



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center

Conference Room 164

909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751

Scheduled to convene 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 for the meeting: Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.S.A., Vice-Chair; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; Darshan Sachde; Judith Raab; Mark Silberman, M.D.; John Johnson, D.V.M.; Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Kevin Raabe; Stephen Harris; and Amy Clark.

Members not present: Melanie Marshall D.D.S.; Robert Emery, DrPH; Bill Campbell; and David Nichols, M.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Chuck Flynn, Liz Speights, Ray Fleming, Jo Turkette, Alyson Henry, Laura Pfefferle, Joann Harthcock, Helen Watkins, Jerry Cogburn, Joann Harthcock, Ruben Cortez, Helen Watkins, Eric Skotak, Peggy Westlund, Scott Houchin, Robert Free, and Laura Pfefferle.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles Maguire, Catie Arnold and Monica Sullivan.

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) staff present: Grant Chambless

2. Introduction of Guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; and Betsy Madru, Waste Control Specialist.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the January 31, 2015 meeting

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Metter seconded the motion 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.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Silberman discussed the committee meeting. The Medical Committee will request a medical physicist presentation by the Texas Medical Physicist Board at the next committee meeting.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Hamilton discussed the committee meeting

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Chambless discussed the report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. Maguire discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff discussed the report.

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

A representative was not present at the meeting.

E. Roger Mulder – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer

Mr. Mulder was not present at the meeting.

6. Old Business

No old business.

7. New Business

A. Radiological Response Volunteer Corps, sponsored by the CRCPD

http://www.crcpd.org/RRVC/rvc_rfp.aspx

Mr. Free discussed the Radiological Response Volunteer Corp., a program to develop volunteers to assist monitoring radiation in Texas.

B. Informational presentation: NORM related to Oil and Gas Production

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

C. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

None

D. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Medical Committee

Dr. Metter read the position statement to reinstate the enforcement of the training requirements for fluoroscopic guided interventional procedures. Dr. Johnson motioned to adopt the position statement. Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved.

E. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Topic Research Committee

None

F. TRAB Policies on Public Comments at Open Meetings (Pfefferle, DSHS)

Ms. Pfefferle reviewed the policies of public comments at open meetings.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

May and June dates were discussed for the next meeting. The Board will elect a new secretary. Mr. Lucas and Ms. Clark will serve on the Nominating Committee.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.