

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
**Teleconference Minutes**  
**March 16, 2015 - 1:00 pm**

The Georgia State Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference Monday, March 16, 2015. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Russell Hoff-President  
Mr. Tom Bair-Vice President  
Dr. Scott Malone-Board Member  
Mr. Paul White-Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor  
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office**

Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order:** Mr. Hoff established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

Mr. Bair motioned, Dr. Malone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**December 1, 2014 Teleconference**

Mr. Bair motioned, Dr. Malone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 1, 2014 open session minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify November 29, 2014 – March 9, 2015**

Mr. White motioned, Mr. Bair seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the list of applicants issued a license.

**Discussion – Board of Certification Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Malone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send Mr. Tom Bair to the Regulatory Conference to represent the Georgia State Board of Athletic Trainers.

**Board Chair's Report – R. Hoff**

Mr. Hoff reported that he participated on a call with Representative Jones as an individual and not as a representative of the Board and engaged in a professional discussion regarding the regulation of personal trainers. He indicated that he requested that Senator Jones submit a request in writing to the Board so that the Board may submit a response. Mr. Hoff noted that Senator Jones has done what was requested and the Board can discuss the correspondence after the Executive Director's Report.

**Executive Director's Report – A. Price**

The Executive Director presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints /compliance which has occurred since the last meeting. Ms. Price provided an update on the Supreme Court's decision in the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission case, recapped the status of the bills in the Georgia General Assembly which may have an effect on the work of the Athletic Trainer's Board, the Ethics Commission Annual Affidavit requirements and referenced receipt of a request from Senator Emanuel Jones' office of District 10 for input on a proposed expansion of authority of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers to include the practice of Personal Trainers. Ms. Price reported that she referred Senator Jones' office to Chuck Harper in the Secretary of State's Office for assistance with vetting some of his questions through the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council (GORRC).The Board accepts the report as presented.

**Miscellaneous**

**Discussion – Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> District – Personal Trainers**

The Board determined to notify Senator Jones' office that there were both difficulties and opportunities noted with the possibility of expanding the Board's statutory authority to include personal trainers; however, there is no consensus on proceeding with the drafting legislation on the matter at this time. The Board did express a willingness to continue to work with Senator Jones' office to further assess the need. The Board found that it would be most helpful to review any

assessments, feasibility studies and other research data available on the subject and if no such materials exist at this time, the Board requests that Senator Jones please keep them informed of their findings throughout the process. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct the Executive Director to draft a letter reporting that which is stated to Senator Jones.

**Mr. White motioned, Mr. Bair 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. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Enforcement Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Mr. Hoff, Mr. Bair, Mr. White and Dr. Malone.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, March 16, 2015, Mr. Hoff declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.**

## OPEN SESSION

### Executive Session Minutes

#### **December 1, 2014 Teleconference**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. Hoff seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 1, 2014 executive session minutes as presented.

### Attorney General's Report

Ms. Downing reported that there are no pending cases in her office. Dr. Malone motioned, Mr. Bair seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the report as presented.

### Cognizant's Report – R. Hoff

AT120090 Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for an Order of Indefinite Suspension or Voluntary Surrender and if applicant does not respond to notice from the Attorney General's Office within the timeframe designated by that office, proceed with a hearing at the next Board meeting.

AT150002 Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cease and Desist Order and close case.

### Requests for Reconsideration

1) V.G. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and issue license.

### Applications for Board Review

1. J.W. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license.

1) J.Z. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure to include probation until 2021 with quarterly drug screen reports and quarterly reports of attendance to AA meetings two (2) times a week until March 31, 2017. From April 1, 2017 – 2021 must submit quarterly reports of attendance AA meetings once a week in addition to the drug screen reports.

2) A.A. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to Legal Services to issue with a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure to include a fine of \$500 for five (5) months of unlicensed practice.

Dr. Malone left the meeting at 2:16p.m.

### Miscellaneous

#### **Discussion – Senate Bill 176 in reference to Helmet Ratings**

Mr. Bair shared with the Board that Georgia Senate Bill 176 crossed over during recent Legislative Sessions. This proposed bill will require youth athletes in organized sports to wear helmets with at least a four-star rating on the standard Virginia Tech Helmet Rating's Scale at the time of use. He indicated it is in the House and did not know the status at this time. The Executive Director is to follow up and report the status to the Board at the next board meeting.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**  
**Minutes approved on:**

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist  
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
June 8, 2015

RUSSELL HOFF  
**BOARD PRESIDENT**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**