



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

Mr. Hageman called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Bill Campbell; John Johnson, D.V.M, Secretary; Stephen Harris; Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; Neal Leavell, D.D.S.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Tim Powell; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; and Missy Shorey

Members not present: Robert Emery, Dr. P.H.; Ken Krieger, C.H.P.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Mark Silberman, M.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Lisa Bruedigan, Kirk Cole, Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Alyson Henry; Stacey McLarty; Luis Morales, Liz Speights, Jo Turkette, Karl Von Ahn; Peggy Westlund and Trae Windham

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

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig

Waste Control Specialist: David Carlson

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

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Tiffany Hemberson

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 23, 2018 meeting

Ms. Shorey made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Johnson 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

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Leavell discussed the committee meeting. The committee recommends the full Board approve publication of the dental rules.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Sachde discussed the committee meeting.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Tiffany Humberson discussed the RRC Program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Bobby Janecka discussed the TCEQ Program Report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Flynn discussed the DSHS Program Report.

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

Mr. Tachovsky discussed the Annual Meeting to be held October 11, 2018. Lisa Edwards was selected as the new Commissioner and will start employment November 2018.

E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)

Mr. Carlson presented a slideshow to discuss the WCS updates on disposal pricing and surcharges, disposal capacity, Legislative agenda and initiatives.

F. 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 absence from this meeting or previous meeting

Mr. Hageman excused all absences from the February 2018 and June 2018 Board Meetings. The September 2018 Board Meeting absences were approved and Mr. Hageman will make a decision on Dr. Trubek at the next meeting.

B. Update on Health and Human Services System (DSHS)

Kirk Cole was introduced at the Interim Associate Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Division.

7. New Business

A. Consider and make recommendations on/approve the proposed rule packet for the following section of 25 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 289, §289.232, Radiation Control Regulations for Dental Radiation Machines. (Chuck Flynn, DSHS)

Dr. Leavell made a motion to approve the proposed rule. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Information on Radon Measurements in Dallas, TX (George Brozowski, EPA)

Mr. Brozowski presented a slideshow on "Radon Testing".

C. HHS Stakeholder Relations Office-Advisory Committee Bylaws Template

Mr. Hageman discussed the draft bylaws and will send an electronic copy to board members after the meeting. The proposed bylaws will be discussed for approval at the next board meeting.

8. Public Comments

Mr. Wilbern recognized Ms. Bruedigan as the new Surveillance Section Radiation Unit Manager.

Mr. Jacobi discussed the status of the Sturgis nuclear decommissioning that has been completed by the Corps of Engineers team. The ship will be towed from Galveston, Texas to Brownsville, Texas.

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

Discussion and approval of draft TRAB Bylaws

10. Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.