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Hi Ruben-

I forwarded the information to the TxDMV general counsel.

Whitney receives & reviews all applications and then makes recommendations to the board for approval. The board hasn't seen a complete list of all applicants, only those recommended by Whitney.

Thank you for letting us know about Mr. Nino.

Have a great weekend!

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Hello Ruben,

This is a very strange situation, and must be some mistake! Thanks for letting us know – I will let Tammy take it from here since I am not all that familiar with the process of choosing members. Tammy, if you feel it would be more appropriate for me take this forward to TxDMV and leave you with your “Board Member’s Hat” on, then just let me know.

Thanks again, Ruben, for letting us know!

Cathy

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Good afternoon ladies,

Last August while we were at our TAAO Conference, both of you ladies suggested that I be part of the TxDMV Advisory Committee. Upon my return to El Paso, I submitted my application to the Advisory Committee for consideration. I am not aware of the process to select candidates for this specialized group. However, during the last TxDMV Board Meeting, there was a list of approved individuals who were approved by the board. On the approved list was Ivan Nino one of my deputies who works at one of our contracted offices. I was very surprised that this individual was selected. This is a very small office of three persons and Mr. Nino was listed as a manager. My issue is that this office has been monitored for the last year due to “suspicious activity” that falls under fraud. We haven’t arrested anyone, due to lack of cooperation from affected individuals who do not want to get involved. Nonetheless, we are observing their activities. For Mr. Nino to be selected and no one from this committee taken the time to contact my office or our Enforcement Division for a reference status is quite sad. Since then, I have denied RTS access to Mr. Nino and ultimately he has resigned from this private office.

As such, having submitted my name for consideration, I don’t know if the TxDMV will have more openings for any of their Advisory Boards. Just wanted you both to know that I value your suggestion to submit my name for consideration.

Looking forward to our conference in San Marcos.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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