



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, November 30, 2018 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; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Ken Krieger, C.H.P.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Tim Powell; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Darshan Sachde; Missy Shorey; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Members not present: Stephen Harris; Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; and Mitch Lucas, P.E.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan; Kirk Cole; Ruben Cortez; Chuck Flynn; Robert Free; Alyson Henry; Stacey McLarty; Rod Moline; Shannon Quinn; Eric Skotak; Liz Speights, Charlotte Sullivan; Jo Turkette; Karl Von Ahn; Peggy Westlund; and Trae Windham

2. Introduction of guests

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Alisha Stallard, Ashley Forbes, Anastasia Ozain-Porteria, and Tony Gonzalez
Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig
Waste Control Specialist (WCS): David Carlson
Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC): Andrew Tachovsky
Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Tiffany Humberson
Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi
Radiological Systems Inc.: Robert Schear
Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED): Karen Hadden

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2018 meeting

Dr. Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Powell seconded the motion, Mr. Krieger abstained 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 Bylaws and Annual Report were approved with amendments.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Leavell discussed the committee meeting. The Bylaws and Annual Report were approved with amendments.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Sachde discussed the committee meeting. The Bylaws and Annual Report were approved with amendments.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Ms. Humberson discussed the report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Ashley Jacobs discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Flynn discussed the report. Rae Walker, DSHS, was recognized by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for her efforts in planning, executing, and the successful completion of the South Texas Power (STP) plant pathway exercise held June 12-13, 2018. This is the first time a DSHS staff has been recognized by FEMA. The Board applauded Ms. Walker for her accomplishment.

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

Mr. Tachovsky discussed the next board meeting that will be January 17, 2019 and currently have 4 import applications.

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

Ms. Walker was not present at the meeting.

6. Routine and Continuing Business:

A. Recognition of Board members' excused absences from this meeting or previous meeting

The following board members were excused for absences:

Mark Silberman September 28, 2018

Simon Trubek June 22, 2018

Darlene Metter November 30, 2018

Bob Emery November 30, 2018

Stephen Harris November 30, 2018

Mitch Lucas November 30, 2018

Dr. Johnson made a motion to excuse the absences, Mr. Raabe seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

B. Election of Board Officers

The Nominating Committee of Ms. Raab and Mr. Raabe reported three Board members volunteered for the officer nominations:

Chair: John Hageman

Vice-Chair: Mitch Lucas

Secretary: Melissa Shorey

Mr. Raabe made a motion to elect the new Board officers. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

C. Update on Health and Human Services Systems (DSHS)

Mr. Cole is interviewing candidates for the Associate Commissioner for Consumer Protection Division staff position and announced the new Executive Commissioner of Health and Human Services is Dr. Courtney Phillips.

D. Adoption of TRAB Bylaws

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the Bylaws, with amendments. Dr. Trubek seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

7. New Business

A. TRAB's Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report to the DSHS Commissioner

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the Annual Report with amendments. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

B. DSHS Inspections

Mr. Schear spoke to the Board regarding the DSHS policy of unannounced inspections. DSHS staff provided information regarding inspections. The TRAB Medical Committee will discuss this topic at its next meeting.

8. Public Comments

Karen Hadden, Director of Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition, spoke to the Board concerning the risk of transporting, disposal and storage of high level radioactive waste in Texas.

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

DSHS Unannounced Inspections.

The next meeting of the TRAB needs to be scheduled for February 22, 2019.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.