

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH)
#166th Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026

Summary Proceedings

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting convened by teleconference at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), with Henry A. Anderson presiding.

Attendees

Members

Henry A. Anderson, Chair
Josie Beach, Member
Frazier Bronson, Member
Bradley Clawson, Member
Arthur Frank, Member
James Lockey, Member
Nicole Martinez, Member
David Pompa, Member
Michael Schmoldt, Member
Kenneth Silver, Member
Loretta Valerio, Member
Faye Vlieger, Member
Paul Ziemer, Member

Non-Members

Rashaun Roberts, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
Nancy Adams, NIOSH Contractor
Bob Barton, SC&A
Kathy Behling, SC&A
Rob Buchanan, SC&A
Denise DeGarmo, Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petitioner
Joe Fitzgerald, SC&A
Rose Gogliotti, SC&A

Malia Holzberger, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Debra Jordan, Public
Charles Nelson, NIOSH
Steve Ostrow, SC&A
Brenda Paige, Public
Brant Ulsh, NIOSH

Roll Call/Welcome - Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Rashaun Roberts called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health meeting at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) on June 18, 2026, via teleconference. A roll call of all Board members confirmed that a quorum was present. The quorum was maintained throughout the meeting. Dr. Roberts announced Loretta Valerio's resignation from the Board effective June 6, 2026, and that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Federal Committee Management requested that no meetings be scheduled during the month of September 2026. She then turned the meeting over to Dr. Anderson. Dr. Anderson briefly described being busy working with the DFO to update the Board's Work Group (WG) membership and the appointments of WG Chairs. He then introduced Charles Nelson, from the Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) to provide the NIOSH Update.

NIOSH Program Updates: Charles Nelson, NIOSH

Key Points:

Charles Nelson gave an update of pertinent activities that have happened in the Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) and responded to Board members' questions. The updates included staffing changes, and information about the status of the dose reconstruction subcontract, which is currently held by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities Team (ORAUT). Lavon Rutherford will retire August 31, 2026.

Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition Status Update – Charles Nelson, NIOSH

Key Points:

Mr. Nelson reported that there will not be any new SECs to present during the August full board meeting.

Work Group (WG) and Subcommittee Updates

Key Points:

Dr. Martinez provided an update on the Carborundum WG Meeting that was held on June 16, 2026. She commented it was a good meeting, and the WG identified a path forward.

Brad Clawson provided an update on the Hanford WG Meeting held June 11, 2026. The WG meeting focused on a discussion of the co-exposure model with presentations from both NIOSH and SC&A.

Brad Clawson gave an update on information received from the petitioner since the Pinellas WG Meeting held January 29, 2026. SC&A is working on a report.

Josie Beach gave an update from the Procedure Reviews Subcommittee as they have recommended closure of several outstanding items under their review. Their

recommendations for closures will be presented for a Board vote at the August Board meeting.

Josie Beach gave an update on the Los Alamos National Laboratory WG Meeting. The WG intends to bring their recommendation concerning the SEC to the Board at the August meeting.

Tribute to Loretta R. Valerio – Dr. Henry Anderson

Dr. Anderson read into the record the Board's tribute to Loretta Valerio on her decision to resign from her membership on the Board. Following the reading of the Tribute, Board members expressed their sentiments about Loretta's work on the Board and her departure.

Plans for Full Board August Meeting – Dr. Rashaun Roberts, DFO

Dr. Roberts reminded Board members of the upcoming face-to-face full board meeting scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2026. Dr. Roberts went through a draft of an agenda for that board meeting to identify the time needed for each scheduled presentation.

Dr. Anderson commented about the concern expressed by claimants about the timeliness of dose reconstructions and the dose reconstruction and SEC Process. To address the public concern, he suggested the addition of a brief presentation on this topic during the meeting. Both NIOSH and SC&A will include this information in their presentations rather than a separate presentation.

Meeting Adjourned

Following a motion, Dr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.