MEETING NOTES

PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.pasadenacac.org

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025

RYSS Stem Academy – Log Cabin

The 318th meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, at the Log Cabin in RYSS Stem Academy, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. The notes from the Aug. 26, 2025, meeting were approved without change. Facilitator Emily Morris reviewed the agenda, which was accepted without change, and the PCAC meeting ground rules.

ATTENDEES *italicized*

PCAC Members

Andrew Aleman, City of Pasadena OEM
Jed Aplaca, City of Pasadena Parks and Rec.
Vanessa Ayala-Medina
Diane Barnes, Pasadena ISD CTHS
Hal Burke, City of Pasadena Neighborhood Network
Raul Camarillo, Jr.
Emilio Carmona
Azell Carter, City of Pasadena OEM
Yesenia Cervantes, RYSS STEM Academy
Monica De La Portilla
Tammy Delossantos, City of Pasadena Parks and Rec.
Tish Eubanks, City of Pasadena
Ramiro Fonseca, RYSS STEM Academy/Tejano Center
Albert Gonzales
Mandy Gosch
Rick Guerrero, Pasadena Economic Development Corp.
Yesenia Guevara, RYSS STEM Academy/Tejano Center
Robert Hammons
Ninfa Herrera
M.P. Jackson
Shawn McNair
Ellis Orozco
Margie Peña, Baker Ripley

Dominick Rezza
Christian Rocha, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
LaTonya Ross
Erin Webb, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Blake Whitaker, Harris Co. Pct 2
Cristina Womack, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

Support

Emily Morris, Facilitator

Observers or Resources

Judy Bodine
Keith Bodine
Rick Cannon, Clearflow Solutions
John Collins
Bubba Coxie, HCOHSEM
Christopher Duverney, plant
Jo Estrada, Pasadena Economic Development Corp.
Julian Flores, EnStructure
Danny Forest, American Chemistry Council
Johnny Fusilier, Jr., City of Pasadena
Councilman District G
Anita Jones
Jerry Jones
Malachi Key, Air Alliance

Holly Kurth, EHCMA Communications
William Lathan, Harris Co. Pollution Control
Shannon McNair
Nina Palacios
George Perrett
Diamond Pham, Air Alliance
Mari Salcido
Amy Shuff
Paola Velasco
Victoria Velasco, student
David Wade, HCOHSEM
Tiana Washington

CAC Plant Members

Afton Chemical: Hari Sundaram rep by *Maryam Shekari*, Buck Tadlock, Eric Massengill, Doug Ruring, Ethan Heins
Air Products: Gaby Lacayo rep by *Alex Arboleda*
BASF: Abe Ahmed rep by *Lia Hayes*, Brian Melancon
Chevron Pasadena Refinery: Alun Phillips rep by *Joe Ebert, Veronica Flores-Paniagua*, Rebecca Froedge, Steph Seewald, Vivek Patel, Robbie Robinson
Chevron Phillips: Cathy Gill rep by *Mike Deakle*, William Rutherford

Enterprise: Audrey Munson, Heather Makarczyk, Mike McNallen
Ethyl: Hari Sundaram rep by *Maryam Shekari*, Buck Tadlock, Eric Massengill, Doug Ruring, Ethan Heins
Evonik: Nathan Boye rep by *Michael Segree*, Donovan Phelan,
Gulf Coast Authority: Denise Ehrlich, John Mletzko
INEOS Phenol: Mike Meyer, Michael Reiter, David Pastalaniec, Pedro Hernandez
Intercontinental Terminals Co.: Robert Surguy rep by Jesus Davila, Jade Taylor, Carlos Gracia
Ketjen: Raina Warden, Paul Hernandez, Doug Thompson, Kevin Paul
Kinder Morgan Export Terminal: Chris Dale
Kinder Morgan Pasadena Terminal: Bryan Thraikill, John Riley, Donnie Martinez
LyondellBasell Refinery: Mark Staes, Susan Scott
Next Wave Energy: Shane Presley rep by David Muscat
OxyChem: Eric Delgado, Jonathan Bauer, Liliانا Sarpong
Sekisui: Jeff Thompson, Mike Carr, Jenna Timtiman

PCAC Program Planning for 2026-27

Once approved, Program Plan will be posted in the Member's Section at www.pasadenacac.org

Before Program Planning activities began, facilitator Emily Morris provided an overview of the PCAC and encouraged attendees to brainstorm ideas for meeting topics for 2026-27. Because topics need to fit within the PCAC's mission and purposes, and community members are advising industry, the topics must relate directly to PCAC plants, industry as a whole, or affect community and industry alike, such as roads and railways. The planning process began with a brief brainstorming session at each table. While taking notes on a flip chart, Morris asked each table to provide one topic from their list. Once all table groups had offered an idea, Morris asked each table to offer a second topic. This process was repeated until all tables had shared each of their ideas. Morris grouped similar topics together on several flip-chart pages. The pages were taped to the windows

in the Log Cabin, and attendees were given sticky dots to indicate the topics they most want to cover during meetings through 2026 and into 2027. Attendees used sticky dots to prioritize the topics they most wanted to address in the coming year. Community and plant reps used different colored stickers so they could be tallied separately. Morris explained that the next step would be to form a Program Planning Committee of volunteers. The volunteers will meet once to draft a program plan based on the group input. Once reviewed and adopted by PCAC, the program plan will form the basis of the agendas for meetings for 2026 and into 2027. A chart showing program topic ideas, with a tally of the votes, is attached to the end of the meeting notes. Any additional input from the brainstorming discussion has been compiled and will be referred to, as needed, by the Program Planning Committee.

HOST PLANT INTRO: LyondellBasell

Slide about LyondellBasell posted at www.pasadenacac.org

Mark Staes, Operations Manager at LyondellBasell (LYB), displayed a slide that explained what LYB does and where the facility's products are used. In addition to sharing the slide, Staes updated the PCAC on the changes at Houston's oldest refinery since the decommissioning was announced in 2023. Staes shared the following details, which include answers to attendee questions:

Decommissioning Activities:

- In January, they started shutting down part of a major processing unit (Unit 537).
- This reduced the refinery's output from about **300,000 barrels per day to half**.
- That part of the unit was cleaned and permanently shut down.
- In June, they began shutting down the second part of the same unit.

Workforce Changes:

- The number of employees dropped from about **1,100 to about 180**.
- This was due to the shutdown and planning for future changes.

Future Projects:

- New projects are being planned, but they're waiting on funding and approvals.
- There is no immediate timeline for any future projects at the site.

Scrap Metal & Logistics:

- There's been a noticeable increase in **scrap metal removal**, especially from the Lawndale side of the site.
- More **truck traffic** has been seen.

Operational Units Still Active:

- **Three parts of the facility are still running:**
 - Utility systems (like power and steam)
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Some shared operations with sister companies

Environmental & Safety Focus

- LYB is focusing on **reducing emissions** and using more sustainable practices.
- **Safety** is still a top priority for the remaining staff.

- Steam stacks (which used to release visible vapor) are no longer active.

Security Measures

- Facility spans 700 acres.
- Gates have been repositioned but remain under 24/7 surveillance.
- Security staffing remains intact.

Community Sentiment

- Staes **acknowledged the emotional impact** of the downsizing.
- LYB is committed to **adapting to economic changes**.
- Even with fewer employees, they're maintaining a **close-knit, family-like culture**.

UPDATES

Plant Updates

The Plant Update Summary with 18 plants reporting was emailed to attendees shortly before the meeting. Direct questions to Emily Morris, ekmorrisconsulting@gmail.com or 832-443-3617.

In a Nutshell:

- Updates were received from 18 of 18 plants
- **1 of 18** had environmental events, with 1 event
- **0 of 18** had an OSHA recordable injury
- **17** had neither environmental nor safety incidents

17 plants had no environmental incidents

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| 1. Afton Chemicals | 8. Evonik | Terminal |
| 2. Air Products | 9. Gulf Coast Authority | 14. LyondellBasell Houston |
| 3. BASF | 10. Intercontinental Terminals | Refinery |
| 4. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 11. Ketjen | 15. Next Wave Energy Partners |
| 5. Chevron Phillips | 12. Kinder Morgan Export | 16. OxyChem |
| 6. Enterprise Products | Terminal | 17. Sekisui |
| 7. Ethyl | 13. Kinder Morgan Pasadena | |

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PCAC Updates

PCAC logo designs: Morris reminded the group that East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) is providing logos for all 9 Citizens' Advisory Panels. Morris emailed logo samples to members after the September meeting to get a vote for their favorite design and/or suggestions. From the email responses, Morris narrowed the options down to three logos and asked attendees at the September meeting to choose from those three choices. Morris reminded attendees that the elements in the logos can be mixed and matched, altered, or eliminated altogether. She said the brown-and-green color scheme has been PCAC's colors since 1991. Morris said she would present the "winning" logo at the October meeting.

FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS

***Dinner available at 5:30 pm.** Meetings are from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.*

- **Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – Annual Report on Emissions from PCAC Plants**
PCAC plants will report on 2024 data for EPA Toxics Release Inventory releases to the air and the TCEQ air emissions inventory of criteria pollutants. (*Host plant: Afton/Ethyl*)
- **No meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday**
- **Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – Natural Disaster Planning in PCAC Plants**
PCAC plants and Harris County Industrial Liaisons will explain how they typically prepare for all kinds of natural disasters. Morris said she will reach out to the plants in the next week to request reps who can discuss how their plants prepare for natural disasters. (*Host plant: Kinder Morgan Export Terminal*)

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Tues., Jan. 28	Tues., May 27	Tues., Oct. 28
Tues., Feb. 25	No June or July meetings	No November meeting
Thurs., Mar. 27*	Tues., Aug. 26	Tues., Dec. 2
Tues., Apr. 22	Tues., Sept. 23	No late December meeting

* Tues., March 25 is Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum

PCAC DATES FOR 2026

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Tues., Jan. 27	Tues., May 26	Tues., Oct. 27
Tues., Feb. 24	No June or July meetings	No November meeting
Tues., Mar. 24	Tues., Aug. 25	Tues., Dec. 1
Tues., Apr. 28	Tues., Sept. 22	No late December meeting

Topics Attendees Want to Address in the Next 8-10 Meetings

9-23-24

Proposed meeting topics in order by community member points	Community points	Plant points	TOTAL
1. Security – Coast Guard Station Visit Tour Overview presentation General security at sites Types of training Technology and capabilities	13	13	26
2. San Jac CPET Tour Workforce Programs What skills plants are looking for (entry level and above) Ability to find skilled professionals Panel discussion Ely Lily Program Other intern programs	13	12	25
3. Ship Channel Boat Tour Explanation of Port Houston and its economic importance to PCAC In addition to plant reps, resource people will be invited to join the tour to answer questions (Coast Guard, environmental) Reps to point out their plants or equipment like theirs <i>A minimum of 40 attendees is required – M/V Sam Houston no longer does special evening tours. This would be a day tour.</i>	13	7	20
4. Ranking Chemical Plants on Harm to the Public (Chemistry 101) Products produced Understanding chemicals – Safety Data Sheets Process of producing chemicals Raw materials to chemicals	9	2	11
5. Plant Tour LyondellBasell (Emily will reach out to other plants to see if they will offer a tour)	8	2	10
6. Roads Traffic and considerations for reducing logjams (flex scheduling with plants) Conditions of roads Who owns/maintains what roads (city, county, state) TXDot update Progress on Beltway 8 and 225 construction	7	17	24
7. Air Quality Monitoring How is air quality measured (different devices and how they work)? What's in the air? Home monitors Who monitors? Academic component Air regulations and how air monitoring can help Attainment vs. nonattainment TCEQ/EPA – what each does, how they differ, how they work together regarding air regulations	5	1	6

8. Flaring 101 Why do facilities flare? What would happen if facilities didn't flare? What does different colored smoke mean? What's in the flare? Pros and cons of flaring for facilities and the community	4	5	9
9. Pipeline Awareness Damage-prevention report Shut-off valve protections in wake of Sept. 2024 fire Why Energy Transfer was allowed to burn for 4 days What products are transported Where pipelines are located What the markers mean	3	5	8
10. Communications eNotify: who sends msgs, who receives msgs, intent CAER Online: who sends msgs, who receives msgs, intent; recent changes to CAER app, with demonstration on how to access app features	3	3	6

The following topics didn't make the cut

11. Natural Disasters – CIMA's role	2	2	4
12. How ICE visits impact plant workforce	2	0	2
13. Capital Investments by plants Facility restructuring projects Reason/incentives for development Positive impact on community Plans for growth Economic impact	1	5	6
14. Legislative impact on industry State and federal Effects of redistricting Bills – passed and/or proposed How legislature on industry will impact community Protocol	1	0	1
15. Effects of Pollution on Health Noise, light, environment	1	0	1
16. Corrosion How inspections are done How and how often equipment is maintained to prevent corrosion Technology that detects corrosion before it becomes a release	0	0	0