

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
June 30, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers Friday, June 30, 2017. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Mr. Russell Hoff, President (via teleconference)
Dr. James Scott, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul White, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Mr. Jeff Porter, Board Member

Attorney General's Office

Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General (via teleconference)

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present.

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

1:00 p.m. Public Rules Hearing

1. Board Rule 53-3-.05 Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

Mr. Hoff called the hearing in the matter of Board Rule 53-3-.05 Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members hearing to order at 1:02 p.m. Members of the Board introduced themselves for the record and Mr. Hoff established that there were no members of the general public present.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
CHAPTER 53-5, STANDARDS OF PRACTICE, RULE 53-3-.05, LICENSURE FOR
MILITARY SPOUSES AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.**

Purpose: All Professional Licensing Boards have been mandated by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34 Military Spouses and Veterans Licensure to adopt rules and regulations implementing a process by which military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for temporary licenses, licenses by endorsement, expedited licenses, or a combination thereof no later than July 1, 2017.

Main Features: The rule will further clarify the means by which military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for temporary licenses, licenses by endorsement, expedited licenses.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS CHAPTER 53-5, STANDARDS OF PRACTICE,
RULE 53-3-.05, LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

Rule 53-3-.05. ~~Repealed~~ Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

(1) A military spouse or transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for licensure if the applicant:

(a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board;

(b) Is entitled to an athletic trainer's license by possessing the qualifications enumerated in Code Section 43-5-8; satisfactorily completes an examination approved by the Board, and has not committed an act which constitutes grounds for denial of a license under Code Section 43-5-10.

(c) Is a holder of a valid athletic trainer license in another State for which the training, experience and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements under this state to obtain a license; and, is obtaining a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state; and

(d) Submits verification of an active license in good standing from another state or specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state.

(2) The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted if deemed necessary to evaluate the application.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-5-6, 43-5-8, 43-5-9.

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received or offered during the hearing.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received or offered from the general public during the hearing.

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the Board Rule 53-3-.05 Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members proposed amendment as posted.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 53-3-.05 Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members upon licensees and noted that there is a positive economic impact in that it allows military service members, transitioning service members and their spouses to obtain a license to work sooner. Mr. Hoff further noted that the revisions to the rule are a result of a statutory requirement to make allowances to expedite licensure for military service members, transitioning service members and their spouses.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule 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.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-5-6, 43-5-8 and 43-5-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Athletic Trainers.

2. Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement

Mr. Hoff called the hearing in the matter of Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement hearing to order at 1:06 p.m. Members of the Board introduced themselves for the record and Mr. Hoff established that there were no members of the general public present.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS CHAPTER 53-6, RENEWAL, RULE 53-6-.03, REINSTATEMENT.

Purpose: The purpose is to amend the continuing education requirements for the reinstatement of a license to be consistent with the biennium requirements of licensed athletic trainers and to include the additional requirement that applicant must submit proof of current certification form the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

Main Features: The amendments will further clarify the continuing education requirements for the reinstatement of a license that has been revoked or lapsed for a period of two (2) years or less or for a period of more than two (2) years and adds the requirement that applicants must submit proof of current certification form the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS CHAPTER 53-6, RENEWAL, RULE 53-6-.03, REINSTATEMENT.

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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~~Verification of forty (40) hours Continuing Education obtained within two years prior to ~~of~~ 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~~Submitssion of a complete reinstatement application, with the required fee; and

(c) Submits verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education obtained within two years prior to ~~of~~ 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.

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received or offered during the hearing.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received or offered from the general public during the hearing.

Mr. White motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement proposed amendment as posted.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement upon licensees. Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule 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.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-5-6; 43-5-8; and 43-5-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Athletic Trainers.

3. Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status

Mr. Hoff called the hearing in the matter of Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status hearing to order at 1:09 p.m. Members of the Board introduced themselves for the record and Mr. Hoff established that there were no members of the general public present.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS CHAPTER 53-6, RENEWAL, RULE 53-6-.04, INACTIVE STATUS.

Purpose: The purpose is to amend the rule to identify the process in which a licensee may apply for inactive status and to further clarify the process and requirements by which an individual may reactivate and/or reinstate a license.

Main Features: The amendments will further clarify the process by which one may apply for inactive status of a license and the requirements for reactivation or reinstatement of a license.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS CHAPTER 53-6, RENEWAL, RULE 53-6-.04, INACTIVE STATUS.

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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.~~

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

(2) ~~p~~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 reactive 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.

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received or offered during the hearing.

Verbal Comments Received

No verbal comments were received or offered from the general public during the hearing.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status proposed amendment as posted.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status upon licensees. Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule 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.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4; 43-1-7, 43-1-22; 43-1-25; 43-5-6; 43-5-8; and 43-5-9 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Athletic Trainers.

The hearing adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. SB 47 - AT Exemption for Licensure - Traveling Teams

Mr. Hoff received an inquiry concerning Senate Bill 47 from a licensee as it relates to athletic trainers working with traveling teams. It was the consensus of the Board to request Mr. Hoff to provide the staff contact information for the person making the inquiry in order to request that he or she provide specific examples for the Board to consider during the next Board meeting on September 25, 2017.

2. Athletic Trainer Administration of Epinephrine for Anaphylactic Emergency

Mr. Hoff asked the Board for input concerning Athletic Trainers administering epinephrine without the use of an EpiPen. He reported that due to an increase in the cost of the EpiPen, epinephrine is now being issued in vials for the athletic trainer to draw up into a syringe. Mr. Hoff indicated that he brought this issue before the Board to ask if drawing up epinephrine would fall under the provisions of the law for athletic trainers if he or she is operating under the physician's orders. Dr. Scott commented that he would agree that it is beneficial for athletic trainers to be able to administer epinephrine in emergency situations and he would much rather they have access to a vial rather than nothing at all. He further stated that the practice may be safer if athletic trainers were provided single dose vials and the athletic trainer is acting under the supervision of a physician.

3. Dry Needling

Mr. Hoff stated he was requested to ask the Board for their comments on dry needling as this topic is growing in popularity among Athletic Trainers. Mr. Price stated that physicals therapists have the authority to perform dry needling within their practice act, but the process of gaining that authority has met with great opposition from the acupuncturists and some physicians. Dr. Scott stated that he feels that more information is needed from the individual requesting the Board to consider this topic. It is the consensus of the Board to have staff obtain information about the individual asking the question and request that he or she formalize their question and submit written correspondence to the Board for discussion at the next Board meeting September 25, 2017.

Mr. Hoff 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 Russell Hoff, Paul White and Dr. James Scott.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, June 30, 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

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. **AT160010** Mr. Hoff Motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the AG Office the discretion to negotiate on this matter as was discussed and accept the order upon receipt.

Adjournment No additional business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 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:	September 25, 2017

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR