



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center
Conference Room 164
909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, May 23, 2014
8:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Ian Hamilton, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Robert Emery, DrPH, Vice Chair; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Amy Clark; and John Hageman, C.H.P. TRAB members present: John R. Johnson, D.V.M., and Darshan Sachde.

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, Ray Fleming, Elizabeth Speights, Lisa Nieman, Monica Perez, Jerry Cogburn, and Ann Hammer

Guests Present: Kristin Acker, Pre-Medical Student at Southern Methodist University; Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office; and Charles Beasley, Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center

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

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Old Business

A. Update on Rulemaking Priorities

Ms. Perez provided an update on DSHS rules.

B. Laser Safety Standards, ANSI Z136.1-2014, ANSI Z136.8-2012, and “other special application standards with the Z136 series that have precedence over ANSI Z136.1-2014, with their specific scope.

Mr. Hageman stated that DSHS should consider the new laser safety standards during the next modification of the laser safety regulations, especially where ANSI Z136.1-2014, allows the specific-scope ANSI laser standards, ANSI Z136.2 through ANSI Z136.10, to take precedence over ANSI Z136.1.

5. New Business

A. Use of social media for timely communication with Licensees and Registrants

Mr. Ratliff will look into capabilities of webcasting the TRAB meeting.

B. Licensing of Certified Diagnostic Physicists by the American Board of Radiology

Dr. Beasley spoke about the changes by the American Board of Radiology in licensing diagnostic medical physicists.

C. Present and discuss topics that need further research for action by the TRAB

i.) Radioactive waste disposal briefing paper [prepared by Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas](#)

ii.) Low Level Radioactive Waste Forum report on issues of disused sealed sources

iii.) Japan nuclear power plant water issues

6. Public Comments

None

7. Formulate recommendations on any agenda items to be considered by the full Board

None

8. Adjourn

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