

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference on Thursday June 10, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia. The attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

- Warren Morris, Chair
- David Pursley
- Letha Griffin, MD

Others Present:

Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director, Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary, Serena Butts, Secretary II and Dominick Crea, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1)(2), O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(H)(2)&(4) and O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(4) to deliberate on applications, investigations report and the Cognizant Report and to receive information on applications, investigations report and the Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Morris, Pursley and Griffin. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Warren Morris, Chair, called the teleconference to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Warren Morris, Chair established that a quorum was present, and called the Public Hearing to order at 2:00 P.M. As there were no comments submitted and no members of the public attended the hearing, the public hearing was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

At its meeting on June 10, 2004, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§43-1-25; 43-5-6 and 43-5-8.

At its meeting on June 10, 2004, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25; 43-5-6 and 43-5-8 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-43(3)(A) and that the formulation and adoption of Rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of athletic training.

After discussion and consideration of the rule change, Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule Chapter 53-3-.01, 53-2-.04 and Chapter 53-6-.01(2) in accordance with 50-13-4(a)(1) as posted.

Rule Chapter 53-3-.01, 53-2-.04 and Chapter 53-6-.01(2):

53-3-.01 Qualifications.

(1) All persons applying on or after July 1, 2004 who seek licensure as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Georgia must have graduated from a college or university in the athletic training program, which has been accredited by the NATA Board of Certification (NATABOC).

(2) All persons applying on or before June 30, 2004 who seeks licensure, as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Georgia, must satisfy one of the three following:

(a) Have graduated from a college or university in an athletic training program, which has been accredited by the NATA Board of Certification (NATABOC).

(b) Hold a degree in physical therapy or corrective therapy with at least a minor in physical education or health, which included a basic athletic training course and have spent at least two academic years working under the direct supervision of an approved athletic trainer.

1. A basic athletic training course means a course which includes but is not limited to prevention of athletic injuries, evaluation of athletic injuries and medical referral, first aid and emergency care, counseling and guidance, and education.

2. Two academic years of direct supervision (See definition in Chapter 2) means a minimum of 750 hours in each semester year.

3. An approved athletic trainer means an athletic trainer who is:

(i) licensed in Georgia for a minimum of 3 years, or

(ii) certified by NATA for a minimum of 3 years, or

(iii) licensed in a state whose licensure qualifications are substantially similar to those of Georgia for a minimum of 3 years.

(c) Have completed at least four years beyond the secondary school level, while either as an undergraduate or graduate student, as an apprentice athletic trainer under the direct supervision (See definitions in Chapter 2) of a licensed athletic trainer. Such four years must be consecutive years of supervision, military duty excepted.

1. One year of apprenticeship means at least 750 hours during a calendar year.

2. A minimum of four calendar years (3000 hours) of apprenticeship are required for licensure.

Authority O.C.G.A. §43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8

53-2-.04 Apprenticeship. Until June 30, 2004, apprentice means an undergraduate or graduate student who is learning to become an athletic trainer and whose activities are under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

Authority O.C.G.A. §43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8

53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education. Amended

(2) To be eligible for renewal, an athletic trainer must have completed, within the preceding two years, at least forty contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the Board. Provided, however, that an athletic trainer who received his license within one year of the renewal date shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirements for that renewal period. Each athletic trainer shall retain proof of attendance of continuing education programs for a period of three years from the date of attendance.

Inactive Status:

James Rountree Carmichael: Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to approve the request for Inactive Status.

Holly M. Dobson: Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to approve the request for Inactive Status.

Correspondence:

Rhys Adams: Due to my recent Athletic Trainer licensure, please exempt me from continuing education for renewal. **Board response:** The Board voted to approve the request.

Applications:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to approve Athletic Trainer applications determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Application Applicants:

R.E.D. Pend application for further information

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Examination Applicants:

Percy A. Charlton Approve request for licensure by examination

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Reinstatement Applicants:

Wesley Frank Dickey Approve application for licensure by reinstatement

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on Licensure by Endorsement Applicants:

Scott T. Frowen Approve application for licensure by endorsement

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve Athletic Trainer applications determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Name	Profession	Issue Date
AT001095	Howell, Tara Michelle	Athletic Trainer	4/29/2004
AT001096	Fulcher, Jaime Gail	Athletic Trainer	5/3/2004
AT001097	Law, Lindsey Ann	Athletic Trainer	5/5/2004
AT001098	Watts, Christopher M.	Athletic Trainer	5/5/2004
AT001099	Johnston, Erin Leigh	Athletic Trainer	5/28/2004
AT001100	Potter, Nicholas Daniel	Athletic Trainer	6/1/2004

Approved Reinstatments

Name	License No.	Issue Date
Sikes, Lara Kathleen Powell	AT000461	5/28/2004

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director

Morris Warren
Board President

Mollie L. Fleeman
Division Director