



TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD  
(TRAB) MEETING AGENDA

Friday, January 20, 2023, from 8:00 to 8:45 am

**Location:** For Members of the Public, the Physical Location of the Conference call will be:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission, North Austin Complex, Room 1.401, 4601 West Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78751

Attendees who want to provide public comments may do so in person or in writing, as described in the **Public Comment** section below.

TRAB's Topic Research Committee will convene as posted to hear, consider, discuss and take formal action, as applicable and necessary, on the following agenda items:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call of committee members present.
3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the September 16, 2022, TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting minutes.
4. Public Comments
5. Routine and Continuing Business.
  - A. High-Level Waste Disposal
  - B. Review of previous TRAB position statements
6. New Business
  - A. Review of DSHS Rule Changes
  - B. Directed Energy Beams
  - C. 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

7. Summarize the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting and review the recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB or future agenda items for TRAB, the Medical Committee, the Topic Research Committee, or the INUW Committee
8. Adjourn

**Public Comment:**

Members of the public are asked to complete a Public Comment Form at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gtRgSqQtst>

Members of the public who would like to provide public comment may do so in person at the physical location of the meeting.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing

- [gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 pm January 18, 2023. Please include your name and either the organization you represent or if you are speaking as a private citizen.
- Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Topic Research Committee.

Please mark the correct box on the Public Comment Form if you want to register to provide oral comments.

Instructions for providing oral comments will be emailed to you.

Registration should be completed no later than 5:00 pm on January 18, 2023.

- The request must contain your name, either the organization you represent or that you speak as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.
- Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their names and on whose behalf they are speaking.
- Public members using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in an accessible Adobe (\*.pdf) format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to the TRAB Topic Research Committee members, state staff, and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only) of documentation. Handouts must be emailed to DSHS immediately after registering and include the name of the person commenting.

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.**

Contact persons:

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At the Chair's discretion, agenda items may be taken in any order, and public comment may be permitted in connection with any agenda item. An individual who wishes to speak on an issue that falls under the Board's jurisdiction shall be heard during the Public Comment agenda item.

This meeting is open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and require auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact Gem Naivar, Department of State Health Services, at 737-218-7071 or [gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov) at least 72 hours before the meeting so that the appropriate arrangements may be made.