

**Board of Athletic Trainers
Minutes**

Date: November 06, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

Location: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Ground Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Joseph T. Erdeljac, A.T., Chair
Monroe Abram, A.T., Vice Chair
Walter Fitzpatrick, Consumer Member

Members Absent: Kurt P. Spindler, M.D.
Vacant, A.T.

Staff Present: Michael Sobowale, Board Director
Lakita Taylor, Board Manager
Tomica Walker, Board Administrator
Grant Mullins, Interim Assistant General Counsel
Lisa Tittle, Financial Officer
Denise Moran, Office of Investigations, Director

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Erdeljac at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Abram, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Mullins presented the following Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report:

A. Litigation

There are six open cases at the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Mullins reported that the Board will not hear any contested cases but there was one (1) Rulemaking hearing scheduled on the agenda.

B. Legislative Update

There was no new legislation to report.

Rules

The rule amendments passed by the board in November of 2013 went into effect in September 2014.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

Mrs. Denise Moran gave the report from the Office of Investigations. She reported that there are four (4) open complaints in the Office of Investigations at this time. Two (2) practitioners are being monitored following Board disciplinary action.

Upon questioning by Mr. Erdeljac on the issue of noted increase in investigative costs for Athletic Trainers, Ms. Moran reported that the cost of an investigation is the hours that the investigator spent on the case but more is being billed – rent, supplies, payment for support services, including legal. She stressed for the Board to collect case cost on all investigative services and bill those into Board Orders. Upon further inquiry on the issue of collections made by the Office on behalf of the board, Ms. Moran stated that the current report runs on the fiscal year calendar. She stated that additional collections will show up on the next fiscal year report. She informed the Board that the Office accepts payment plan on collections. If disciplined licensed individuals are not paying as agreed, a complaint will be opened and referred to OGC. In the event that such disciplined individuals are not licensed, they will still be referred to OGC but they first have to be located.

Administrative Report

A. There are 933 active licensees as of October 31, 2014.

B. Licensure activity for May 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014:

- New licenses—96
- Reinstated licenses—8
- Retired licenses—7
- Renewed licenses— 29 (22 renewed online for April 2014)
- Expired—37

C. Board Members

The Board currently has two (2) vacancies. Mr. Sobowale informed the Board that the Health Department's liaison to the Health Related Boards (HRB) has been made aware of the vacancies and effort is currently underway to fill those vacancies.

Financial Report

Mrs. Lisa Tittle, Financial Officer for Tennessee Department of Health gave the report. The Board had revenue collections of \$83,810.24 through June 30, 2014 and total expenditures of \$78, 647.66 for the same period. She reported that as far as expenditures over 3 years, the report looks normal, although investigative and administrative costs stand out as a little higher.

Mr. Fitzpatrick inquired whether, looking at the projections, Mrs. Tittle would recommend raising fees at this time. Mrs. Tittle responded that she would not recommended a fee increase at this time but suggested that the Board wait to receive the mid-year projections in May 2015 before re-visiting the issue.

Mrs. Tittle also noted that the Board has a rulemaking hearing on fees scheduled in May 2015.

Other Board Business

A. Licensure Requirement Letter

Mr. Mullins proposed sending a letter to all Tennessee post-secondary institutions and other entities employing athletic trainers in regards to athletic trainer licensure requirements. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Abram for Mr. Guilford to draft a letter to be proofread and signed by Mr. Erdeljac. Also, for Mr. Erdeljac to assist in coming up with a list of other entities for the letter to be sent. The motion carried.

B. Continuing Education Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Abram, and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, to resume the continuing education audit. The motion carried.

C. Rulemaking Hearing

Mr. Mullins introduced this topic. From prior discussion, the board has decided to defer amendment to Rule 0150-01-.06 on fees to the next board meeting. Mr. Mullins also informed the Board that Federal legislation being proposed regarding malpractice immunity for Athletic Trainers is still pending in congress and there was no update to report to the board at this time.

C. Live Streaming for Board Meetings

Mr. Sobowale informed the Board that, starting from January 2015, all Health Related Board meetings will be broadcast via live-streaming on the internet and should also be available for viewing later on by the general public.

Ratifications

Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Abram, to approve the following list of new licensees and reinstatements:

NEW LICENSEES

SHELLIE ACOCELO
ALYSSA BROOKE ALLEN
SOPHIA KATHERINE ALSUP
CHRISTOPHER DANIEL ATTAWAY
JESSICA PARKER AVERY
CHRISTINE ANNE-MARIE BACH
CARRIE LYNN BAKER
TYLER EVAN BAKER
HILLARY ANN BELL
SUZANNE RENEE' BELL
TYLER KARL BENNETT
NICHOLAS FRANK BIANCO
CODY THOMAS BLACKFORD
TONI MICHELLE BOLAR
GENNARO R BONFIGLIO
DOMINIQUE JACINTA BROWN
KEITH MORGAN BUNCH
PHILIP ONOFRIO BUZZERIO
AMANDA JOYCE CAGLE
CASEY NOELLE CAMMARGO
RYAN ANDREW CLARK
SCOTT STEPHEN COLLSEN
KYLE ARTHUR CREAMY
GABRIELLA ADRIANA DELORENZE
KAITLYNN ELIZABETH DREWRY
KIMBERLY J DUSKIN
KIRSTEN CHARLYN ELY
CLAYTON DAVID FAITCLOTH
JEFFREY RYAN FALIS
JOHN FRANCIS FALTUS
KASEY KATHLEEN FICKEN
CODY JOSEPH FLETCHER
MARK ROBERT FORBING
SHARON MELISSA FRANK
ERIC DAVID FREDERICKS
MICHAEL PATRICK GARNER
SAMANTHA J GARRETT
AMANDA BEAL GARRISON
REBEKKAH DANIELLE GASTON
COREE LYNN GEORGENSON
FRANCES CARRENE GILBERT
ANDRE JOSUE GONZALES
HEATHER CHANTEL GREEN
MATTHEW MICHAEL GREGG
JOHN MATHEW GREGORICH, JR
ALEXANDRIA RAE GRELL
KIMSIE NICOLE HALL
WHITNEY ADINE HARMESON

ANDREW DAVID HINDS
CHELSEA MARIE HOGGARD
BRIANA MERCEDES HUMPHREY
ROBIN LEE HUNT
JOSHUA LUCAS IVENS
RYAN PAUL JETT
KIRSTINE ELYSSE JONES
COLBY DUANE KEEGAN
JILLIAN PATRICIA KEELER
KATHLEEN MARIRO KERECCMAN
DIANNA NADINE LINN
NATHAN THOMAS MARESH
ANSLEY JORDAN MCDANIEL
ZACHARY MICHAEL MCGONTY
AARON MICHAEL MILES
ANGELA ELIZABETH MOENING
EMEKA FINEL NNADI, JR
YUIRI NOMOTO
CHARLES BOBBY PARTIN
ALEXANDRIA NICOLE PEREZ
BROCK EVAN POTTER
MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIZ
ETHAN JAMES REGEN
LAWRENCE ANTWAN REYNOLDS
COREY JOSEPH RICHARDS
MEGHAN CHEVONNE ROBINSON
CHELSEA SYRIA ROBL
WILLIAM THOMAS RUTLEDGE IV
EMILY ANNE SARROS
HEIDI JO SCHROEPFER
AARON ROBERT SCHUMACHER
BERGEN NICOLE SHEPPARD
ANDY CLINT SMITH
NICHOLAS ROSARIO SPARACIO
STEPENIE MARIE STARK
MIYA VENTIA SULLIVAN
JANA ELAINE TEAGUE
NOEL LEE TILLER
HAYLEY-RAE EVELYN TILLMAN
TODD A. TORISCELLI
CALLI MARIE TOSNEY
KRISTINE MARIEA TRIASSI
KEVIN CODY TUBBS
DAVID KYLE WALKER
SIERRA NICOLE WEAVER
AMANDA WILLIAMSON YOTHER
KATHRYN ZEITLER
ANNA CHRISTINE ZELENT

MEREDITH JEAN ZINKE

The motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS

ZACHARY LANCE ALLEN
LYNETTE M CARLSON
JOSEPH KYLE CRAVEY
KIMBERLY FERRILL-MOSESLEY

SADIE JO HARRIS
JENNIFER N HOWARD
BLONG VANG
CLINTON ALLEN WOODS

The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Abram moved for adjournment of the meeting and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

These minutes were ratified at the May 7, 2015 meeting.