

**Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee**  
Texas Department of State Health Services

**Microsoft Office Teams Live**  
Friday, October 16, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
**Meeting Minutes**

Table 1: Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee member attendance at the October 16, 2020 meeting

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Bethea, Louise, MD	X		Varshney, Pooja, MD	X	
Bird, Drew, MD	X		Wheeler, Anita	X	
Bostic, Natalie, RN		X	Wichman, Beth, MD	X	
Davis, Carla, MD	X		VACANT		
Gonzalez-Reyes, Erika, MD	X		VACANT		
Jeffrey, Douglas, MD	X		VACANT		

**Agenda item 1: Welcome/Call to Order/Introduction of members and staff**

The meeting of the Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee (SEAC) was called to order at 9:01 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2020 by Dr. Carla Davis, committee chair. Dr. Davis welcomed committee members and members of the public and asked Ms. Anita Wheeler to introduce DSHS staff and she asked committee members to introduce themselves.

Ms. Francesca Kupper, HHSC Advisory Committee Coordination Office, announced the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Ms. Kupper conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum of the Committee was present.

**Agenda item 2: Election of Presiding and Assistant Presiding Officers of the SEAC**

Ms. Francesca Kupper provided members and attendees details of the proposed procedures for electing presiding officers of SEAC.

**Motion:** Dr. Louise Bethea moved to approve the procedures of electing presiding officers as presented. Dr. Drew Bird provided the second for the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the officer election procedure by roll call vote with eight approvals, no disapprovals, and no abstentions.

Ms. Francesca Kupper announced the nomination of Dr. Drew Bird for presiding officer. Ms. Kupper opened the floor for additional nominees. The floor was closed with no additional nominees and Dr. Bird accepted the nomination and provided his qualifications for the office of Presiding Officer. Ms. Kupper conducted a roll call vote and the Committee members unanimously elected Dr. Drew Bird as the presiding officer of SEAC with eight approvals, no disapprovals, no abstentions.

Ms. Francesca Kupper announced the nomination of Dr. Louise Bethea for assistant presiding officer. Ms. Kupper opened the floor for additional nominees. The floor was closed with no additional



nominees and Dr. Bethea accepted the nomination and provided her qualifications for the office of Assistant Presiding Officer. Ms. Kupper conducted a roll call vote and the Committee members unanimously elected Dr. Louise Bethea as the assistant presiding officer with eight approvals, no disapprovals, and no abstentions.

**Agenda item 3: Approval of the minutes for the October 14, 2019 Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting.**

Dr. Carla Davis, Chair called for a motion to approve the October 14, 2019, meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Dr. Drew Bird moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2019 meeting with edits as noted. Dr. Louise Bethea seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously approved the minutes by voice vote, with eight approvals, no disapprovals, and no abstentions.

**Agenda item 4: Discussion and recommendations related to resources for the SEAC Allergies and Anaphylaxis webpage.**

Ms. Anita Wheeler led the discussion regarding recommendations related to resources for the SEAC Allergies and Anaphylaxis webpage. Highlights of member discussion included:

- Ms. Wheeler stated that the website needs to have the latest information for schools to utilize, and she opened the discussion to the committee to provide additional resources.
- Dr. Davis suggested resources and links to other organization that should be added to the webpage. Ms. Wheeler thanked Dr. Davis for the suggestions and stated that if there are specific resources to highlight on the webpage, the committee should email Ms. Crystal Beard and Ms. Wheeler with the link.

Dr. Bird suggested adding a link to the American Academy of Pediatrics' anaphylaxis plan.

Ms. Wheeler stated that members should email the School Health Program with additional resources.

**Agenda item 5: Update from the Texas Department of State Health Services.**

Ms. Anita Wheeler provided an update from the Texas Department of State Health Services and referenced a PowerPoint entitled "Epinephrine Auto-Injector Use in Texas Schools." Highlights of update and member discussion included:

- Ms. Wheeler provided an update from DSHS and thanked the members for providing input on the Food Allergy Guidelines regarding Senate Bill 869. Ms. Wheeler stated that the guidelines are under final review.
- Ms. Wheeler provided an overview of the 2019-2020 Epinephrine Auto-Injector Use in Texas Schools Report. Committee members provided suggestions on data they want to see in the final report. Committee members requested data on if individuals were transported to emergency medical services after an epinephrine auto-injector administration. Ms. Wheeler stated that one of the questions asked if individuals were transported to local emergency medical services and the results will be included in the final report. Dr. Bird asked if symptoms are recorded of the web form. Ms. Wheeler stated that there are symptoms listed, and she will send out a complete breakdown of the data once it is complete. Dr. Beth Wichman stated that an addendum may need to be added about what to do during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ms. Wheeler stated that the draft rules for House Bill (HB) 2243, which is the stock asthma medication for school nurses, and HB 1849 and HB 4260, which relate to stock epinephrine in



other venues and youth facilities, are posted to the *Texas Register* for public comment. Dr. Davis encouraged everyone to review the draft rules. Ms. Wheeler stated that for the asthma rules, there will be a web form to capture the data that is similar to the epinephrine auto-injector web form. Ms. Wheeler stated that the asthma web form will be sent out to the committee to review. Committee members provided suggestions on data they would like to see collected. Dr. Bird asked how the epinephrine data compares to other states. Ms. Wheeler stated that she didn't know but could investigate it. Dr. Davis stated that Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, and New York may have epinephrine data.

**Agenda item 6: Public comment.**

No public comment was offered.

**Agenda item 7: Adjournment.**

Dr. Carla Davis, Chair, provided closing remarks and thanked committee members and members of the public for their attendance. Dr. Carla Davis, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Below is the link to the archived video of the October 16, 2020 Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee meeting. (To view and listen to the entirety of the meeting, click on the link below.)

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