



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 7, 2014

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 10:33 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; Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; Darshan Sachde; Melanie Marshall D.D.S.; Robert Emery, Dr.P.H.; Mark Silberman, M.D.; John Johnson, D.V.M.; Kenneth Krieger, M.S., C.H.P., Bill Campbell; Mark Pittman, J.D., Secretary; Kevin Raabe; and Amy Clark.

Members not present: Judith Raab; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Stephen Harris; 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, Lisa Bruedigan, Joann Harthcock, Helen Watkins, Chuck Flynn, Eric Skotak, Peggy Westlund and Robert Free.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles Maguire, 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; Audrey Ferrell, TX Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC); Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting; and Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the September 19, 2014 meeting

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved. Dr. Hamilton abstained from voting.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe discussed the committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Mr. 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 (RRC)

Mr. Chambless reported no new business.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Mr. Maguire discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Ratliff discussed the report.

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

Ms. Ferrell announced a new Chairman of the Board Chairman will be appointed to the Commission and Mr. Wilson will continue as a board member.

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

Mr. Mulder provided an update on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Three out of five commissioners have resigned.

6. Old Business

A. Brief update on the WIPP Facility Waste Issues and its Waste Stored at WCS (Free, DSHS)

Mr. Free and Mr. Ratliff discussed the status of the WIPP Facility waste issues and waste stored at WCS.

7. New Business

A. Medical community (second responders) emergency readiness for a radiation event (Free, DSHS)

Mr. Free and Mr. Ratliff discussed the emergency readiness of the medical community for a radiation event.

B. Finalization of the TRAB's Advisory Statement on the proposed changes to 10 CFR Part 20

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the recommendations on the proposed changes to NRC 10 CFR Part 20. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and posted on the TRAB website. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

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

Mr. Raabe asked Mr. Krieger to chair the committee and Mr. Krieger accepted the chairman position.

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

None

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

None.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

February dates were discussed for the next meeting. Dr. Janjan asked DSHS to review a Supreme Court case involving North Carolina Dental Board versus the Federal Trade Commission and Dr. Janjan will forward the information to Mr. Ratliff. TRAB Policies on Public Comments at Open Meetings will be presented at the next Board meeting.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.