



## **TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Austin-Health and Human Services Commission  
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751  
Friday, June 22, 2018 at 10:30 AM**

### **1. Call to order**

Mr. Lucas 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; Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Ken Krieger, C.H.P.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; Missy Shorey; and Mark Silberman, M.D.

**Members not present:** Stephen Harris; Tim Powell; Bill Campbell; Simon Trubek, M.D.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; and John Hageman, MS, CHP, Chair

### **2. Introduction of guests**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Alyson Henry, Jon Huss, Stacey McLarty, Jo Turkette, Karl Von Ahn, Peggy Westlund, Greg Wilburn, Trae Windham, and Irina Meza (HHSC)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Bobby Janecka and Ashley Forbes

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig

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

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Tiffany Humberson

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

Clear Environmental: Brad Warren and Zach Shipley

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2018 meeting**

Mr. Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. Raabe 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. Ms. Shorey presented the committee's decisions regarding the remaining advisory/positions statements on the TRAB website. Ms. Shorey motioned to approve the committee's disposition of the remaining advisory/position statements. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**B. Medical Committee**

Dr. Silberman discussed the committee meeting. A letter to John Hageman was discussed regarding Medical Radiologist Technologist (MRT) authority to operate X-Ray equipment. The Texas Medical Board regulates the MRT program. Dr. Emery made a motion for Mr. Hageman to respond to the letter and work with DSHS staff to provide the information to include in the response. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

**C. Topic Research Committee**

Dr. Emery discussed the committee meeting

**5. Program Reports**

**A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)**

Ms. Humberson discussed the report.

**B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**

Mr. Janecka 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)**

A representative was not at the meeting.

**E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – DeAnn Walker, State Liaison Officer**

A representative not at the meeting.

**6. Routine and Continuing Business**

**A. Recognition of Board members' excused absence from this meeting**

To be discussed at the September board meeting.

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

Jon Huss discussed the status of the transformation plan.

**C. Update on §289.252(i) Licensing of Radioactive Material**

Ms. McLarty discussed the status of the RAM rule package. Mr. Raabe made a motion to approve the rule changes with no reservations. Dr. Emery seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**7. New Business**

**A. Who may operate X-ray producing equipment and order X-ray exams (DSHS)**

Discussed in the context of the Medical Committee Minutes, under their item 5.D.

**8. Public Comments**

None

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

Proposed Dental Rules

Proclamation for Mr. Maguire

Eye Dose Limits

Board member's excused absences from June 22, 2018 meeting.

**10. Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.**