



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)  
MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center  
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751  
Friday, September 29, 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; Missy Shorey; Mark Silberman, M.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

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

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

**2. Introductions 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

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

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2017 meeting**

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

**4. Election of TRAB officers**

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to elect the current board officers for another one-year term. Dr. Sachde seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**5. Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee**

Mr. Lucas 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 (RRC)**

Mr. Chambless 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 (TLLRWDCC)**

Mr. Tachovsky discussed the next Commission Meeting in Vermont, October 5, 2017 and pending applications. The Compact Commission will be hosting a one-day generator workshop at the Texas State Capitol on November 15, 2017.

**E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

DeAnn Walker, State Liaison Officer, has been appointed to the Public Utilities Committee as Chairman.

**7. Routine and Continuing Business:**

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

Mr. Huss discussed the update of the HHSS Transformation Plan.

**B. Update on the Decommissioning of the Sturgis, in Galveston (Hans Honerlah, the Army Corps of Engineers Project Manager)**

Mr. Honerlah was not able to attend the Board Meeting

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Individual Recommendations on each of the older Advisories and Position Statements on the TRAB's [Publications web page](#)**

**Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee:** Dr. Sachde discussed the publications approved to be retained or removed from the TRAB webpage (see Appendix A).

**Medical Committee:** Dr. Metter discussed the publications approved to be retained or removed from the TRAB webpage (see Appendix A).

Dr. Johnson motioned to approve the committees' decisions. Ms. Shorey seconded the motion to remove or retain the publications on the TRAB webpage.

## **9. Public Comments**

Mr. Hageman will be retiring as the RSO from the Southwest Research Institute on October 5, 2017 and will continue to be a technical adviser.

## **10. Identification of Agenda Items and/or topics for next or future TRAB or TRAB Committee Meetings**

Remaining advisory statements and correspondence

Review DSHS information for public awareness of nuclear and/or terrorist threat

Economic viability of WCS

## **11. Adjourn**

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.