

## Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB)

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### **Board Charge Description**

The Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) reviews and evaluates state radiation policies, programs, and proposed rules. The board also makes recommendations and provides technical advice that may be required on matters relating to the development, use, and regulation of sources of radiation. The board develops and implements policies that provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to appear at public meetings and speak on any issue under the jurisdiction of the advisory board.

The board is required to comply with OMA and meet four times per year.

### **Recommendations for DSHS Commissioner or HHS Executive Commissioner**

TRAB made no recommendations for CY 2024.

### **Report of Board Activities in Calendar Year 2024**

The board met four times. CY 2024 actions taken by the board, including tasks established by statute and rule include the following:

1. Reviewed and updated the bylaws to include the addition of a new board member approved in the passing of Senate Bill 1592 in the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

TRAB reported no recommendations were adopted into statute or agency rules and policies and no new or additional resources allocated.

### **Report of Anticipated Board Activities for Calendar Year 2025**

The board reported the following anticipated activities in CY 2025:

1. Have presentations of interest presented to the board,
  - a. Molten Salt Reactor Project at Abilene Christian University  
Theranostics, and
  - b. Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group update.
2. Follow bills being drafted in the 89th Legislative Session that may impact radiation in Texas, and
3. Bring new technologies and issues to the program.

## **Recommendations for DSHS Commissioner or HHSC Executive Commissioner for Calendar Year 2025 and Beyond**

This board is recommended for continuation based on the following:

- TRAB represents a cross-section of our stakeholders and provides input on new technologies and issues that are encountered by both the program and our stakeholders,
- Provides subject-matter and stakeholder input to proposed regulatory changes that can be considered prior to formalizing final rules, and
- Additional opportunities are provided for the public to provide input on issues related to the use and regulation of radiation in Texas.

The recent duties of this board do not result in opportunities to consolidate it with other internal or external advisory committees.