



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 1, 2012 Board Meeting

AUSTIN-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center

Conference Room 164

909 W. 45th St. Austin, 78751

Scheduled to Convene at 10:00 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Robert Emery, Dr.P.H.; Bill Campbell; Amy Clark; Jay Murphy, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Mark Pittman J.D.; Stephen Harris; Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.; Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; David Nichols, M.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Kevin Raabe; and Mark Silberman, M.D.

Members not present: Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Brad Bunn; and Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Barbara Taylor; Ray Fleming; Ruben Cortez; Helen Watkins; Lisa Bruedigan; Darice Bailey; Lisa Nieman; Jo Turkette; Jerry Cogburn; Robert Free; and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles McGuire, Gary Smith, Ph.D., and Tonya Baer

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: David Cooney

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office; Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission; Betsy Bird, Texas State Senator Kel Seliger's office

3. Approval of the February 24, 2012 meeting minutes

Dr. Metter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe briefed the board on the committee meeting. The committee discussed developing a resolution that commends the opening of a low level radioactive waste disposal facility in Texas. Mr. Selig read a draft of this resolution. The board agreed to allow the Chairman to edit this draft and that the committee would formulate a recommendation on this resolution at the next committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting. The committee discussed developing an advisory statement on the use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography as related to dental imaging. Dr. Emery read a draft statement. The committee agreed to formulate a recommendation on this statement at the next medical committee meeting.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Cooney briefed the board on the program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. McGuire briefed the board on the program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff briefed the board on the program report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Mr. Wilson briefed the board on the program report.

E. Roger Mulder – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer

Mr. Mulder briefed the board on the program report.

6. New Business

A. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

This discussion was held under agenda item 4.A.

B. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Medical Committee

This discussion was held under agenda item 4.B.

C. Approval of the TRAB's Report to Commissioner Lakey

Dr. Emery made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

Dr. Emery would like to include the topic of lessons learned from Fukushima. Dr. Emery discussed the International Nuclear Events Scale (INES) that explains the severity of the event, but not necessarily the conditions on the ground. Dr. Emery would like the discussion to include how information is communicated to the public.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.