

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Teleconference Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, September 16, 2019. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Russell Hoff, MS, ATC, LAT, Chairperson
Dr. James Scott, MD, Board Member
Jeff Porter, Board Member
Yusuf Ali, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Califf, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office Present

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Not Present

No members absent.

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 1:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1. July 1, 2019 Open Session Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Hoff seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 1, 2019 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

Dr. Scott joined the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Licenses to Ratify: June 24, 2019 – September 9, 2019

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter 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.

Discussion – Board of Certification (BOC)

1. Telehealth-in-Florida

The Board entered into a discussion regarding telehealth. Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to submit a referral to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Advice regarding the statutory authority for athletic trainers to engage in telehealth.

2. Seeking Regulatory Affairs Advisory Panel Members

3. Poll – Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) Accredits First Program Outside the U.S.

4. Compliance and Regulatory Education (CARE) Conference Summary

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the Board of Certification as information.

Discussion – 2020 Board Meeting Dates

All meeting dates are Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

March 23, 2020

June 1, 2020
September 14, 2020
December 7, 2020

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to approve the 2020 Board teleconference dates as listed.

Discussion - Rule 53-1-.01. Administration

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 53-1-.01. Administration, to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Rule 53-1-.01. Administration

All Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Administration of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers shall be administered by the Joint Secretary of the ~~State Examining Boards~~ [Professional Licensing Boards](#) Division of the Office of the Secretary of State. ~~The office of the Joint Secretary is located at 166 Pryor Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.~~

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-1-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25; 43-5-2.

History. Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" was filed on June 8, 1978; effective June 28, 1978. Filed July 21, 1983; effective August 10, 1983.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Administration" adopted. F. Apr. 28, 1989; eff. May 18, 1989.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously that there was no economic impact of the rule revision as the changes are housekeeping, not substantive in nature, will not create any excessive costs nor would it be feasible to take a different action.

Board Member Elections

1. Board Chairperson

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

2. Vice Chairperson

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

3. Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant

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

Board Chairperson's Report – R. Hoff

The Board entered into a discussion regarding O.C.G.A. § 43-5-7. The Board determined there are some aspects of the profession which are difficult to regulate because of the current language within the statute. It was the consensus of the Board that each member would review the statute to identify language that may be problematic to discuss during the December 2, 2019 meeting. The Board will then consider at that time whether or not to forward their concerns to the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association to consider proposing amendments to the statute during the next legislative session.

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

Executive Director's Report – A. Price

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.

Other Relevant Topics:

- Reorganization of Boards Due to Workflow

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's Report 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); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1) to receive and review information pertaining to applications, pending cases, investigative reports and enforcement matters and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Russell Hoff, Dr. James Scott, Jeff Porter and Yusef Ali.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, September 16, 2019, 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. July 1, 2019 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the July 1, 2019 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Tracy

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

Legal Services Memo

1. Case for Reconsideration – AT190008

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve a payment plan of a minimum of \$50 per month for ten months to satisfy the fine requirements of the Consent Order/Agreement.

2. Amendments to the Joint Secretary Rules on Late Renewal Periods

In the absence of Ms. Uzzo, Ms. Price presented the Board with information concerning proposed Joint Secretary of State Rule amendments regarding the lapsed-late renewal period. The current lapsed-late renewal period is 90 days and the proposed amendment will change this time limit to 30 days. If passed, the change would go into effect for the 2022 renewal biennium and not apply towards the current renewal cycle.

The proposed rule amendment will encourage licensees to renew in a timely manner and avoid a more costly reinstatement fee. If passed, the amended rules will apply to all Boards who do not have statutory provisions to the contrary.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to support this change.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 2822659 Issue the license and send notification to the North Carolina Athletic Trainer Board as discussed.

Welcome to New Board Member

Mr. Hoff was joined by the other Board members in welcoming Mr. Yusuf to the Board as their Consumer Member. Mr. Hoff shared that he sees the public member input as quite valuable because a person in this position can see issues that licensees in the field might not appreciate and/or recognize. Mr. Ali stated that he looks forward to helping in any way possible as well as pledging his commitment to the required due diligence to make the most informed recommendations.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: December 2, 2019

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR