

**Advisory Council  
Minutes  
June 21, 2022**

**ABAT Members Present**

Chris King  
R. T. Floyd  
Kyle Southall

**ABME Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

**Others Present**

Keith Warren (ABAT)  
Renee' Reames (ABAT)  
Matt Hart (ABME-Virtual/Zoom)  
Amy Dorminey (ABME-Virtual/Zoom)  
Kimie Buley (ABME-Virtual/Zoom)  
Daniel Lindsey (guest)

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

**The Advisory Council of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers and Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners met on June 21, 2022. The meeting was held at the Board of Athletic Trainers' office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery. Mr. Chris King, Advisory Council President, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. King called for a review of the minutes of the December 7, 2021, meeting of the Advisory Council. MOTION: Dr. Jordan made a motion that the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting of the ABAT-ABME Advisory Council be accepted as written and presented. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council. These minutes are attached hereto and made a part hereof (Attachment 1).**

**III. Old Business**

**A. Rule Adopted – Physician Supervision of Athletic Trainers**

**Mr. King presented a copy of the approved new Rule 140-X-8-.07 Physician Supervision of Athletic Trainers. He reported that the Rule became effective April 14, 2022, and has been incorporated in the rules for both the Athletic Trainers Board and the State Board of Medical Examiners (Rule 540-X-28-.05).**

**IV. New Business**

**A. Council Member Terms**

**Mr. King reviewed the terms of the six Advisory Council members. He introduced Mr. Daniel Lindsey and reported that Mr. Lindsey had been appointed by the Athletic Trainers Board to serve the remainder of Mr. King's term on the Advisory Council. Mr. King reported that his resignation from the Advisory Council would be effective**

June 30, 2022 and Mr. Lindsey term would be become effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Mr. King also reported that Mr. Southall had been reappointed by the Athletic Trainers Board to serve another term, which was for three years, expiring June 30, 2025.

**B. Annual Election of Chair**

Mr. King reported that the election of Advisory Council Chair was due and, in accordance with the Boards' statute, the office of Chair would alternate between appointees from the Athletic Trainers Board and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Mr. King nominated Dr. Law as Council Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. Mr. King called for a vote and Dr. King was elected unanimously by the voting members, with Dr. Law abstaining from voting.

Dr. Jordan reported that she was approved by the State Board of Medical Examiners for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

**C. Discussion of Dry Needling**

Mr. King reported that multiple states had adopted the activity of dry needling as part of the scope (of practice) for Athletic Trainers (AT). The Advisory Council discussed interest in adding dry needling and creating certification criteria. The members continued discussion about reviewing laws and criteria in other states regulating dry needling, identify routes available for certification, and review scientific literature on the benefits and problems in the use of dry needling. The Board reviewed §34-40-6 of the Athletic Trainers' statute regarding modalities for treatment.

Mr. Southall indicated that he would create a State Association task force to assist in obtaining reference information pertaining to laws, certification programs, training, education and curriculum material, etc.

Dr. Law indicated that he would pursue identifying scientific paper on the subject and would provide Mr. Warren copies to distribute to the members.

**V. Announcements and Other Business**

**A. Supervision Exemptions – Process and Exemption Form**

Mr. King commented on the Athletic Trainers Board Rule 140-X-8-.05 regarding the maximum number of ATs supervised by a physician. The Board discussed methodology and timelines in notifying current supervising physicians as well as all physicians about the new Rule, along with developing electronic notifications to the supervising physician when registering through the AT application process. Parameters were discussed in tracking supervision of an AT that was greater than 150 miles apart from the physician's primary setting, in-person EAP annual reviews, and disciplinary history, etc.

- Do you anticipate supervision of an AT greater than 150 miles apart from your primary setting?
- If yes, please describe how you are able to supervise AT, to include regularity of planned face-to-face meetings, etc.

The members were in favor of recommending to the Boards that meetings between the supervising physician and AT be face-to-face to conduct annual EAP reviews.

#### B. Specialty Protocols

Mr. King lead discussion on AT protocols, indicating that the goals of the Council were to make recommendations on practice settings referencing Rule 140-X-8-.03 Protocols of the Board of Athletic Trainers, specifically toward sections (2)(a) clinic and hospital protocols, (2)(c) collegiate/professional league, and (2)(d) occupational setting protocols. The members discussed BOC's Practice Analysis, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition and upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, and were interested in creating a 5-year living document to recommend to the two Boards. The members agreed to review the version of the BOC Practice Analysis for the purpose of recommending changes to the Boards' rules based on current and future Editions, which occur approximately every 5 years.

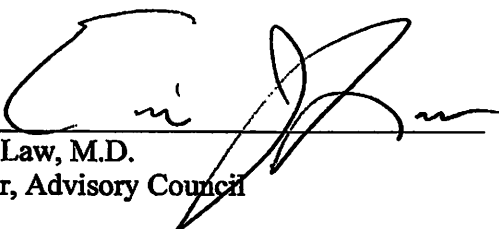
The members supported having this matter placed on the next Advisory Council agenda.

#### C. Next Meeting Date and Location

The members discussed having the next meeting at the Athletic Trainers Board office in Montgomery and suggest the members be polled about availability to meet on Sundays in August, along with polling for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Dr. Law made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and was unanimously approved by the members. Mr. King thanking the members for their support while he served as Council Chair and he adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Law, M.D.  
Chair, Advisory Council

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