

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Teleconference Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, December 2, 2019. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

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 1:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1. September 16, 2019 Open Session Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 16, 2019 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: September 9, 2019 – November 25, 2019

Dr. Scott 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. Discipline Process
2. Regulatory Update – Compliance and Regulatory Education (CARE) Conference
3. Continuing Professional Certification Update Licenses
4. Cert Update - Ready, Set, Submit

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

Discussion – Board Rule 53-6-.02. Late Renewal

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 53-6-.02. Late Renewal, to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority, and if no objections, vote to post.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 53-6-.02. Late Renewal upon licensees. Mr. Ali and Mr. Porter, 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.

Rule 53-6-.02. Late Renewal

A license which is renewed between July 1st and ~~September 30th~~ July 31st following the expiration date of the license is subject to a penalty surcharge. (See Fee Schedule.)

1) Failure to apply to renew a license ~~by October 1st~~ on or before July 31st of an even year shall have the same effect as revocation.

2) Failure to submit a complete renewal application, to include any supplemental documentation requested on the application, such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation for failure to demonstrate that he or she meets all requirements for the renewal of the license.

3) Any violations of the law or rules governing the practice of an athletic trainer may subject the licensee to ~~or other~~ disciplinary action by the Board.

Board Chairperson's Report – R. Hoff

No report 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.

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. 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); 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 Yusuf Ali.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, December 2, 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. September 16, 2019 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 16, 2019 executive session teleconference minutes as presented.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. Unlicensed Practice Cases

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to submit a referral to the Attorney General's Office for Legal Advice concerning the scope of practice of athletic trainers in relation to the definition of athletic injuries.

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. Cases for Ratification

- i. AT200005
- ii. AT200003

iii. AT200004

iv. AT190008

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Orders upon receipt.

2. Referral Case Applicant 2826524

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license.

Applications for Board Review

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

Applicant 2827046 Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement with a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice from July 8, 2019 to August 27, 2019.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: March 23, 2020

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR