

# ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Minutes December 6, 2023

### ABME Members Present

Eric Law, M.D. (virtual)  
James Robinson, M.D.

### ABAT Members Present

Daniel Lindsey  
R. T. Floyd, Ed.D. (virtual)  
Kyle Southall

### Member Absent

Beverly Jordan, M.D.

### Others Present

Keith Warren (ABAT)  
Renee' Reames (ABAT)  
Angela Warr (ABAT)  
Matt Hart (ABME–virtual)  
Karen Silas (ABME)  
Chris King (ABAT-virtual)

### I. Call Meeting to Order

**The Advisory Council of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers (ABAT) and Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) met on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** The meeting was held at Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers' office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Keith Warren called member roll and announced a quorum was present. Chairman Lindsey called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chairman Lindsey reminded the members that the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers was scheduled to meet immediately following the Advisory Council meeting.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lindsey called for a review of the Advisory Council's minutes of the October 22, 2023, meeting.

MOTION Dr. Robinson moved that the October minutes be approved with correction to Ms. Kirby on page 1 and Dr. Floyd on page 2 of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Chairman Lindsey abstained from voting on Advisory Council business pending a tie vote.

### III. Old Business

#### A. Proposed Dry Needling Protocol

Chairman Lindsey presented a draft of the proposed Dry Needling Protocol. The Advisory Council discussed the following changes:

- adding a statement about an athletic trainer submitting a new Attestation form signed by both the athletic trainer and the new physician supervisor, when a change in physician supervisor occurred.

- modifying item (1) in the Anatomical Structures Approved for Dry Needling section to read “muscular, tendinous and ligamentous structures.
- modifying the statement in Anatomical Structures Excluded for Dry Needling section to read “an athletic trainer shall exclude treating the following anatomical structures for dry needling”.

**MOTION:** Dr. Floyd made the motion to approve the changes to the Protocol as discussed and to recommend to the ABAT and the ABME for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and unanimously approved by the Advisory Council. (a copy of the final approved Protocol available for review in official Book of Minutes).

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **A. Requests to Supervise Over the Maximum 15 Athletic Trainers**

Chairman Lindsey presented requests from Dr. Brett Bentley and Dr. George Douthit to supervise over the maximum 15 athletic trainers.

**MOTION:** Dr. Robinson made the motion to approve the requests from the supervising physicians. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

##### **B. Requests to Perform Dry Needling**

Mr. Warren submitted a copy of the athletic trainers’ Attestation and training certificates for the Advisory Council’s approval. The members reviewed the documents submitted by fifteen (15) athletic trainers (list of athletic trainers available for review in official Book of Minutes).

**MOTION:** Dr. Robinson made the motion to recommend to the ABAT and ABME the approval of 13 requests from athletic trainers to perform Dry Needling. The motion was seconded by Mr. Southall and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

#### **V. Announcements and Other Business**

##### **A. ABAT Next Meeting**

Mr. Warren reported that the next meetings of the Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers (ABAT) was tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2024, and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) was scheduled to meet on February 11, 2024.

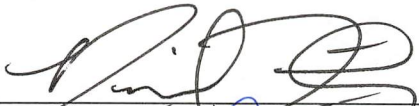
##### **E. Advisory Council Next Meeting**


The Advisory Council members agreed to meet on January 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Southall made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robinson and was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council. Chairman Lindsey adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Lindsey, Chairman  
Advisory Council

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith E. Warren, Executive Director  
Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

/rr

Minutes approved by the Advisory Council on January 21, 2024 /rr 