

Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

March 28, 2023

Members Present

Chris King, Board Chair
Ciara Taylor, Vice Chair
Lydia Thurston, Secretary
James Robinson, MD
Eric Law, MD (virtual)
Wes Richardson
Stephen Guthrie
Kyle Southall

Members Absent

Robert Agee, MD
Derick Bothwell

Others Present

Keith Warren, Executive Director
Renee' Reames, recording secretary

The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers met on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at the Briarwood Christian School, 6255 Cahaba Valley Road in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Chris King, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and reported that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.athletictrainers.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Chairman King welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman King reported that a copy of the minutes from February 21, 2023, Board meeting was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Mr. Southall made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thurston and unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Financial Report: Mr. Warren reported on the financial activities of the Board for the period ending February 28, 2023. The Board reviewed the balance of Board funds and discussed the current unobligated funds that may be available to fund grants. Mr. Warren explained that these unspent funds would be needed to fund the operations of the Board through the remainder of the year. The Board continued to discuss funding grants for educational purposes.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Update on ALATA 2023 Grant Award

Mr. Warren reported that the \$35,000 grant to ALATA was a \$20,000 increase over the \$15,000 budgeted line item for grants. He explained that part of the \$20,000 increase would be paid during the third quarter (April through June) and the remainder of the difference would be paid during fourth quarter (July through September) of FY 2023.

Dry Needling: Mr. Warren reported that he had requested from the web-host that information about the Dry Needling application process be posted under the Licensing information rather than a News-related links on the Board's website and applications were now being accepted.

Licensees Report: Mr. Warren presented a list of new licensees for the Board to ratify approval.

MOTION: Dr. Taylor made the motion to approve the new Athletic Trainer applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Board.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: Chairman King reported that Mr. Bledsoe was not available and there was no legal counsel report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Board Website: Mr. Warren reported that the new website would scroll multiple photos and requested from the Board photos highlighting athletic training activities. He reviewed the categories to be posted on the website, e.g., Licensing category to include forms, online applications, fees, frequently asked questions, Board category to include list of board members, list of staff, meeting calendar, copy of the minutes and laws and regulations, Consumer category to include complaint process and form, licensing search, disciplinary action by the Board and consumer tips, along with News category, Resource category, and Contact information. The Board discussed frequently asked questions (FAQ) to be posted on the Board's website and Chairman King asked Dr. Taylor and Dr. Thurston to work on developing a list of FAQs for the Board's consideration.

Board Term and Elections: Chairman King reported that two board member terms were scheduled to expire December 31, 2023, and Mr. Warren presented a copy of the election notice that would be mailed to all licensees, as well as posted on the Board's website. The roster of Board members was corrected to reflect Dr. Thurston as the representative-member dually licensed by the AT Board and the PT Board. The Board also discussed the Board of Medical Examiners appointing a new member since Dr. Robinson was completing this third term on the Board and was not eligible for reappointment.

Update on Letter to Board of Nursing (BON) regarding AT vs. Certified Medication Assistant (CMA): Dr. Robinson updated the Board about discussions to allowed ATs to administer medications to high school students based on the ATs' training vs. the BON's CMA training, with emphasis on the team-work concept specifically during weekend and after-hour school activities. Mr. Southall reported that a task force was working on identifying the AT's training to demonstrate the AT's qualifications compared to CMA requirements. Chairman King indicated that the subject would continue on the agenda until completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Council Report: Dr. Law, Chairman of the Advisory Council, reported that the Council members continued to work on establishing requirements for Athletic Trainers to practice emergency IVs, to include AT supervision, practice limitations, etc., Also the Council was working on creating occupational setting protocols to present to the Board. He reported that the next Advisory Council meeting was scheduled on April 19, 2023.

Legislation – Secondary School Setting Financial Incentive Plan: Chairman King reported that proposed legislation was being discussed for a secondary education incentive plan to be included in the state’s budget and data was needed to support the need for funding. He indicated that this incentive plan legislation may be incorporated into another legislation related to education.

AT Designation of Work/Practice Areas: Chairman King explained that more licensing data was needed about an AT’s practice setting (employment), specifically education, industrial/occupational, etc. The Board agreed that new data could be obtained when applying for licensure. Chairman King asked Mr. Richardson to work on a list of proposed AT practice settings for the Board to consider in advance of the upcoming renewal period.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

ALATA Update: Mr. Southall, President of the Alabama Association of Athletic Trainers, reported that registration was open for the upcoming annual conference to be held at the Trussville Civic Center beginning June 2, 2023. He reminded the members about the town hall meeting and election of Board members. He reported on a third conference day for additional training and commented on the grant opportunities being awarded by the Association. He reported that plans were already underway to hold the 2024 annual meeting at the beach.

Mr. Southall also inquired about any opportunity for the Association to apply for additional funding through the Board’s unobligated funds for this year. Mr. Warren explained that the Board’s budget of \$110,000 set the maximum amount of Board expenditures within a fiscal year and the unobligated funds were budgeted for Board expenses that may arise during the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board agreed to consider additional grant funding for the Association and the matter was tabled to the next Board meeting when the Board could review expenses during the past six (6) months of operation.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman King reminded the members about the next Board meeting scheduled on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in conjunction with the Association’s annual meeting. The Board agreed to meet at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 2023, at the Trussville Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT

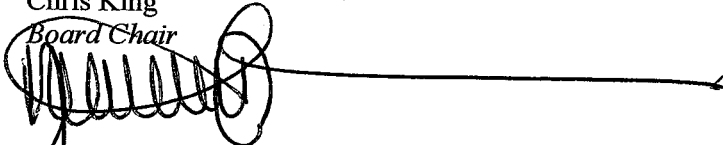
Chairman King called for any announcements and other business of the Board and there were none.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thurston and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris King
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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