



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB) MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, M.S. C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: John Johnson, D.V.M, Secretary; Bill Campbell; Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Karen Newton; Tim Powell; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Missy Shorey; Mark Silberman, M.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Members not present: Mitch Lucas, P.E., Vice-Chair; Stephen Harris; Ken Krieger, C.H.P.; and Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan; Jerry Cogburn; Ruben Cortez; Chuck Flynn; Robert Free; Joann Harthcock; Alyson Henry; Stacey McLarty; Eric Skotak; Liz Speights, Charlotte Sullivan; Cassandra Swank; Jo Turkette; Karl Von Ahn; Helen Watkins and Peggy Westlund

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Bobby Janecka and Alisha Stallard

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Grant Chambless

2. Introduction of guests

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig and David Corbari

Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC): Andrew Tachovsky

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

Atom Consulting: Roland Benke

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting

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

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe discussed the committee meeting. The committee recommended approval of the removal of the word "quarterly" in the TCEQ Section 336.103(c) rule amendment.

Mr. Raabe made a motion to setup a teleconference meeting to discuss the Lamprecht uranium site. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting. The committee recommended approval of the removal of the word "quarterly" in the TCEQ Section 336.103(c) rule amendment.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Emery discussed the committee meeting. The committee recommended approval of the removal of the word "quarterly" in the TCEQ Section 336.103(c) rule amendment.

Dr. Emery made a motion to approve the TCEQ rule amendment to remove the word "quarterly" in Section 336.103(c). Mr. Raabe seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Mr. Chambless discussed the program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Mr. Janecka discussed the program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Flynn discussed the program report.

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

Mr. Tachovsky discussed the status of new and existing petitions/agreements. A Commission meeting will be held February 22, 2017.

E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Update not available.

6. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Status report concerning updating the Laser Safety regulations to the latest ANSI Standards

Mr. Flynn reported DSHS is working on the laser rules and hope to move forward after September 1, 2017.

B. Report on Health and Human Services System (HHSS) Transformation Plan (DSHS)

Mr. Huss discussed the status of the HHSC Transformation Plan.

7. New Business

A. Update on the Preventive Nuclear and Radiological Detection Committee of the Texas Nuclear Sector Working Group

Mr. Hageman discussed the Committee developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for law enforcement and fire departments using radiation detection equipment. The Committee is working to obtain state funding for equipment.

8. Public Comments

None

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

Public Information on Radiation Effects

Public Information on Medical Exposure

Teleconference meeting on remediation of Lamprecht uranium site

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:24 pm.