

**TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**2105 Kramer Lane**  
**Austin, Texas 78758**

**419<sup>th</sup> COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**  
**January 23, 2024, 8:30 A.M.**

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order   | Chairman Coleman Locke |
| 2. Roll Call and Vote on Absences of Commission Members (Action Item)  | Chairman               |
| 3. Closed executive session to receive legal advice, discuss pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offers as permitted by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code   | Chairman               |
| 4. Closed executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline, or dismissal of specific Commission employees as permitted by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code | Chairman               |

**The Commission will reconvene in open session no earlier than 10:30 A.M.**

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| 5. Reconvene to consider any action needed following closed executive session (Action Item)   | Chairman                             |
| 6. Approval of the Minutes of the 418 <sup>th</sup> Meeting, October 3, 2023 (Action Item)  | Chairman                             |
| 7. Report of the Executive Director<br>(A) Agency Operations & Affairs<br>(B) National Update<br>(C) Field Animal Health Programs and Disease Traceability Activities<br>(D) Waivers and Variances (Action Item)  | Dr. Lewis Dinges                     |
| 8. Presentation of Emergency Management Activities  | Ms. Holli Tietjen-Hale               |
| 9. Presentation of Texas Authorized Personnel Program Activities  | Mr. Rex Wyatt                        |
| 10. Presentation of Disease Information & Epidemiology Activities   | Dr. Jessie Monday                    |
| 11. Presentation of USDA Veterinary Services Programs   | USDA Staff                           |
| 12. Audit Subcommittee Report (Action Item)   | Mr. Joe Leathers                     |
| 13. Budget Status Report Fiscal Year 2024 (Action Item)   | Ms. Paula Andrews                    |
| 14. Consideration of and Possible Action on Agency Contracts, Purchases, and Leases (Action Item)   | Mr. Fabian Landin                    |
| 15. Consideration of and Possible Action on Orders Related to Commission Rule Violations and Proposals for Decision (Action Item and Public Comment)<br>(A) <i>Richard ("Rick") Young and Triple AAA &amp; J Ranch v. Texas Animal Health Commission</i> ,<br>Docket No. 554-23-09215, in the State Office of Administrative Hearings | Mr. Jabbar Fahim                     |
| 16. Presentation of Petitions for Rulemaking (Action Item and Public Comment)<br>(A) Petition Related to Entry Requirements and Scrapie<br>(B) Petition Related to Related to Malignant Catarrhal Fever Caused<br>by a Ruminant Gamma Herpesvirus   | Ms. Penny Maley and Mr. Jabbar Fahim |
| 17. Consideration of and Possible Action on Adoption of Proposed Rules (Action Item and Public Comment)   | Ms. Penny Maley                      |

- (A) 4 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 32, Hearing and Appeal Procedures
- (B) 4 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 40, Chronic Wasting Disease
- (C) 4 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 56, Grants, Gifts and Donations

- 18. Consideration of and Possible Action on Proposed Rules (Action Item and Public Comment) Ms. Penny Maley
  - (A) 4 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 40, Chronic Wasting Disease
  - (B) 4 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 49, Equine
- 19. Presentation of Awards and Recognitions Chairman
- 20. Public Comment Chairman
- 21. Discuss 2024 Meeting Dates and Date for the 420<sup>th</sup> Meeting Chairman
- 22. Adjournment Chairman

**NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION**

Unless the Commission calls for public input for a specific agenda item, public comment will be taken only on items labeled "Public Comment" on the agenda or during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. All public comments will be limited to three minutes per person per item.

The public may participate in-person at the Texas Animal Health Commission Headquarters, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758 on January 23, 2024. Registration for in-person comments will begin at 8:30 am.

The public may participate by submitting written comments to the Commission via email to [comments@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov) or by hand delivery or mail to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024, and should include the individual's name and, if applicable, interest group or association, and state the agenda item(s) related to the comment.

The public may listen to the meeting by calling the toll-free 1-877-668-4490, 26333290398##. The teleconference number to the meeting is subject to being changed by the provider. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Commission's website for the most current information as the date of the meeting approaches.

**NOTICE REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In addition to the items for which the executive session is scheduled, the Commission may meet in executive (closed) session on any item listed in this agenda if authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**NOTICE REGARDING ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Items may be taken up in an order other than that listed on the agenda.

**NOTICE REGARDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AGENDA ITEMS**

Additional information, if any, about the listed agenda items will be available on the commission website at [www.tahc.texas.gov/agency/meetings.html](http://www.tahc.texas.gov/agency/meetings.html).

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