



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, March 25, 2022

Scheduled to Convene at 10:45 AM

1. Call to order

William Pate, Dr.PH., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of TRAB members present.

Members present: John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Charles Cavnor; Lisa Masters, D.D.S.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Sanjay Narayan; Ken Peters; Kevin Raabe; Bob Redweik; Michael Britt; Tim Powell; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Lynn Silguero; Roland Benke, Ph.D., C.H.P.; Simon Trubek, M.D.; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; and Doug Posey, D.V.M.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Brian Vamvakias, Lisa Bruedigan, Jo Turkette, and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Ashley Forbes, TCEQ Commissioner Bobby Janeka, and Gene Muller

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Brian Christian, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Denise Brooks, State Energy Conservation Office; Elicia Sanchez, Waste Control Specialists; David Carlson, Waste Control Specialists; Stephen Raines, Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC); Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting, and Rusty Towell, Ph.D., Abilene Christian University

3. Review and, as needed, discuss, and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2021, meeting

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

4. Public Comments

None

5. TRAB Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe discussed the committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Sachde discussed the committee meeting.

6. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Ms. Savage discussed the program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Ms. Forbes discussed the program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Vamvakias discussed the program report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Mr. Raines discussed the program report.

E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)

Ms. Sanchez had no updates to report.

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

Commissioner Janecka had no updates to report.

7. Routine and Continuing Business

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

All TRAB members are present.

B. Status of the TRAB's Recommendations on Licensing Fee Structure

No update provided.

C. Summary and TRAB recommendations to 21R035 Rule Project-Medical Use of Radioactive Material

Mr. Vamvakias stated the rules became effective in January.

D. Status of updating the TRAB's Publications webpage

Mr. Vamvakias stated the webpage will continue to be updated.

E. Continued discussion on alternate TRAB meeting locations and educational opportunities

Mr. Vamvakias discussed the webcasting requirements for open meetings.

F. TCEQ Rules Update: 30 Tex. Admin. Code Section 336.357

Ms. Forbes stated these rules should be adopted in April.

8. New Business

A. Recognition of TRAB Service:

i) Liz Speights

ii) Stacey McLarty

Dr. Pate recognized Ms. Speights and Ms. McLarty for their service.

B. Status of NRC Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP)

Mr. Vamvakias discussed the successful IMPEP evaluation.

C. NEXT Research Alliance (NEXTRA) Molten Salt Research Reactor (MSRR) project presentation

Dr. Rusty Towell of Abilene Christian University gave the presentation.

D. Texas Regulatory Conference status

Ms. Bruedigan stated that a fall date for the meeting would be targeted.

E. Update of TRAB By-Laws

Mr. Hageman requested program reports, minutes, and agendas two weeks in advance of the meeting.

F. Strategic Plans for committee year-end review

Ms. Silguero discussed the strategic report.

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

Dr. Pate requested an update on Sunset Review of TCEQ and TLLRWDC. Dr. Pate suggested a discussion of social media for TRAB. Dr. Pate suggested the strategic report review stay on the next agenda.

10. Adjourn

Dr. Pate adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.