



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Friday, October 25, 2024
Scheduled to convene at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Darshan Sachde, PhD, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of committee members present.

Members present: Mark Harvey, PhD; Sam Kannappan; William Pate, DrPH; Tim Powell; Sandra Ramirez; and Darshan Sachde, PhD

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

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Ashley Forbes, Hunter Simmons, and Nick Pilcher

Guests present: Brian Christian, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT), and Gurusamy Rajendran, member of the public.

3. Review, discuss, and take possible action concerning the amendment and approval of the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting minutes for July 26, 2024.

Mr. Powell mentioned that item 7 needed to be corrected to say that Dr. Pate summarized the meeting. Dr. Pate moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Review of previous TRAB position statement

No Updates.

B. Review of DSHS Rule Changes

Brian Vamvakias gave updates on DSHS rule changes.

6. New Business:

A. Small Modular Reactors

Mr. Kannappan gave a presentation on this topic.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Pate motioned to keep Dr. Sachde as Chair and Dr. Harvey as Vice Chair of the Topic Research Committee. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. All agreed, with Dr. Sachde and Dr. Harvey abstaining.

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

None

7. Summarize the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting and recommendations for the 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

Dr. Sachde summarized the topics covered in this meeting.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Harvey seconded this motion. Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.