

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Teleconference Minutes
December 5, 2016 - 1:00 pm

The Georgia State Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference Monday, December 5, 2016. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Mr. Russell Hoff-President
Dr. James Scott, Vice Chair
Mr. Jeff Porter, Board Member
Mr. Paul White-Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

September 26, 2016 Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 26, 2016 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify – September 21, 2016 – November 28, 2016

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the list of licenses by applicant and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between board meetings.

Discussion – Request for Board Clarification – Dr. Jean Sumner

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the correspondence to Assistant Attorney General, Reagan Dean, to provide an informal response to the writer's inquiry as was discussed during the meeting as there are no laws or rules which specifically address all of the questions submitted.

Discussion BOC Regulatory Update

The Board accepted the Fall and Winter 2016 Regulatory Updates as information.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Dr. Scott entered into a discussion regarding iontophoresis and dry needling and how they relate to the scope of practice in Georgia. Mr. Hoff explained iontophoresis is a practice that's acceptable and taught within AT educational programs and is therefore eligible for questioning on the national exam. He further stated that it's in the scope of practice because the educational standards state that it is so. He further stated that dry needling is not standard in educational programs for athletic trainers and is therefore more of a grey area. Mr. Hoff offered that our state law does not go into great detail about the scope of practice so there is a great deal more latitude for treatment options, whereas it's much stricter in states that go into great detail within their law.

Dr. Scott says that he feels that it comes down to the consent of the physician and how much the trainer is trained and willing to do. He stated that much of it is driven by billing and billing codes and it looks like they will be changing in 2017.

Board President's Report – R. Hoff

No report presented.

Executive Director's Report – A. Price

Executive Director's report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of active and inactive licensees and complaints/compliance matters. Ms. Price also reminded Board members to file their annual affidavit of Public Officer with the Ethics Commission by January 31, 2017.

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

2017 Board Meeting Dates

The board members and staff reviewed the tentative dates for the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers Meetings for 2017 as follows:

- Athletic Trainers 1:00 p.m.**
- Teleconference Monday, March 6**
- Teleconference Monday, June 5**
- Teleconference Monday, September 25**
- Teleconference Monday, December 4**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Board Meeting Dates as presented.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter 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. Porter, Dr. Scott, and Mr. White.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, December 5, 2016, 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

September 26, 2016 Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 26, 2016 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Office report as presented.

Cognizant Report

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept the Cognizant Report as presented.

Adjournment No additional business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: March 6, 2017

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR