



**TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING MINUTES**

**Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751**

Friday, June 23, 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: Bill Campbell; Stephen Harris; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; John Johnson, D.V.M, Secretary; Ken Krieger, C.H.P.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Darshan Sachde; Melissa Shorey; Mark Silberman, M.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Members not present: Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Karen Newton; and Tim Powell

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Joann Harthcock, Allyson Henry, Jon Huss, Stacey McLarty, Liz Speights, Cassandra Swank; Karl Von Ahn; Helen Watkins and Peggy Westlund

2. Introduction of guests

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Grant Chambless

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire, Bobby Janecka, and Alisha Stallard

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Eddie Selig

Waste Control Specialist: Betsy Madru

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2017 meeting

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

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Lucas discussed the committee meeting. The Department of Justice denied Energy Solutions from acquiring Waste Control Specialists (WCS).

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting. Ms. Bruedigan provided an update of the Federal and Drug Administration (FDA) adopting the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards. Dr. Emery discussed contacting the Radiation Studies Program at the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a risk versus benefits publication.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Emery discussed the committee meeting. The committee recommends to the Board moving the position and advisory statements to the top of the TRAB publication link on the webpage. Dr. Emery made a motion to move the position/advisory statements to the top of the publication link on the TRAB webpage and was unanimously approved. Mr. Hageman will distribute to the board members the position and advisory statements for review and updates.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Ms. Humberson discussed the report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Mr. Maguire discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Flynn discussed the report.

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

Leigh Ing discussed the House Bill 2662 as described in the TCEQ report. Ms. Ing will be a committee member of a temporary legislative oversight committee to study several issues related to low-level waste disposal and the compact facility until December 31, 2018.

E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

An update was not available.

6. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Update on Health and Human Services System (HHSC) Transformation Plan

Mr. Huss discussed the update of the transformation plan:

- i.* The Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner are now appointees of the Texas Governor
- ii.* DFPS split off as an independent agency
- iii.* Next biennium will be a hiatus in the transformation process per Senate Bill 202 to give Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) time to absorb 24,500 staff (doubling in size).
- iv.* For the next two years, the Radiation Control program will be in a newly named division, Division for Consumer Protection
- v.* After two years, DSHS will be absorbed into HHSC

7. New Business

A. None

8. Public Comments

Ms. Watkins announced that Jerry Cogburn will be retiring at the end of August.

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

Ms. Watkins volunteered to draft a commendation to Jerry Cogburn for TRAB approval
Next TRAB meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2017.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 p.m.