

Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

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MINUTES Board Meeting June 3, 2023

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Robert Agee, MD
Derick Bothwell
Eric Law, MD

Others Present

Keith Warren, Executive Director
Renee' Reames, recording secretary
Daniel Lindsey, Advisory Council
R.T. Floyd, Advisory Council

The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers met on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Trussville Civic Center, 5381 Trussville Clay Road, Trussville, Alabama. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Alabama Association of Athletic Trainers. Mr. Chris King, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.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 March 28, 2023, Board meeting was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Mr. Southall made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson 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 April 30, 2023. He reported on the the administrative services, web development and services and travel expenses projected in the current year and estimated approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 in unobligated funds. He indicated that the Board's overall budget for FY 2024 had increased from \$110,000 to \$150,000.

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

Mr. Warren reported on the number of licensees and a list of new licensees as of March 1, 2023 through May 30, 2023 was provided to the Board to ratify the Executive Directors' approval for licensure. The Board requested that a list of expired licenses be provided for review following the November 30th renewal deadline and again as of January 1st.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made a motion to ratify the Executive Director's approval of applicants for licensure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guthrie and unanimously approved by the Board.

Update of Board Terms:

Mr. Warren reported that Dr. Robinson's term would expire December 31, 2023 and he was not eligible for reappointment. Dr. Robinson indicated that he has submitted a recommendation to the Executive Director. Mr. Warren further indicated that he would contact the Board of Medical Examiners about Dr. Robinson reappointment to serve on the Advisory Council after the term expired June 30, 2023.

Mr. Warren also reviewed the number of complaints received in the current fiscal year and reported on the complaint process to include the Professional Practice and Disciplinary Committee (PP&DC), involving the Board's Vice Chair. He also commented on the Administrative Hearing process and the measures taken to allow the members to remain impartial to vote on disciplinary matters without prior prejudice in having knowledge about the complaint.

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 SB156: Chairman King reported that SB156 proposed that most licensing boards be moved under the Secretary of State office and this Bill did not go through the Legislature.

Update on SB267 regarding supplemental salary to Athletic Trainers in rural and Title I secondary schools: Chairman King reported that SB256 was approved to fund athletic trainers by creating an incentive program for recruitment and retention of athletic trainers in rural secondary schools and Title I secondary schools in the State. He reviewed the financial caps and reported the program would be effective in the 2024-2025 school year. He further explained that the Board was charged with administering the program, and rules would need to be adopted and schools identified that would be eligible for the program.

Proposed Frequently Asked Questions: Dr. Taylor presented a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), with answers, for the Board to approve. Following a review and editing to the list of questions and answers, it was the consensus of the Board to post the updated FAQs on the Board's website.

Mr. Warren demonstrated the new website and indicated that plans were for the website to go live around June 15th. The Board requested that the Advisory Council be added under the "About" heading, adding scrolling photographs and captions, licensee search to include name of supervising physician and link to a list of athletic trainers supervised by the physician, etc.

Proposed AT Designation of Work/Practice Setting: Mr. Richardson reported that he had worked with the Board Chair in preparing a list of athletic trainer practice categories and he referenced the NATA list of categories. Following a review and editing of the list of categories, it was the consensus of the Board to request OIT to add the list to the Board's website for licensees to select online. A timeline for this process was discussed to include testing the online selection process in June, notifying the licensees in July to complete the online designation, and have the online process incorporated in the renewal application process that would begin October 15th. Mr. Warren reported that he would work with OIT in implementing this process.

Chairman King called a recess of the Board at 10:55 a.m. for approximately 10 minutes.
Chairman King reconvened the Board meeting at 11:05 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Council (AC) Report: Mr. Lindsey presented a copy of the February 28, 2023 and April 19, 2023 Advisory Council meeting minutes for the Board's approval.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the February and April Advisory Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Lindsey presented a list of 12 athletic trainers who requested to perform Dry Needling. He reported that the requests had been reviewed by the Advisory Council and recommended for approval.

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to approve the requests to perform Dry Needling as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren indicated that he would contact the Board of Medical Examiners about the implementation date and would notify the licensees after the Board of Medical Examiners had also approved the Dry Needling requests.

Mr. Lindsey reported that the Advisory Council had recommended the approval of the Intravenous Access and Intravenous Fluid Administration protocol for athletic trainers. He reviewed the standards and protocols for (1) exercise-associated muscle cramps, (2) exertional heat stroke and (3) exertional sickling event. A copy of the protocol was provided to the members before the meeting to review. An athletic trainer shall not perform the skill of IV access and IV fluid administration in the practice of athletic training for any injury or condition that does not have a written protocol. Attestation by both the athletic trainer and supervising physician is required to request approval by the Board of Athletic Trainers and the Board of Medical Examiners. Attestations are required annually.

Update on AT's Training compared to Board of Nursing Certified Medication Assistant: Mr. Lindsey reported that the Advisory Council had contacted the Board of Nursing about administering medications in schools K-12 grade, and he would keep the Board advised on this matter.

Other AC Activities: Mr. Lindsey reported that Dr. Law continues to work on developing an occupational protocol to recommend for approval and the Advisory Council was continuing to review establishing protocols for each AT setting.

Discussion of Proposed Changes to Rule 140-X-7 Award of Education Grants: The Board discussed changing the dates to accept and approve requests for grants and Chairman King deferred to the matter to a future meeting.

Board Name Badges: Chairman King inquired about the purchase of name badges for Board members.

MOTION: Dr. Thurston made the motion to approve the purchase of name badges for those members serving on the Board as of January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that he would order the badges for the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

ALATA Update: Mr. Southall, President of the Alabama Association of Athletic Trainers, reported that the election of two Board members would be held at the town hall meeting later in the evening of June 3, 2023. He reported on the number of registered attendees at the Association's annual meeting being held and awards presentations. He reported that the 2024 annual meeting was scheduled to be held at Gulf Shores on May 23-26, 2024, and the 2025 annual meeting was planned to be held in Birmingham.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman King reminded the members about the next Board meeting scheduled in July. The Board discussed modifying the 2023 remaining meeting dates. It was the consensus of the Board members to meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 18th in Birmingham, and September 13th in Birmingham, and December 6th in Montgomery.

ADJOURNMENT

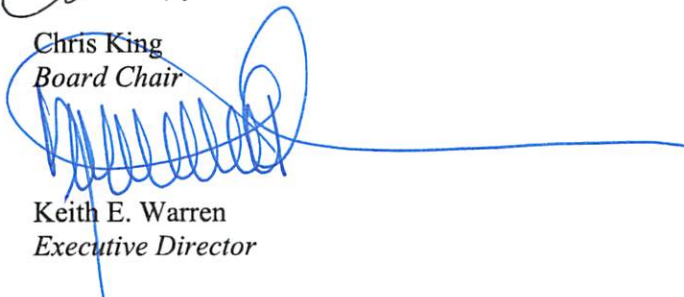
Chairman King called for any announcements and other business of the Board and there were none.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris King
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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