

**II. Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2008
Board of Directors' Meeting**

**TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

June 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Directors) of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium (TERC) was held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 in Houston, Texas at the Harris County Judge's Office. Chairman Frels convened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. The Agenda for the meeting is provided herein as Attachment I. Board members attending this meeting in addition to Chairman Frels were The Honorable Chad Adams, The Honorable Ed Emmett, Mr. Ravi Singhania, Dr. Jonathan Ward, Mr. Karl Pepple representative and proxy for The Honorable Bill White, Mr. Neill Strassman representative and proxy for The Honorable B. Glen Whitley, and Ms. Diana Stevens representative and proxy for The Honorable James Yarbrough. Additional persons in attendance were Mr. George Beatty, Mr. Craig Beskid, Ms. Catarina Cron, Mr. Alex Cuclis, Ms. Ivy Guice, Dr. Jim Lester, Dr. Jay Olaguer and Mr. Greg Nudd.

The Board took the following actions at the meeting:

- Considered and approved the minutes of March 6, 2008;

- Received and discussed the Chairman's report. Items included: announced the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Ward as the Director of the Sealy Center for Environmental Health and Medicine (SCEHM); announced that TCEQ's new Executive Director is Mark Vickery and his appointment of Carlos Rubenstein as Deputy Executive Director and Zach Covar as the Assistant Deputy Executive Director; announced Representative Bonham would be presented with the Texas Clean Air Working Group's award at the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Luncheon which both Chairman Frels and the Honorable Chad Adams, as co-Chairs of the Texas Clean Air Working Group will attend, also in their role as co-Chairs of the Texas Clean Air Working Group they will be working on a consensus legislative agenda of all the representative stakeholders;

- Received and discussed the Executive Director's report. Items covered included: Quarterly report to TCEQ submitted in May; Quarterly standing meeting between TERC/HARC and TCEQ will occur June 17th; TERC's first Open Records request; occurrences of several Air Toxics discussions, one with Dr. David Allen, University of Texas, regarding his air toxic research studies in the Corpus Christi and Houston area and having them coordinated with TERC's research agenda; another also occurred with Mr. Craig Beskid of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center their mutual interest in Air Toxics; Dr. Jonathan Ward lead a discussion on Air Toxics at a TERC Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, noting that TCEQ funds cannot fund this research and that they are planning to use CIAP funds; Mr. Cuclis' presentation to TAC on how certain emissions are being under reported; announced the Annual Report was completed asking the Board to pay particular attention to the Next Steps Section and submit their comments to him; meeting with Senator Royce West to brief him on an NTRD project;

- Received and discussed the NTRD projects status report. The request for grant applications (RFGA-14), “Development and verification of technologies to reduce oxides of nitrogen emissions from diesel engines operating in Texas marine, air and inland Ports” was issued on May 16, 2008, with responses due June 20, 2008;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.45, and thereby provides final approval for TERC’s Environmental Technology project, WVU Research Corporation “H2 Enhanced Diesel Combustion” for \$246,998, contingent upon receipt of TCEQ approval;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.49, and thereby provides final approval for funding of New West Technologies “Proof of Concept Testing to Evaluate NOx Reductions in Hybrid Truck and Bus Applications” for \$396,686, conditional upon resolution of the issues identified by the ETAC and the TCEQ and receipt of TCEQ approval;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.46, and hereby approves this Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Rudolf M. Smaling for his outstanding leadership and management of the NTRD program;
- Received and discussed the status of the search for a NTRD Program Director;
- Received and discussed the Air Quality Program report;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.47, and thereby authorizes the Houston Advanced Research Center to engage persons and entities to complete project H109, University of Alabama Huntsville, “Analysis of Baylor Aircraft Stationary Front Fights Including Comparisons to Model Structure for an estimated budget of \$96,000;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.48, and thereby approves the recommended changes in the SAC by-laws shown in the document labeled version 1.2;
- Received and discussed EPA’s revised 8-hour ozone standard;
- Tabled TERC’s performance evaluation of the research management organization;
- Received and approved the sending of letters of support for the Mickey Leland NUATRC to various congressional offices;
- Received and discussed the 2008 proposed budget and the April 30, 2008 Financial Report;
- Considered and approved the Executive Committee meeting of April 9, 2008 as corrected;

- Announced next Board meeting will be held September 11, 2008 in Dallas, TX; the annual meeting will be held December 11, 2008 in Houston, TX;
- The floor was opened for public comment at which time the following were discussed: potential reduction of 25%; ensuring the independence of TERC; TERC funding continuation; talk of TERC broadening its agenda to include green house gases; possible NTRD project timeline for inception to commercialization within a 5 year period;
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.