



**TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, January 31, 2025  
Scheduled to convene at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Darlene Metter, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**2. Roll call of committee members present.**

Members present: David Dutton, DVM; Darlene Metter, M.D.; William Pate, DrPH; Suresh Pillai, PhD; Jeannette Ruiz, M.D.; and Simon Trubek, M.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Joann Harthcock, Walquiria Sanchez, Gem Naivar, Karl Von Ahn, Kaylie Smith, Jason Callahan, and Jay Pavlica

**3. Review, discuss, and take possible action concerning the amendment and approval of the TRAB Medical Committee meeting minutes for October 25, 2024.**

Dr. Pate mentioned that a correction needed to be made on item 6D to change bloody radiators to blood irradiators. Dr. Dutton motioned to approve the minutes with this correction. Dr. Pillai seconded the motion. All approved.

**4. Public Comments**

None

**5. Routine and Continuing Business:**

**A. Update on Mammography MQSA (Mammography Quality Standards Act) compatibility**

Ms. Harthcock gave an update on this topic for DSHS. Dr. Sarah Avery, a colleague of Dr. Trubek, is reviewing the rule to update the mammography regulations. There will be a public comment period on this rule from 2/20-3/24/25.

**6. New Business**

**A. Effect of Moly-Tech and Xenon Shortages on Texas**

Mr. Von Ahn reported that this is no longer an issue for Texas as the shortage has ended.

**B. Office of Radiological Security tasked to replace blood irradiators in Texas**

Ms. Harthcock gave an update on this topic.

**C. Update on Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) "Patient Release"**

Dr. Metter gave an update on this topic.

**D. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and to be addressed at future meetings of the Topic Research Committee; Medical Committee; Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee; or TRAB.**

- Recommendation from Dr. Pillai to discuss sterile insect technology – using irradiation for this process. A facility will possibly be built in Texas.

**7. Summarize the Committee meeting, recommendations for the Committee Report, and proposed action items for TRAB.**

Dr. Metter summarized the meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

Dr. Dutton motioned to adjourn. Dr. Pillai seconded the motion. Dr. Metter adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.