



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Friday, June 25, 2021, at 10:45 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, MS, CHP, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present at the meeting: Roland Benke, PhD, CHP; Charles Cavnor, MA, BAAS, PCP; Mark Harvey, PhD; Lisa Masters, DDS; Darlene Metter, MD; Sanjay Narayan; William Pate, DrPH, Vice-Chair; Ken Peters; Doug Posey, DVM; Tim Powell; Bob Redweik, BS, MA; Darshan Sachde, PhD; Mark Silberman, MD; Lynn Silguero; and Simon Trubek, MD

Members not present at the meeting: Kevin Raabe and Bob Redweik

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Lisa Bruedigan, Ruben Cortez, Kaylie Smith, Michael DeLeon; Alyson Henry, Stephanie Lopez, Stacey McLarty, Stephen Pahl, Shannon Quinn, Eric Skotak, Liz Speights, Charlotte Sullivan, Jo Turkette, Brian Vamvakias, Kevin Veal, Karl Von Ahn, and Trae Windham

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes
Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig and Brian Christian

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): Leslie Savage

Texas Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC): Stephen Raines

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2020 meeting.

Dr. Metter made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments. Mr. Cavnor seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

None

5. TRAB Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Dr. Schade discussed the Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting.

B. Dr. Silberman discussed the Medical Committee meeting.

C. Dr. Schade discussed the Topic Research Committee meeting

6. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Ms. Savage discussed the RRC program report

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Ms. Forbes discussed the TCEQ program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

i. Mr. Vamvakias discussed the DSHS program report. Mr. Pahl discussed the request from the Legislature of a 1.1 billion dollars exceptional item to enhance the current document management system to provide our licensees a function to upload documents. The Radiation Program was able to reduce their budget by 2.5% and was able to absorb some of the personnel vacancies.

ii. The staff at the Exchange building are moving to the Morton building at the Main Campus.

iii. The HHSC Executive Commissioner has not authorized in-person large meetings but it may relax in the fall.

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

i. Mr. Raines discussed that the Compact Commission has published a Contingency Plan on their website in March 2021, as required by statutory mandates. This Plan is a guideline to use in the event there is a disruption of the normal operations of the Compact Waste Facility.

ii. The Commission is currently reviewing the Management Rule which is the rules that must be used to export and import waste. The Rules Committee will be meeting soon to discuss possible changes to the rules.

- E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)- A representative did not attend the meeting
- F. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Bobby Janecka, State Liaison Officer

TEAMS did not allow Mr. Janecka to unmute his sound to make comments.

7. Routine and Continuing Business

- A. Recognition of TRAB member's excused absence from this meeting

Mr. Rabbe's absence was excused from attending this meeting.
Mr. Redweik's absence will be discussed at the next meeting.

- B. Status of the TRAB's Recommendations on Licensing Fee Structure

Mr. VonAhn is reviewing the information and will report to the Board at the next meeting.

- C. Summary and TRAB recommendations to 21R035 Rule Project-
Radioactive Material

25 TAC §289.252 Licensing of Radioactive Material

25 TAC §289.256 Medical and Veterinary Used of Radioactive Material

25 TAC §289.257 Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive
material

DSHS has reviewed the comments and is working on a response for the next Board meeting.

- D. Status of updating the TRAB's Publications webpage

Ms. McLarty stated that the agency is working to streamline all websites.

8. New Business

- A. Congratulations to Ken Peters and Tim Powell for their outstanding leadership in making our Texas nuclear power plants so very reliable

Mr. Hageman congratulated Mr. Peters and Mr. Powell on their efforts to keep their nuclear power plants online and protecting the environment. Mr. Hageman thanked Mr. Jacobi for bringing this information to the Board.

- B. Department of Energy (DOE) presentation on the Cs-137 contamination in Seattle, WA

DOE was not present at the meeting.

- C. Continued discussion on alternate TRAB meeting locations and educational opportunities

The Board will pursue discussion when the Board is meeting in-person again.

- D. Update of Veterinary 25 TAC §289.233 rulemaking changes

Mr. Vamvakias stated that DSHS is composing a regulatory guide for the stakeholders.

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

The Board will add the following items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- A. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) will be held February 2022 and the Board would like to receive the results.
- B. Board Elections will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 10. Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.