



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. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751  
Friday, May 20, 2016 at 8:30 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Sachde, Ph.D., Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; and Nora Janjan, M.D. M.P.S.A., M.B.A.

Members not present: Ian Hamilton, Ph.D., Robert Emery, DrPH, Vice-Chair;

Other TRAB members present: Mark Silberman, M.D., John Johnson, D.V.M, Mitch Lucas, Ken Krieger, C.H.P., Judy Raab, and Kevin Raabe

**2. Introduction of guests:**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Joann Harthcock, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Liz Speights, Charlotte Sullivan, and Helen Watkins

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Grant Chambless

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire

Waste Control Specialists (WCS): Betsy Madru

State Energy Conservation Office: Roger Mulder

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2016 Topic Research Committee meeting**

Mr. Hageman made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Sachde seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 4. Continuing Business

##### A. Update on rulemaking priorities (Flynn, DSHS)

Mr. Flynn advised that the proposed RAM2 (Part 37) rule packet was approved by the Health and Human Service Commission (HHSC) Executive Commissioner and the final rules were posted in the *Texas Register* to be effective on March 1, 2016. Current rulemaking efforts are on the Dental Rules, §289.232, and Veterinary Rules, §289.233.

##### B. Decide on any action needed by the TRAB for dispelling radiation hysteria

Mr. Hageman discussed the advisory statement for *Better Understanding of Radiation* along with website links to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Dr. Janjan made a motion to approve the advisory statement. Dr. Sachde seconded the motion and the advisory statement will be forwarded to the Board meeting for approval.

#### 5. New Business:

##### A. Enforcement of Radiation Control Regulations by Police Officers (Free/Hageman)

The committee discussed if police officers can determine the intent of a person with radioactive materials and have the authority to enforce state radiation regulations. Ms. McLarty will research and report at the next committee meeting. This topic will be continued in the next meeting.

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

None

##### C. 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

Advisory statement for *Better Understanding of Radiation* for approval by the Board.

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

Item 5.A. Enforcement of Radiation Control Regulations by Police Officers

#### 9. Adjourn

Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.