

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
**Teleconference Minutes**  
**December 7, 2015 - 1:00 pm**

The Georgia State Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference Monday, December 7, 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 1:00 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda** The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1) September 28, 2015 Teleconference**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 28, 2015 open session minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify September 22, 2015 – November 30, 2015**

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

**Discussion – FTC Active Supervision of State Boards**

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to FTC Active Supervision of State Boards as information.

**Discussion – Telemedicine**

Mr. Bair reported that during the BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference telemedicine was one of the hot topics of discussion and based on the information presented to the Board today, the best approaches to engaging in telemedicine are starting to congeal; however, due to technology and changes in the dynamics of the healthcare system in general, the Board may want to wait before making any statutory or rule revisions to address its use or considering any approach to the medical board to add athletic trainers to the list of professions considered as healthcare professionals in the state of Georgia. The Board accepted the following correspondence in reference to Telemedicine as information.

- 1) Delaware Requires Insurance to Pay for Telemedicine
- 2) House Bill Addresses State Licensure Barriers to Telemedicine
- 3) Medical Board Telehealth Rule

**Rule Variance Reconsideration Request – Crook, Mark**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to uphold the previous motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 53-3-.01 due to no evidence of a unique, substantial hardship and notify the petitioner that he does not meet the requirements for licensure.

**Board Chair's Report – R. Hoff**

**1) Graduate Assistant Policy**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the Program Directors, Athletic Directors and Academic Program Directors of post-secondary schools of the following change to the Graduate Assistant Policy.

It was determined by a majority of the Board members that an individual who has graduated with an Athletic Trainer's degree and has passed the exam and is working under a contract for compensation MUST be licensed. It was also noted that tuition credit would qualify as financial compensation.

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

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance and provided the new toll free number to the Professional Licensing Boards Division. The Board accepted the report as presented.

**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, and Mr. White.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, December 7, 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**

**1) September 28, 2015 Teleconference**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 28, 2015 executive session minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – P. Downing**

There are no open cases at this time. Ms. Downing informed the Board that she will be retiring from the Attorney General’s Office on December 15, 2015. Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the report as presented.

**Cognizant’s Report – R. Hoff**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) AT160007 Table a decision to explore policies and procedures regarding malpractice case reviews for the Cognizant and present at the next scheduled Board Meeting.
- 2) AT150006 Accept the cease and desist and close the case.
- 3) AT160005 Close the case with a letter of concern to the respondent and the employer regarding advertising & verifying staff credentials.

**Applications for Board Review**

Mr. Bair motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) J.M. Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure to include a fine in accordance with the fine scale for unlicensed practice from June, 2013 – May, 2015. (\$1100.00 1 yr + 12 mos)
- 2) S.W. Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure to include a fine in accordance with the fine scale for unlicensed practice from July 25, 2013 – May 22, 2015. (\$1000.00 1 yr + 10 mos)
- 3) J.L. Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure to include a fine in accordance with the fine scale for unlicensed practice from June 30, 2015 – September 3, 2015. (\$600 1 yr + 2 mos)

Assistant Attorney General Patricia Downing reported that this would be her last meeting with the Board as she is entering retirement. Mr. Hoff entered a motion to have it on record that he would like to express his gratitude to Attorney General Patricia Downing for her hard work, calm interpretation of the law and her ability to bring them to reason on various matters. Mr. Bair entered a second and the motion carried unanimously. The Board Staff also wished her the best in her future endeavors.

**Adjournment** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed and edited by:</b>	Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
<b>Minutes approved on:</b>	March 7, 2016

**RUSSELL HOFF**  
**BOARD PRESIDENT**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**