

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference on Friday April 30, 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 and Dominick Crea, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin 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 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to hold a conference call on June 10, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Examination Date:

Mr. Pursley moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the examination date from July 1, 2004 to June 1, 2004.

Rule Change: Chapter 53-3 and 53-2:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and 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.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and 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.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to consider for adoption the proposed rule amendment during its June 10, 2004 meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Room 107, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to post the Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Hearing for the proposed rule change to rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 for no less than 30 days prior to June 10, 2004 when the Board will hold a hearing on the rule and intent to adopt the proposed rule change as follows:

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

Rule Change: Chapter 53-6-.01(2):

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rules 53-6-.01(2) 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 43-5-9(c).

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and 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 43-5-9(c) 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 53-6-.01(2) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of athletic training.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted upon receipt of authorization and approval from the Attorney General's office to consider for adoption the proposed rule amendment during its June 10, 2004 meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Room 107, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to post the Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Hearing for the proposed rule change to rules 53-6-.01(2) for no less than 30 days prior to June 10, 2004 when the Board will hold a hearing on the rule and intent to adopt the proposed rule change as follows:

(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:

Gretchen R. Weaver: Mr. Pursley moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the request for Inactive Status.

2004 Board of Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to designate Mr. Morris as Board representative. Mr. Morris accepted.

Elections:

The Board elected the following officers:

Chair: Mr. Warren Morris
Cognizant: Mr. David Purlsey

Applications:

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

License No.	Name	Profession	Issue Date
AT001063	McClure, Jamie Marie	Athletic Trainer	2/12/2004
AT001064	Grinkewich, Michelle M.	Athletic Trainer	2/12/2004
AT001065	Carter, Andrew	Athletic Trainer	2/12/2004
AT001066	Hartline, Heidi Ann	Athletic Trainer	2/12/2004
AT001067	Jackson, Robert P., Jr	Athletic Trainer	2/12/2004
AT001068	Till, William Bryan	Athletic Trainer	2/13/2004
AT001069	Hergott, Lonnie R.	Athletic Trainer	2/16/2004
AT001070	Harben, Kevin J.	Athletic Trainer	2/26/2004
AT001071	Sledge, Donna Kay	Athletic Trainer	3/4/2004
AT001072	Kilgore, Justin Dean	Athletic Trainer	3/4/2004
AT001073	Ramsey, Benjamin David	Athletic Trainer	3/9/2004
AT001074	Franklin, Brian Milner	Athletic Trainer	3/10/2004
AT001075	Hinely, Daniel Roy	Athletic Trainer	3/19/2004
AT001076	White, Andrea M.	Athletic Trainer	3/19/2004
AT001077	Lee, Shanna Y.	Athletic Trainer	3/19/2004
AT001078	Ward, David T.	Athletic Trainer	3/19/2004
AT001079	Tessier, Kenneth Gordon	Athletic Trainer	3/22/2004
AT001080	Bowers, Moriah Paige	Athletic Trainer	3/22/2004
AT001081	Gray, R. Lee	Athletic Trainer	3/25/2004
AT001082	Adams, Rhys A.	Athletic Trainer	3/25/2004
AT001083	Warren, Regilyn Nicole	Athletic Trainer	3/25/2004
AT001084	Davis, Robert Brian	Athletic Trainer	3/26/2004
AT001085	Piskovich, Claire Michelle	Athletic Trainer	3/30/2004
AT001086	Sheehan, Alison Cathleen	Athletic Trainer	3/30/2004
AT001087	Barron, Ramona	Athletic Trainer	3/30/2004
AT001088	Palocsik, John Patrick	Athletic Trainer	3/30/2004
AT001089	Sutherland, Ashley Brooke	Athletic Trainer	4/8/2004
AT001090	Bender, Thomas A.	Athletic Trainer	4/8/2004
AT001091	Alig, Meredith Martine	Athletic Trainer	4/8/2004
AT001092	Luke, Heather A.	Athletic Trainer	4/8/2004
AT001093	Imler, Brian Scott	Athletic Trainer	4/21/2004
AT001094	Rose, Davi Michelle	Athletic Trainer	4/21/2004

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Purlsey seconded and the Board voted to approve Athletic Trainer applications for licensure by reinstatement who were determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Name	License No.	Issue Date
Hays, Donna Renea	AT000257	1/6/2004

Grier, John Adam	AT000697	3/4/2004
Hall II, John William	AT000228	3/19/2004
Keith, Chauncey	AT000647	3/25/2004

Cognizant Report:

AT040003: Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to forward to Enforcement.

Enforcement Matters:

17-01-0100001: Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to close.

AT040000: Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to close.

AT040001: Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to hold pending.

AT040002: Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to hold pending.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 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