

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes January 21, 2024

ABME Members Present

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

ABAT Members Present

Daniel Lindsey
R. T. Floyd, Ed.D.
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)

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 Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 6255 Cahaba Valley Road in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Keith Warren called member roll and announced a quorum was present. Chairman Lindsey called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Review of Meeting Agenda

The members reviewed the meeting agenda, and no changes were recommended.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lindsey called for a review of the Advisory Council's minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting.

MOTION Dr. Robinson moved that the December minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd 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.

IV. Old Business

A. Work Group Report

1. **Protocols: The Advisory Council members discussed whether to pursue creating specialty practice protocols for occupational settings, clinical, etc. based on the limited feedback in determining needs for the protocols. Mr. Southall indicated that he would contact the Association committees' chairpersons about assisting with feedback on the usefulness and needs in having protocols, along with feedback on justification for not needing protocols at this time. Chairman Lindsey indicated that the matter would be on the next Advisory Council meeting agenda.**

2. **Update on Administering Medications to K-12 Students:** The members discussed having Mr. Warren and Mr. Hart write a letter to the Department of Education about athletic trainers being allowed to function as a certified medication assistant in K-12 grade. Mr. Warren indicated that he would have a follow-up report at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. ABME Physician Supervisor Requests to Exceed Maximum

Mr. Warren reported that the Board of Medical Examiners had voted to request that the application to request supervision of more than 15 athletic trainers be amended to require a list of the athletic trainers to be supervised and delineation of the practice location of the athletic trainers, along with limiting the period of time that the supervision request approval was in effect, e.g., annual approval, etc. The Advisory Council discussed changes to the supervision request form and recommended that the maximum supervision approval period expire annually and a list of athletic trainers to be supervised and the practice location of the trainer be submitted with the supervision request. The members also recommended that the Board assist by including a current list of athletic trainers for the physician to review and edit for submission with the supervision request.

MOTION: Dr. Robinson made the motion to modify the supervision request form to include the physician submitting a list of the athletic trainers to be supervised, and the supervision approval expire annually in connection with the AT license renewal process. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

The members requested that the supervision request form be modified and circulated to the members for review. The Advisory Council also commented on potential changes to Chapter 8 of the Board's rules.

B. Requests to Perform Dry Needling

The members reviewed requests from 15 athletic trainers (AT) to perform Dry Needling (DN). The members discussed defining a relevant time period of receiving training and practicing skills. The members concurred that training should be within the past 12 months from the date submitting DN request and AT must meet the other requirements for minimum of 25 hours of coursework and training on all regions of the body. In circumstances of lapse time between training and application, the members discussed modifications to the Dry Needling Attestation form to require evidence of practicing skill under the supervision of the former supervising physician and if training preceded a 12-month period, the AT should provide justification of the circumstances. The members agreed that the maximum lapsed time would be 24 months and these requests would be presented for special consideration.

MOTION: Mr. Southall made the motion to approve the 15 athletic trainer Dry Needling requests, with conditional approval for two applicants pending evidence of BOC training course number and verification of the electronic signature on one request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Floyd and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Warren indicated that he would follow up on any delays in requesting approval of DN requests.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Intravenous Access and Intravenous Fluid Administration Standards and Protocol: Mr. Warren reported that the Board of Athletic Trainers and Board of Medical Examiners had approved the modification to section 3.1 Eligibility for IV Access by removing “age of majority”, and the IV Standard and Attestation form would be posted on the Board’s website to begin the application process.


B. Next Meeting of Advisory Council:
The members discussed the meeting schedules of the Board of Athletic Trainers and Board of Medical Examiners and agreed that the Advisory Council would meet on March 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Athletic Trainers Board office in Montgomery.

The members also considered meeting in Gulf Shores in conjunction with the Athletic Trainers’ Association annual meeting. The members agreed to meet on May 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., and prior to the Athletic Trainers Board meeting tentatively scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on the same day.

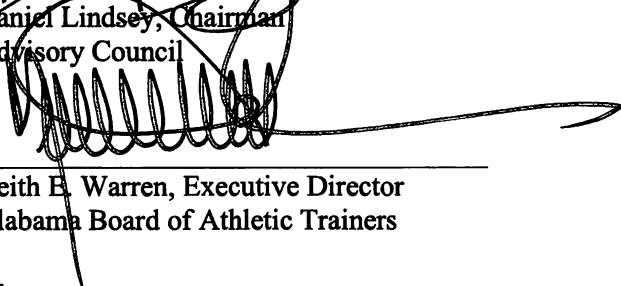
VI. Adjournment

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 B. Warren, Executive Director
Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

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Minutes approved by the Advisory Council on March 3, 2024 /rr 