

**Minutes**  
**Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers**  
**Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners**  
**Advisory Council**  
**July 1, 2021**  
**Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

**ABAT Members Present**

R. T. Floyd  
Chris King  
Kyle Southall

**ABME Members Present**

Beverly Jordan, M.D.  
Eric Law, M.D.  
James Robinson, M.D.

**Members Absent**

**Others Present**

William Perkins (ABME)  
Matt Hart (ABME)  
Leah Taylor (ABAT)

Chris King, acting as the meeting's facilitator, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance at this inaugural meeting of the newly formed Advisory Council of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers. Following his remarks, William Perkins gave welcoming remarks on behalf of the ABME.

Mr. King then addressed the need to elect a chairperson for the group and called for nominations. *A motion was made by R.T. Floyd to nominate Chris King as Chairman of the Advisory Council. Dr. Beverly Jordan provided the second to the motion and moved to close the nominations. The motion passed with a roll-call vote of five in favor and one abstention by Chris King.*

Chris King reported that Matt Hart had been working on draft rules (Attachment 1) and requested that he lead the Council through the them. Mr. Hart explained that he was presenting a broad draft of rules which would create stronger relationships between supervisory physicians and athletic trainers for future expansion as well as establish a set of standard and expanded protocols for various areas of practice. Discussion followed with many thoughts and ideas exchanged on the topics of supervisory physician registration and minimum requirements, minimum physician presence, and quality assurance. A great deal of emphasis was placed on having an emergency action plan in place as soon as possible but within 30 days of a new collaborative agreement between a supervisory physician and athletic trainer. Other topics

discussed included the concept of a “covering” physician, the ratio of athletic trainers to supervisory physician, the need to change a supervisory physician, the need of more than one supervisory physician based upon AT’s different areas of practice, and having the same physician across different venues. Mr. Hart will update the draft document based upon the feedback and guidance given during the discussions.

Mr. King then presented the “2021 Licensed Athletic Trainer Protocol” (Attachment 2) for discussion. He stated that it was prepared based upon the latest practice analysis prepared by the BOC, which is updated about every 5 years. This general protocol would replace the one which has been in place since being approved by ABME on May 4, 1994. Discussion followed. ***Kyle Southall made a motion that the Advisory Committee accept the 2021 Licensed Athletic Trainer Protocol document as written and presented for recommendation to each Board for approval. Dr. James Robinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.***

The discussions then moved to the various protocols which will be needed now that new practice settings are recognized by the updates to the law. The new practice settings will include clinical areas, secondary schools, collegiate/professional leagues, and industrial/occupational areas.

Chairman King called for any other business. There being none, the next meeting date was discussed. It was decided to delay setting the date and location until later. Further meeting information will be announced once more information is available regarding the completion of updates to the draft rules.

***Dr. Robinson moved and Dr. Law seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chris King, Chairman