

**GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**Monday, March 23, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.**

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, March 23, 2020. 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.

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

**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. December 2, 2019 Open Session Teleconference Minutes**

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 2, 2019 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: November 25, 2019 – March 16, 2020**

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali 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 – New Reports from Georgia Department of Public Health Drug Surveillance Unit (DSU)**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the New Reports from Georgia Department of Public Health Drug Surveillance Unit (DSU) as information.

**Correspondence – United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Temporarily Closing Offices to the Public March 18-April 1**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to USCIS as information.

**Discussion – Board of Certification (BOC)**

- 1. Regulatory Affairs Advisory Panel**
- 2. Statement on Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
- 3. State Regulatory Network Update – Cancellation of Exams March 16, 2020**

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

**Discussion – Notice of Hearing Date on Joint Secretary Rules**

1. Chapter 295-2 – March 6, 2020
2. Chapter 295-15 – March 6, 2020

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to Notice of Hearing Date on Joint Secretary Rules as information.

**Discussion – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services – Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services – Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth as information.

**Board President’s Report – R. Hoff**

Mr. Hoff addressed the Board regarding his plans to contact the president of the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) for the purpose of addressing whether or not GATA would be interested in introducing amendments to the Georgia Athletic Trainers practice act to legislature that will better promote and support the practice of athletic trainers in the state of Georgia and more effectively protect the health safety and welfare of the public.

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board President Report as presented and support his endeavor to contact GATA.

**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. In addition, Ms. Price addressed the following topics with the Board:

- Georgia General Assembly
  - HB 773 – Proposed Reciprocity Bill
  - SB 285 – Proposed Bill to Not Require a License for Military and Military Spouses to Practice
  - SB 316 – Proposed Amendments for Spouses of Military and Transitioning Service Members
- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- Mandatory Language Change on Board Websites

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.

**1:30 p.m. Public Rules Hearing – Board Rule 53-1-.01. Administration**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS RULE CHAPTER 53-1, ORGANIZATION, BOARD RULE 53-1-.01 ADMINISTRATION.**

**Purpose/ Main Features:** The purpose of this rule amendment is housekeeping and are not substantive in nature. The amendments remove outdated designations for the title of the Board and the agency and removes an outdated address.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS RULE CHAPTER 53-1, ORGANIZATION, BOARD RULE 53-1-.01 ADMINISTRATION.**

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

**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.~~

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(a)(1), 43-1-25 and 43-5-6(a)

Mr. Hoff called the hearing in the matter of Board Rule 53-1-.01. Administration hearing to order at 1:30 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.

**Written Comments Received**

No written comments were received.

**Verbal Comments Received**

No verbal comments were received.

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the Board Rule 53-1-.01. Administration proposed amendment.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 53-1-.01. Administration upon licensees. Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali 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. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali 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. §§ 43-1-2(a)(1), 43-1-25 and 43-5-6(a) 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 1:35 p.m.

**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, Jeff Porter and Yusuf Ali.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, March 23, 2020, 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**

Dr. Scott joined the meeting.

**Executive Session Minutes**

**1. December 2, 2019 Executive Session Teleconference Minutes**

Mr. Ali motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 2, 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.

**Applications for Board Review**

**Applicant 2832713** Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure for unlicensed practice from May 20, 2019 – September 27, 2019 with a fine of \$500.00 to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for CE audit. Mr. Hoff recused himself from the vote.

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.

**Applicant 2836496** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure for unlicensed practice from July 1, 2018 – May 2019 with a fine of \$500.00 to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for CE audit.

**Applicant 2838717** Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure for unlicensed practice from September 2014 – July 2019 with a fine of \$2800.00 to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for CE audit.

**Applicant 2838715** Issue the license.

**Adjournment** There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed by:** Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** June 2, 2020

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

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