



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the June 13, 2009 Board Meeting

These are minutes of an unofficial gathering of TRAB members to discuss various topics, not an official meeting at which action was taken, because a quorum was not present.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Moreton Building, Room M 739

1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas

1. Call to Order

Eight members of TRAB convened. A quorum was not present, so no official business was conducted. Discussions were held on the topics listed on the agenda. Kim Howard, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Members present for the meeting: Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.; Mark Silberman, M.D.; John Hageman, C.H.P.; Bill Campbell; Ana Cleveland, Ph.D.; Kevin Raabe; and Troy Marceleno, P.E.

Members not present: Mitch Lucas, Nora Janjan, M.D.; Michael Ford C.H.P.; Jesse Ray Adams; Brad Bunn; Jay Murphy; Bobby Haley; Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; and Rick Jacobi, P.E.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Alice Rogers, P.E., Ruben Cortez, Darice Bailey, Robert Free, Jo Turkette, Jerry Cogburn, Monica Perez, Carolyn Wright, Lisa Bruedigan, and Chris Myers.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Annette Glass

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; George Fitzgerald, representing himself; Pete Myers, South Texas Chapter Health Physics Society; Geri Cooley, Lotus.

3. Minutes of the February 28, 2009 meeting

A quorum was not present, so the minutes were only discussed and not approved. Typos were discussed and the minutes will be edited and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

4. Meeting of the Medical Committee

Dr. Howard mentioned that he would like to add some of the newer members to this committee at or by the next meeting.

5. **Meeting of the Waste and Industrial Committee**
Mr. Raabe clarified who was on the committee and asked if any new appointments had been made. Dr. Howard said he will provide a list of committee members by the next meeting.

6. **Report from the NORM Remediation Working Group**
Due to Mr. Jacobi's absence, there was no report.

7. **Report from the Interagency Information Management Working Group**
Dr. Cleveland announced that she will have a full report at the next meeting.

8. **Meeting of the Committee of the Whole**
a.-c. Proposed revisions to §289.201, §289.251, and §289.252

Monica Perez explained the revisions to rules §289.201, §289.251, and §289.252, most due to NRC compatibility. Ms. Perez noted that no comments were received from interested parties and that stakeholders would not incur any new costs under these revisions. No board members present had any objections to the rules going forward.

d. Update on Limitations on Political Activities

Carolyn Wright reviewed parts of the Texas Government Code to clarify what TRAB can and cannot do. She defined TRAB as a state agency and its members as state officers. § 556.006 of the Texas Government Code prohibits a state agency from influencing a legislative measure, but allows a state officer to provide information. The differences between "lobbying" and "providing public information" were discussed. Ms. Wright emphasized the statute is "quite restrictive". Ms. Wright and Dr. Howard agreed that this be reviewed for absent members at the next meeting.

9. **Reports and/or Recommendations from Committees and Work Groups**
None

10. **Public Comment**
None

11. **Program Reports**
a. Department of State Health Services

Richard Ratliff discussed a draft white paper titled Interventional Fluoroscopy and Radiation Safety Awareness. Dr. Howard said he was happy to see it move forward. Jon Hageman asked if there would be rules on quantitative limits for doses of different procedures. Mr. Ratliff said there would be recommendations not rules. Dr. Silberman expressed concerns over tracking patient's doses. Dr.

Cleveland suggested the need to help educate consumers. Richard Ratliff then discussed the two mammography bills that passed in the legislature. John Hageman inquired about the National Source Tracking System workshop. More information will be available in the future. The use of Tritium in exit signs was discussed.

b. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Annette Glass discussed the topic of mineral rights and the issuance of low level waste disposal licenses with Mr. Raabe.

c. Railroad Commission of Texas

Report submitted electronically. Leslie Savage summarized the status on the drafted Uranium rules.

12. **Board member requests for agenda items for next meeting**
Resolution for Michael Ford
13. **Public Comment**
No public comment. Troy Marceleno discussed the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Honor Brass, a class gift to Texas A&M University.
14. **Next meeting date**
August 29 and September 12 was discussed.
15. **Adjourn**
Dr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.