

**GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**September 25, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference Monday, September 25, 2017. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Mr. Russell Hoff, President  
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

**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.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1. June 5, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 5, 2017 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. June 30, 2017 Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 30, 2017 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify – May 29, 2017 – September 18, 2017**

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. White 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.

**Correspondence – Athletic Trainers Use of Epinephrine, Narcan and Use of Dry Needling – Ron Courson**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the administrative staff nor the Board members themselves are able to interpret Georgia law and rules for any third party and to consult legal counsel of their choosing to assist them in an interpretation of the professions practice act.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Athletic Trainers Use of Dry Needling to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice.

**Correspondence – Senate Bill 47 – Paul Higgs**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Senate Bill 47 to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice and assign Ms. Price to poll the other states to determine how they handle ATs traveling into their states with sporting events.

**Discussion BR 53-3-.05. Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members**

**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.

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 53-3-.05. Licensure for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members, to Mr. Hoff for revision and to present recommended changes at the next meeting.

**2018 Athletic Trainers Board Meeting Dates**

Teleconference	Monday, March 5, 2018	1:00 p.m.
Teleconference	Monday, June 4, 2018	1:00 p.m.
Teleconference	Monday, September 10, 2018	1:00 p.m.
Teleconference	Monday, December 3, 2018	1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion accept the 2018 Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers Board meeting dates as presented.

**Board Member Elections**

**1. Board Chairperson**

Mr. White motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Russell Hoff as the Board's Chair.

**2. Vice Chairperson**

Mr. White motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. James Scott as the Board's Vice Chairperson.

**3. Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant**

Mr. White motioned, Dr. Scott seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Mr. Hoff as the Board's Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant.

**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 brought to the Board's attention that they may want to consider developing a Board Rule to address the process of granting licensure during declared natural disasters and emergencies. She suggested for the Board to reevaluate the current application and consider possibly waiving the application fee and allowing online license verifications.

Ms. Price reminded Board members that the process of expediting applications for licensure for transitioning military service members and their spouses has gone into effect, but noted expedited processing occurs only when the application is complete. Additionally, if the application has to come before the Board for any reason, i.e. arrests, sanctions, false information, malpractice, etc., the application is processed expeditiously and will prepared for the very next Board meeting, to include the unscheduled teleconferences.

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

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, September 25, 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. June 5, 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 5, 2017 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. June 30, 2017 Executive Teleconference Minutes**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 30, 2017 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report**

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. White seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s Office report as presented.

**Adjournment** No additional business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed and edited by:</b>	Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
<b>Minutes approved on:</b>	December 4, 2017

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

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