

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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**Board of Scientific Counselors
Conference Call
March 4, 2009
Atlanta, Georgia**

Record of the Proceedings

List of Participants

BSC Members

Dr. Janice Chambers, Chair
Dr. Darryl Barnett
Dr. William Becker
Dr. Arthur Frank
Dr. Michelle Kegler
Dr. Jonathan Patz
Dr. Robert Rickard
Dr. Timothy Ryan
Mr. Matthew Stefanak
Dr. Andrea Taylor
Dr. Leonardo Trasande
Dr. Cynthia Warrick

Designated Federal Official

Dr. Mark Bashor, Associate Director for Science, NCEH/ATSDR

Ex-Officio Members

Dr. Lee Sanderson (NIOSH)

CDC/NCEH/ATSDR Representatives

Ms. Sandra Malcom
Ms. Dolly Sinha

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Minutes of the Meeting

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) convened a conference call of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The proceedings were held on March 4, 2009. The primary purpose of this conference call was to conduct a vote among the BSC members to approve the *Report on the Peer Review and Clearance Policies and Practices in the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry*.

Approval of BSC Peer Review Report

Dr. Janice Chambers, Chair of the BSC, called the BSC meeting to order at 11:04 a.m., Eastern Standard Time on March 4, 2009 and welcomed the attendees to the proceedings. She thanked the BSC members for their participation and emphasized the importance of the report.

Dolly Sinha took roll call of all participants on the conference bridge and recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Dr. Chambers stated the purpose of the meeting was to vote to approve the *Report on the Peer Review and Clearance Policies and Practices in the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry*. She opened the forum to any overriding questions or comments. Hearing none, she polled the members for vocal approval or opposition. The report passed unanimously. NCEH/ATSDR will have their chance to respond to the official report at the May meeting. Dr. Chambers reminded the BSC members that the next BSC Meeting will take place on May 28-29, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia at the CDC Chamblee Campus. NCEH/ATSDR will begin contacting members for their travel preferences in the beginning of April. Since no one from the public called into the conference bridge, a call for public comment was not made. The Chair adjourned the conference call at 11:12 a.m.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing Minutes of the proceedings are accurate and complete.

Date

Janice E. Chambers, Ph.D.
Chair, Board of Scientific Counselors