

Radiation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]

May 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: James P. Nunn, Roy Heltzel, Les Foldesi, William Anderson, Felix J. Seo, Jeffrey Siebers, M. Rehan Khan, Allen Goode, Gregorg Daniel

Members Absent: Christopher Kondorossy

Ex Officio Members Present: None

Staff Present: Cameron Rose, Stephanie Dunkel, Kelsey Held, Sheila Nelson, Matthew Ettinger, Cynthia Farruggio

Staff Absent: None

Members of the Public Present: Mike Welling, Tiajuan Ma

Call to Order: Cameron Rose called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was declared given that eight appointed members were present.

Agenda: Cameron Rose presented a draft agenda and asked if there were any revisions. Being none, a motion to approve was made by James P. Nunn and seconded by Les Foldesi. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Minutes: Cameron Rose presented the draft minutes from the February 28, 2025 meeting and asked if there were additional items to be added or revisions to be made. Being none, a motion to approve was made by Les Foldesi and seconded by James Nunn. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

New Business / ORH Updates: Stephanie Dunkel stated that she briefed the commissioner about the previous RAB meeting and that she had a lot of gratitude and appreciation for the board. Stephanie mentioned that the commissioner is aware of the Board's asks.

Progress update:

Stephanie Dunkel stated that she has been in her role for 9 months. She stated that she will be requesting input from Office of Radiological Health's staff in efforts to shape the future of Radiological Health. She asked the board to share their input on where they see the Office of Radiological Health in three to five years.

Radiation Advisory Board Recommendation Policy:

Cameron Rose presented the drafted policy and asked if there were any suggestions for changes. The board proposed to make two changes: an option to approve, dismiss or table any recommendation and that members can propose official recommendations during the meeting. A motion to approve was made by Les Foldesi and seconded by Dr. Gregory Daniel. The motion passed and the Radiation Advisory Board Recommendation policy was approved.

Continuation of the discussion regarding qualified medical physicists:

James P. Nunn proposed creating a side panel and coming back to the next RAB meeting with a proper recommendation on this discussion. James shared an initial draft with Cameron, who was tasked with sharing the draft with Board members.

Discussion regarding exemptions:

Les Foldesi discussed The Office of Radiological Health's exemptions and asked how they were processed and approved. Cameron Rose stated that VDH has a team within Governmental and Regulatory affairs that handles exemption requests, which are known internally at VDH as variances. Cameron also stated that The Office of Radiological Health is currently reviewing existing exemptions to assess which require revision prior to undergoing the formal approval process within VDH. Cameron stated that he was willing to share the published exemptions with any Board member who requested them and welcomed constructive feedback on the exemptions.

Update on legislative/budget initiatives:

Les Foldesi asked about Fusion and how the funding would be handled. Sheila Nelson answered that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission states that all agreement states would license fusion

facilities. This will be considered a billable program and an annual license fee will be due to the Radioactive Materials Program. Les suggested the office request general funds.

Additional comments and feedback from Radiation Advisory Board members:

Les Foldesi asked if there was any progress on improving the environmental reports. Cameron Rose stated that Matthew Ettinger would be best to answer that question, and asked Les Foldesi to draft it in an e-mail since Matthew Ettinger was not available in the meeting.

Les Foldesi also questioned why the regulation changes have been sitting for 2 years with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. Cameron Rose stated that the agency has checked on the status with the SHHR's office on a consistent basis and that there are competing priorities across VDH as well as across state agencies.

Public comments:

No public comments were submitted.

Next Meeting:

Cameron Rose will send out a survey to the board to determine next meeting date and location.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Siebers and seconded by James Nunn. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed, and Cameron Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.