

**GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**Monday, March 6, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, March 6, 2017. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Russell Hoff, Chairperson  
Dr. James Scott, Board Member  
Jeff Porter, Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

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

**Board Members Not Present**

Paul White, Board Member

**Attorney General's Office Present**

Reagan Dean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

No Visitors Present

**Call To Order:** Mr. Hoff established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**           The Board accepted the agenda as amended.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1) December 5, 2016 Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 5, 2016 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: November 28, 2016 – February 27, 2017**

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

**Correspondence - 2017 BOC State Regulatory Conference**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the 2017 BOC State Regulatory Conference as information.

**Correspondence - Visit by BOC Representative**

The Board tabled any decision on scheduling a BOC Representative to attend a Board meeting until it can be determined if there is any pending legislation in the Georgia General Assembly would require the Board to seek the BOC's assistance with implementation.

**Board Chairperson's Report**

Mr. Hoff shared that he was contacted by another Board President who asked him what he felt about Senate Bill 2 and encouraged him to contact his state representative. He indicated that he shared with the other Board President that his concern was that the bill asked for more work with no additional support to meet those obligations, that felt it was double supervision of the Boards and not an efficient use of available resources. It was the consensus of the Board that each member would contact their legislators to express their individual opinions on Senate Bill 2.

**Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director's report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters which have occurred since the last meeting. She further reviewed the bills proposed in the Georgia General Assembly that could affect the work of the Board.

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

**Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott 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 Russell Hoff, Jeff Porter and Dr. James Scott.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, March 6, 2017, 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. December 5, 2016 Executive Session Minutes**

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 5, 2016 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

### Attorney General's Report – R. Dean

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 and to post BR 53-6-.03 Reinstatement and 53-6-.04 Inactive Status as amended.

#### **1. AG MEMO – Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement**

##### **Rule 53-6-.03. Reinstatement**

(1) A license which is revoked for failure to renew may be reinstated, ~~upon at~~ the discretion of the Board, within two years from its expiration date upon receipt of:

(a) ~~A~~ complete reinstatement application and fee;

(b) ~~V~~erification of forty (40) hours Continuing Education obtained within two years ~~prior to~~ the date of the reinstatement application ~~and the reinstatement fee.~~

(c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

(2) A license which is expired for two years or more may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board ~~through if the~~ applicant:

(a) ~~m~~Meetsing current licensure requirements;

(b) ~~s~~ubmitsion of a complete reinstatement application, with the required fee; and,

(c) ~~S~~ubmits verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education obtained within two years ~~prior to~~ the date of the reinstatement application.

(3) If the license is reinstated during the first year of the current biennium, the licensee is required to meet the continuing education requirements in Board Rule 53-6-.01 in order to renew the license. The continuing education hours submitted to reinstate the license may not be used to satisfy the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license.

(4) If the license is reinstated during the second year of the current biennium, the licensee is exempt from meeting the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license in that current biennium.

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-5-6; 43-5-8; and 43-5-9.

#### **Rule 53-6-.04. Inactive Status**

### **2. AG MEMO – Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status**

#### **Rule 53-6-.04. Inactive Status**

(1) A licensee may apply for inactive status of a license by submitting an affidavit to the Board requesting inactive status. The affidavit must also affirm that while on inactive status the licensee:

(a) Will not practice athletic training in Georgia or hold themselves out to the public as an athletic trainer in Georgia; and,

(b) Understands that to practice or hold oneself out to the public as an athletic trainer in the state of Georgia constitutes unlicensed practice and will subject the licensee to disciplinary action.

~~(2) While the athletic trainer's license is classified as inactive, that athletic trainer shall not be required to obtain continuing education. An athletic trainer whose license is on inactive status shall not represent himself/herself to the public as being able to practice as an athletic trainer.~~

~~(2) A licensee may maintain his/her license on inactive status for no more than five years. If licensee does not apply to reactivate his/her license before the end of the five year period, the license will be revoked for failure to reactivate. In order to obtain a new license, a person whose license has been revoked for failure to reactivate must apply for licensure by examination following the procedure set out in Chapter 53-3.~~

~~(3) A licensee may apply for inactive status by submitting an affidavit to the Board requesting inactive status and affirming that while on inactive status he/she will not practice athletic training in Georgia or hold themselves out to the public as an athletic trainer in Georgia. The licensee shall forward their biennial renewal license card to the Board with their affidavit but shall be permitted to retain the decorative wall certificate.~~

~~(4) The board will reactivate a license if the licensee submits upon receipt of the following:~~

~~(a) A complete Application for Reactivation with the non-refundable fee within five years of the date that the license was placed in an inactive status;~~

~~(b) Reactivation Fee (See Fee Schedule);~~

~~(c) Evidence of completion of six hours of continuing education approved by the Board for each year the license was inactive. However, no proof of continuing education will be required of an applicant for reactivation who during the period that the Georgia license was inactive was:~~

~~(1) Practicing with an active license in a jurisdiction that requires continuing education to maintain that license; or~~

~~(2) Practicing with NATA certification in a jurisdiction that has licensing requirement.~~

~~(4) An athletic trainer may maintain the license on inactive status for no more than five (5) years from the date the status was changed. If the license holder does not apply to reactivate the license before the end of the five year period, the athletic trainer will be required to submit:~~

~~(a) A complete reinstatement application with the required non-refundable fee; and,~~

~~(b) A verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education, approved by the Board, which was obtained within two years preceding the date of the reinstatement application.~~

~~(c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.~~

~~(d) Further verification of any information submitted with the application may be required by the Board.~~

**Authority:** O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-1-4; 43-1-7; 43-1-22; 43-1-25; 43-5-6; 43-5-8; and 43-5-9.

**Cognizant Report – R. Hoff**

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

1. **AT170002** Table pending additional investigation.

**Applications for Board Review**

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

**Applications**

1. **W.R.** Refer to Legal Services for issuance of a Public Consent Order for Licensure with a fine in the amount of \$1000, in accordance to the fee schedule, for unlicensed practice from March 2015 to January 2017.
2. **J.D.** Refer to Legal Services for issuance of a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine in the amount of \$500, in accordance to the fee schedule, for unlicensed practice from July 2016 to January 2017.

**Adjournment** There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed by:</b>	Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
<b>Minutes approved on:</b>	June 5, 2017

RUSSELL HOFF  
**BOARD PRESIDENT**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**