

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Teleconference Minutes
September 28, 2015 - 1:00 pm

The Georgia State Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference Monday, September 28, 2015. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Mr. Russell Hoff-President
Mr. Tom Bair-Vice President
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

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1) June 8, 2015 Teleconference

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 8, 2015 open session minutes as presented.

2) August 10, 2015 Teleconference

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 10, 2015 open session minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify June 2, 2015 – September 21, 2015

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the list of licenses issued between meetings as presented.

Discussion – 2015 FARB Regulatory Law Seminar

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to 2015 FARB Regulatory Law Seminar as information.

Discussion – Delaware Requires Insurance to Pay for Telemedicine

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion until the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting.

Discussion – House Bill Addresses State Licensure Barriers to Telemedicine

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion until the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting.

Discussion – Medical Board Telehealth Rule

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table the discussion until the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting.

BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference – T. Bair

Mr. Bair informed the Board that the Telehealth was a big topic at the BOC Annual Conference as well as federal legislation related to it. He indicated that he doesn't know how the federal legislation will impact each state. Mr. Bair mentioned that the Board would need to make some revisions to the language within the rules once the legislation regarding telehealth was finished and overall, as mobile as the profession is and as advanced as technology is, telehealth will be more and more of an issue for the Board as the practice evolves.

Mr. Hoff asked if Georgia had any current legislation related to telehealth at this time. Ms. Price answered by stating that Georgia does have legislation in place; however, it is not as broad as some of the other states. Ms. Price further explained that the federal legislation is also related to Medicare and its effect on each individual state is based upon how each state defines a healthcare practitioner. The Georgia Telemedicine Act O.C.G.A. 33-24-56.4 addresses the healthcare practices done by a duly licensed physician or other healthcare provider active within the scope of that provider's practice and was passed in 2010. Ms. Price recommended that the Board Members consider assigning

someone to review the language in this law as well as their practice act in order to determine which direction the Board would like to take in developing a telehealth rule or policy. The Board could then discuss the topic further at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Hoff entered a motion, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously that since Mr. Bair was privy to the BOC discussions that he be assigned the task of reviewing all of the relevant laws, rules and literature on the topic of telehealth that was presented during the annual meeting as well as this meeting and develop a rough draft of some language that the Board may consider promulgating into a rule during the next meeting.

Board Chair’s Report – R. Hoff

Mr. Hoff remarked that he does not have any new trends to report. He indicated that he continues to review applications as the Cognizant Member and makes the necessary referrals to legal services if it appears unlicensed practice has taken place.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report provided the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance to include statistics for FY2015. Ms. Price notified the Board that the Executive Directors were asked to notify the Secretary of State’s Attorney for Elections and Legislation of any potential legislation that may be under consideration for each Board, no matter what stage in the process. Ms. Price informed the Board that she reported that there are initiatives to change educational requirements of the profession from the educational community, fingerprint criminal background checks and the recent discussions concerning Telemedicine. Ms. Price shared that the majority of the healthcare boards have shown an interest in requiring all applicants to complete a National Fingerprint Criminal Background Check. Ms. Price also discussed other relevant topic such as changes within the structure of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, and changes made to the website as it relates to the posting of Public Board Orders/Actions. The Board accepted the report as presented.

Miscellaneous

1) 2016 Board Meeting Dates

Mr. White motioned, Mr. Bair seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following 2016 board meeting dates as presented.

Athletic Trainers 2016 Meeting Dates

Teleconference	Monday, March 7, 2016	1:00pm
Teleconference	Monday, June 6, 2016	1:00pm
Teleconference	Monday, September 26, 2016	1:00pm
Teleconference	Monday, December 5, 2016	1:00pm

2) Discussion – Designing the Consumer–Centered Telehealth & eVisit Experience (White Paper)

The Board accepted the white paper on Telehealth prepared for the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology U.S. Department of Health & Human Services as information and referred a copy to Mr. Bair to consider while drafting rule or policy language to address telehealth.

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White 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, and Mr. White.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, September 28, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Minutes

1) June 8, 2015 Teleconference

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 8, 2015 executive session minutes as presented.

2) August 10, 2015 Teleconference

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 10, 2015 open session minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report

Mr. White 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 Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant's report as presented.

- 1) AT160006 Close case, no further action

Legal Memo to the Board

- 1) Request for Reconsideration - J.S.B Mr. White motioned, Mr. Bair seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion, close the case and issue the license.

Applications for Board Review

- 1) S.W. Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request the applicant to contact the Dean and/or Director of the University to supply a copy of the graduate assistant contract entered into between the applicant, the university and the high school which indicates the terms of employment and outlines the type of compensation the applicant is to receive for services rendered as a Graduate Assistant to include but not limited to tuition reimbursements or course credits.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to nominate Mr. Hoff to review and revise the policy to further define graduate assistant compensation.

Adjournment There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: December 7, 2015

RUSSELL HOFF

BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR