



TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE
of the 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, September 29, 2017 at 8:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Dr. Sachde called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Darshan Sachde, Ph.D., Vice-Chair; and John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; and Mark Harvey, Ph.D.

Members not present for the meeting: Robert Emery, Dr., P.H., Chair; and Tim Powell, M.B.A.

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Joann Harthcock, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Liz Speights, Kasandra Swank, Karl VonAhn, Helen Watkins, and Peggy Westlund

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Grant Chambless

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

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

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

Mr. Hageman made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments.

Dr. Harvey seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Updates on rulemaking priorities

The draft radioactive materials rules (known as "RAM 2016/2017" packet) and the dental 289.232 regulations are being reviewed by legal counsel and will be presented to TRAB at the 4th quarter 2017 meeting.

B. Update on State comments to the NRC on criminal background checks for Category 3 source licensees

The NRC staff will be recommending to the NRC Commissioners to not move forward with this item.

C. Review/updating of older Advisories and Position Statements on the [Publications web page](#)

The Topic Committee will not be reviewing the TRAB publications on the webpage.

5. New Business:

A. Comments on the TRAB FY 2017 Report to Commissioner Hellerstedt

Mr. Hageman motioned to approve and recommend forwarding the annual report to the Board. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

B. Radon testing in Texas, best path forward, please look at the DSHS website [Indoor Radon in Texas](#)

Mr. Flynn discussed a recent case of an Austin area home with elevated radon readings. Keep on the agenda.

C. Identify any additional topics that need further research to be addressed by the TRAB

None

D. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and/or to be addressed at future meetings of the Medical Committee, Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee, or full Board

None

6. Public Comments

None

7. Summarize Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB and for future agenda items for TRAB, the Medical Committee, or INUW Committees

Recommend approval of the FY2017 Annual Report

8. Identification of Agenda Items for next or future Topic Research Committee Meeting

Nuclear Threats

Radon

9. Adjourn

Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.