

Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

September 13, 2023

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Stephen Guthrie
Derick Bothwell

Others Present

Keith Warren, Executive Director
Renee' Reames, recording secretary
Daniel Lindsey, Advisory Council (virtual)

The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at the Briarwood Christian School, 6255 Cahaba Valley Road in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Chris King, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Warren called Board member 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 July 18, 2023, regular meeting and August 30, 2023 special/called meeting were distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review.

MOTION: Dr. Thurston made a motion to approve the July and August Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman King also presented a copy of the amended minutes from the June 3, 2023 Board meeting concerning the motion approving the IV protocol on page 3 of the minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Thurston made a motion to approve the amended June meeting minutes as present. 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 August 31, 2023. He reported that the final grant award of \$5,000 would be paid in the last quarter. A

copy of the cash reconciliation report and detail listing of obligations vs. budget was reviewed by the Board.

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

Mr. Warren reported on the number of licensees (949) and presented a list of new licensees as of July 15, 2023 through September 13, 2023, for licensure.

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

Website Updates and Renewal Process

Mr. Warren reported that he was working with Tyler Technology in preparing for the annual renewal of licenses that would begin online October 15, 2023, and changes to the occupation practice settings. He reported that requests to perform Dry Needling would be automated in advance of the October 2024 renewal period and requests would continue to be submitted in paper form for most of the 2024 calendar year. He indicated that plans were to implement IV Administration requests in the 2024 calendar year and be available to apply online with the October 2024 renewal cycle. He explained that the modified AT protocol would be included in the October 2023 renewals period, to be in effect during the 2024 licensure period, and a link would be provided to the Board of Certification (BOCATC.org) that allowed access to the full edition of the BOC Practice Analysis, 8th Edition.

Revision to 2023 Practice Protocol (administration of medications)

Chairman King presented a copy of the revised 2023 Athletic Trainer Practice Protocol that included the addition of medication administration, as recommended by the Advisory Council:

Athletic Trainers are not allowed to prescribe or dispense prescription medications. Athletic Trainers may administer over-the-counter medications in single dose quantity. Athletic Trainers may also administer legend medications as prescribed by physician in single dose quantity. Persons under the age of consent require the written permission of their parent or guardian, subject to the rules of their state institutions and any applicable state regulations.

The Board discussed the designated age of consent and seeking clarification from the Board of Medical Examiners.

MOTION: Dr. Taylor made the motion to approve the revision to the Practice Protocol as presented and recommended by the Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of AT Incentive Grant Program (ACT 2023-341)

Chairman King reported that the staff was contacting other Boards with similar grant criteria and would have additional information to report at the next meeting. Mr. Warren reported that he was obtaining additional information on identifying non-urban areas from the Alabama census to assist in proceeding with administering the incentive grant for athletic trainers in rural, 1A, 2A, 3A and Title 1 secondary schools.

Website Progress

Chairman King reported that this matter had been previously discussed in the Executive Director's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Council Report

Mr. Lindsey, Chairman of the Advisory Council (AC), asked Dr. Law, who chaired August meeting of the AC to comment on the AC activities. Dr. Law that the AC was continuing to discuss the proposed administration of medication to K-12 grade school students in addition to the medication program

through the Board of Nursing in place in schools. Dr. Law presented a copy of the July 12, 2023, meeting minutes for the Board's approval (available in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to accept the July Advisory Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Agee and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Law also presented a list of athletic trainers who had requested to perform Dry Needling. He reported that the Attestation form and certifications were reviewed by the AC and recommended the Board's approval.

MOTION: Dr. Agee made the motion to approve the athletic trainers' requests to perform Dry Needling. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Law reported that the next meeting of the AC was scheduled October 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Proposed Changes to Rule 140-X-4-.01 General Provisions.

Chairman King reported that changes were recommended to Rule 140-X-4-.01 clarifying the renewal period for licenses expiring December 31. Mr. Warren explained that licenses renewed after December 31, would be assessed as a late fee and recommended Rule 140-X-4-.01(2) be amended. The Board discussed the tracking of the two-year BOC card expiration vs. the Board's annual license renewal.

MOTION: Dr. Taylor made the motion to approve the recommended amendment to Rule 140-X-4-.01(2) for licenses expiring December 31 and incurring a late fee of \$50 if renewed after the expiration date.

Proposed Changes to Rule 140-X-4-.03 Continuing Education.

Chairman King reported that changes were recommended to Rule 140-X-4-.03 clarifying the renewal period.

MOTION: Dr. Thurston made the motion to approve the recommended amendment to Rule 140-X-4-.03(4) as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed Changes to Rule 140-X-7-.03 Grant Application Procedures.

Chairman King presented changes to Rule 140-X-7-.03 for flexibility in administering grants awarded by the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Thurston made the motion to 140-X-7-.03(1), (2) and (3) to remove the date restrictions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Agee and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the amended rules would be posted on the LSA website and published in the *Administrative Monthly* for public comments.

The Board discussed the value of the 90-day period to obtain continuing education and reviewed licensing fees: \$175 for initial license, \$75 renewed license, \$50 late assessment, \$25 assessment for each month the continuing education requirements are late beginning January 1st over 90-day period. Board also clarified the requirement that licensee was not eligible to practice after the license had expired. The Board discussed notifying the license upon license expiration, along with notification to the employer and supervising physician. Dr. Thurston reminded the members that some licensees held dual licenses and may continue to work as it pertained to the other license.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

ALATA Update: Mr. Southall, President of the Alabama Association of Athletic Trainers, reported that the ALATA annual meeting was scheduled to be held at Gulf Shores on May 23-26, 2024. He asked the Board to consider meeting on May 25th to coincide with the Association's annual meeting. He reported that Mr. King and Mr. Richardson had been reelected to another term to serve on the Board.

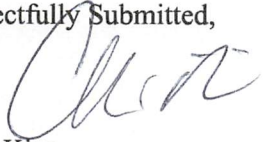
Next Board Meeting: Chairman King reminded the members about the next Board meeting scheduled on December 6th in Montgomery, and the members agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Dr. Taylor made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Agee and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman King adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,




Chris King
Board Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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Date Approved: _____



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