

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Teleconference Minutes
Monday, March 22, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, March 22, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Reagan Dean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Dr. Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – December 7, 2020 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 7, 2020 open session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: November 30, 2020 – March 15, 2021

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott 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. CERT Update November 2020 – Athletic Training Adapts During Pandemic
2. CARE Conference Postponed

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to accept the correspondence in reference to the Board of Certification as information.

Discussion – Discussion – HB 627 – Athletic Trainer Practice Act

Mr. Hoff addressed the Board by reminding them that he was approved by the Board to reach out to the state association and that they worked with their lobbyists to propose legislative changes. Amendments to the law were proposed but never got out of committee due to the fact that proposed amendments to the definition of 'injury condition' was considered by other associations to be an expansion in AT scope of practice and therefore had pushback.

Ms. Price noted that she was informed that the associations for occupational therapy and physical therapy provided the primary opposition to the proposed language, and recommended that Board members review the bill and develop some alternative language to present to The Georgia Athletic Trainer Association so that they will have something to present to the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council (GORRC). It was the consensus of the Board that they will review any further recommendations during the June 7, 2021 Zoom meeting.

Board President's Report – R. Hoff

Mr. Hoff reiterated his stance regarding the invitation from the state sponsoring legislator for HB 627 who invited him to be present during the Committee meeting discussion. Mr. Hoff noted to the Board that he could not address much because of his position as Board Chair and that information sharing is confidential and limited.

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

Yusef Ali joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Porter motioned, Dr. Scott 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, March 22, 2021, 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 – December 7, 2020 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 7, 2020 executive session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – R. Dean

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

Complaint Summary Report – R. Hoff

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendation made in Executive session:

AT210007 Refer to Investigations for an expedited investigation.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

Dr. Scott motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive session:

1. CE AUDIT

a) **AT210008** Renew the license with a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a reprimand and fine of \$500 for failure to meet requirements for renewal of the license within the biennium. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Must complete 40 hours of CE within 90 days of the docket date of the order. CE taken to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending June 30, 2022 and flag for CE audit.

b) **AT210009** Renew the license with a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a reprimand and fine of \$500 for failure to meet requirements for renewal of the license within the biennium. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Must complete 40 hours of CE within 90 days of the docket date of the order. CE taken to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending June 30, 2022 and flag for CE audit.

2. RENEWAL – AT210003 Hand-serve a notice for an Investigative Interview with the Board Cognizant and Assistant Attorney General to determine the action that took place, by what entity and why the licensee has failed to respond. Findings to be reported to the Board during the next meeting.

Dr. Scott expressed his appreciation to the Board and to staff as he announced that he will be resigning from his position as a Board Vice Chair because he is retiring and moving out of state. Staff and the Board members shared their gratitude for his service.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: June 21, 2021

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR