

Minutes
Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers
Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners
Advisory Council
December 7, 2021

ABAT Members Present

R. T. Floyd
Chris King
Kyle Southall

ABME Members Present

Beverly Jordan, M.D. (virtual/TEAMS)
Eric Law, M.D.
James Robinson, M.D.

Members Absent

Others Present

Matt Hart (ABME)
Leah Taylor (ABAT)
Amy Dorminey (ABME-Virtual/TEAMS)
Amanda Hargrove (ABME-Virtual/TEAMS)
Carla Kruger (ABME-Virtual/TEAMS)
Kimie Buley (ABME-Virtual/TEAMS)

Chris King, Advisory Council President, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He indicated that the focus of today's meeting would be on reviewing, commenting, and approving the latest draft of proposed rules covering Physician Supervision of Athletic Trainers.

Mr. King called for a review of the minutes of the July 27, 2021, meeting.

MOTION: *Dr. James Robinson made a motion that the minutes of the July 27, 2021, meeting of the ABAT-ABME Advisory Council be accepted as written and presented. Dr. Eric Law provided the second to the motion, and it passed unanimously with favorable votes from Dr. James Robinson, Dr. Eric Law, Mr. Chris King, Mr. Kyle Southall, and Dr. R.T. Floyd. (Dr. Beverly Jordan joined the meeting virtually a short time following this vote.) These minutes are attached hereto and made a part hereof. (Attachment 1)*

Chris King reported that Matt Hart has continued to work on draft rules regarding Physician Supervision of Athletic Trainers (Attachment 2) and recognized him to lead the Council through the changes. Mr. Hart explained that he was presenting an updated draft of rules which incorporated the changes recommended during the July 27, 2021, meeting. He invited the members to provide feedback and ask questions as needed. Discussion followed, and Dr. Beverly Jordan indicated a potential problem with 540-x-28-.06 (2) which deals with qualifications of the Supervising Physician, specifically the one year of experience. Discussion followed, and several options were considered. It was agreed that qualifications would include three years of experience, one year of experience with a Board Certification, or a Sports Medicine fellowship.

MOTION: *Dr. James Robinson made a motion to change the qualifications for a Supervising Physician to have practiced medicine for at least three years, excluding any practice in an internship, residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program; Have practiced medicine for at least one year, excluding any practice in an internship, residency, fellowship, or other supervised training program, and certified by one or more of the specialty boards*

recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; or have completed a fellowship accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in either Family Medicine-Sports Medicine or Orthopaedic Sports Medicine. Kyle Southall provided the second to the motion, and it passed unanimously with favorable votes from Dr. Beverly Jordan, Dr. James Robinson, Dr. Eric Law, Mr. Chris King, Mr. Kyle Southall, and Dr. R. T. Floyd.

Mr. Hart asked the Council to consider the date for full implementation being January 1, 2023. Discussion followed and concern was expressed that the development of specialty practice protocols covered in 540-X-28-.03 (2) could possibly interfere with compliance of the full implementation date. It was agreed that there should be more leeway in that area by changing the word "shall" to "may."

MOTION: Dr. James Robinson moved that the wording of the lead-in sentence of 540-X-28-.03 (2) be changed to read "There may be a standard specialty practice protocol for each of the following areas of practice for athletic trainers:". Dr. R.T. Floyd provided the second to the motion, and it passed unanimously with favorable votes from Dr. Beverly Jordan, Dr. James Robinson, Dr. Eric Law, Mr. Chris King, Mr. Kyle Southall, and Dr. R.T. Floyd.

After a brief discussion and concluding that no additional changes were necessary, Mr. Chris King indicated that the latest draft of the rules with additional changes as adopted would be recommended for adoption to the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers at their Board Meeting immediately following and the Board of Medical Examiners at their next meeting.

Mr. King called for any other business. There being none, he indicated further meeting information will be announced at a later date.

MOTION: Dr. Eric Law moved and Mr. Kyle Southall seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chris King, Chairman