



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, July 11, 2025

Scheduled to Convene at 10:45 a.m.

1. Call to order

William Pate, DrPH, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of TRAB members present.

Members present: Roland Benke, PhD; David Dutton, DVM; Sam Kannappan; Joseph Markhan; Lisa Masters, DDS; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Sanjay Narayan; William Pate, DrPH; Ken Peters; Kevin Raabe, REM; Sandra Ramirez; Jeannette Ruiz, M.D.; and Darshan Sachde, PhD

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Joann Harthcock, Gem Naivar, Walquiria Sanchez, Karl Von Ahn, Brian Vamvakias, Kaylie Smith, Jay Pavlkica, and Lisa Bruedigan

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Commissioner Bobby Janecka, Ashley Forbes, and Chance Goodin

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission: Steven Raines

Railroad Commission: Adrian Charles

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Brian Christian

Texas Division of Emergency Management: Luke Cogburn and Jason Johnson

Guests: Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting

3. Review, discuss, and take possible action concerning the amendment and approval of the April 25, 2025, meeting minutes

Dr. Metter mentioned that in Item 3, it should be Mr. Raabe, not Dr. Raabe. Dr. Metter motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. All approved.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. TRAB Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste Committee

Mr. Peters provided an overview of the INUW Committee meeting.

Medical Committee

Dr. Metter provided an overview of the Medical Committee meeting.

B. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Sachde provided an overview of the Topic Research Committee meeting.

6. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Adrian Charles discussed the program report and gave some updates.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Ashley Forbes discussed the program report and gave some updates.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Joann Harthcock discussed the program report.

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

Stephen Raines discussed the program report.

E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)

There was no one present from WCS.

F. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) – TCEQ Commissioner Bobby Janecka, State Liaison Officer

Commissioner Janecka gave updates on the NRC.

7. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Recognition of TRAB members' excused absence from this meeting

Dr. Mark Harvey, Tim Powell, Michael Britt, Dr. Simon Trubek, Bob Redweik, and Dr. Suresh Pillai had excused absences. Dr. Metter

motioned to approve these absences. Mr. Markham seconded the motion. All approved.

B. Update of DSHS Rules

Mr. Vamvakias gave updates on these rule revisions, which were included in the DSHS report.

8. New Business

A. Legislative Updates (DSHS & TCEQ)

Ms. Forbes gave an update on this topic.

B. Presentation on Advanced Modular Reactors

Dr. Wade Marcum gave a presentation on this topic.

C. Destruction of Forever Chemical PFAs by Ionizing Radiation Presentation

This topic was postponed until the next meeting as Dr. Suresh Pillai was not able to attend the meeting.

D. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Bruedigan

Dr. Pate presented Lisa Bruedigan with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the TRAB board, as she will be retiring from DSHS.

9. Identification of Agenda Items and topics for next or future TRAB or TRAB Committee Meetings

- Evaluating the impacts of the executive order related to the linear no-threshold/ALARA perspective.
- How the Board can help support the State of Texas to be the leader in the new nuclear renaissance
- Public Members' involvement feedback

10. Adjourn

Dr. Metter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. All agreed. Dr. Pate adjourned the meeting at 11:57 am.