



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, April 19, 2024
Scheduled to Convene at 10:45 a.m.

1. Call to order

William Pate, DrPH, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of TRAB members present.

Members present: Roland Benke, Ph.D.; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Lisa Masters, DDS; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Sanjay Narayan; William Pate, DrPH; Ken Peters; Kevin Raabe, REM; Bob Redweik; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Timothy Stevenson, Lisa Bruedigan, Gem Naivar, Jay Pavlica, Walquira Sanchez, Joann Harthcock, Rae Walker, Jason Callahan, Brian Vamvakias, Kaylie Smith, Jasmine Mathews, and Karl Von Ahn

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Ashley Forbes and Chance Goodin

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Christine Peters

Guests present: Stephen Raines, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (LLRWDC); Jason Johnson, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM); and David Carlson, Waste Control Specialist (WCS)

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the January 19, 2024 meeting minutes

Mr. Peters motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion. All approved.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. TRAB Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Peters provided an overview of the INUW Committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter provided an overview of the Medical Committee meeting.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Sachde provided an overview of the Topic Research Committee meeting.

6. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Christine Peters discussed the program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Ashley Forbes discussed the program report and gave some updates.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Lisa Bruedigan discussed the program report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC)

Stephen Raines discussed the program report.

E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)

David Carlson gave an update on activities at WCS.

F. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) – TCEQ Commissioner Bobby Janecka, State Liaison Officer

Ashley Forbes gave some updates in Commissioner Janecka's absence.

7. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Recognition of TRAB member's excused absence from this meeting

Tim Powell requested an excused absence from this meeting. Dr. Metter motioned to approve these absences. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. All approved.

B. Update of DSHS Rules

- i) X-Ray (Major Revision): 25 TAC §289.229
- ii) Laser (Major Revision): 25 TAC §289.301
- iii) RAM (Minor Updates for NRC Compatibility): 25 TAC §289.201, §289.202, §289.252, §289.253, §289.255, §289.256, §289.257, and §289.258

Mr. Vamvakias gave updates on these rule revisions, which were included in the DSHS report.

8. New Business

A. Cobalt Magnet Presentation

Rae Walker, DSHS, gave a presentation on the Cobalt Magnet Exercise that was held in Austin in May of 2022.

9. Identification of Agenda Items and topics for next or future TRAB or TRAB Committee Meetings

No items were mentioned.

10. Adjourn

Dr. Metter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. All agreed. Dr. Pate adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.