

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners met via teleconference on Monday, September 13, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Russell Hoff, MS, ATC, LAT, Chairperson
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

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Abby Nichol
Dr. Sandra Eskew-Capps, PT, DPT
Alexander Cosper

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – June 21, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as amended.

Licenses to Ratify: June 14, 2021 – September 6, 2021

Mr. Ali 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. CARE Educational Series Webinar Recap
2. Cert Update: Orthopedic Specialty Certification
3. BOC Launches New International Arrangement
4. Webinar – Help Shape the Future of Recertification for Athletic Trainers

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

Discussion – Board Rules

The Board tabled discussion of BR 53-3-.05. Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members, and BR 53-3-06. Expedited Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members for Executive Session.

1. **BR 53-3-.05. Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members**

2. BR 53-3-06. Expedited Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members_09132021

3. BR 53-4-.03. Application

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 53-4-.03. Application to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Discussion – 2022 Board Meeting Dates

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

March 21, 2022

June 6, 2022

September 26, 2022

December 5, 2022

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 2022 Board Meeting Dates as presented.

Board Member Elections

1. Board Chairperson

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

3. Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant

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

Board President's Report – R. Hoff

Mr. Hoff reiterated what he reported during the last meeting stating that he has accomplished what he was tasked to do by the Board. His objective was to reach out to the Georgia Athletic Trainer Association (GATA) and explain that the role of the Board is to stay neutral, and that lobbyists should handle any final legislative work on the practice act, as the Board does not have the legal authority to lobby for legislation. Mr. Hoff also remarked that should the GATA move forward with amendments; they will need to be presented to the Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council (GORCC) or risk being vetoed by the Governor.

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:

- Board Member Vacancy
- Changes at the Office
- New Administrative Policy Regarding Applications

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, Mr. Ali 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, September 13, 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 – June 21, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 21, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – M. Tracey

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

1. BR 53-3-.05 Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members

Rule 53-3-.05. Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members

- (1) A military spouse or spouse of a transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34.1, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process by endorsement if the applicant:
 - (a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board; and,
 - (b) ~~Is a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member stationed within this state; and, entitled to an athletic trainer's license by possessing the qualifications enumerated in Code Section 43-5-8 and has not committed an act which constitutes grounds for denial of a license under Code Section 43-5-10.~~
 - (c) Holds a current license to practice as an athletic trainer in another state for which the training, experience, and testing are substantially similar in qualifications and scope to the requirements under this state; and,
 - (d) Is in good standing in such other state.
- (2) If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, the applicant must submit verification of each license.
- (3) The Board may request further verification of any credential submitted to ~~include 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~~ prove military service of the spouse who is serving in or transitioning out of the military.

(4) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

2. BR 53-3-.06 Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members

Rule 53-3-.06 Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members.

- (1) An active duty military or transitioning service member, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34, is deemed eligible to apply for an expedited licensure process if the applicant:
- (a) Has submitted a complete application along with a fee in the amount established by the Board; and,
 - (b) Holds a license from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements under this state; and,
Is obtaining a specialty, certification, training, or experience in the military while a service member
 - (c) which substantially meets or exceeds the requirements to obtain a license in this state; and,
Is in good standing in such other state.
 - (d)
- (2) If the applicant has held a license in another state, jurisdiction or territory, the applicant must submit verification of each license.
- (3) Nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed to invalidate, override, or amend any licensing compact entered into by the State of Georgia.

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer BR 53-3-.05. Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses and Spouses of Transitioning Service Members, and BR 53-3-.06. Expedited Licensure for Active Duty Military and Transitioning Service Members to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Legal Services MEMO – AT210008

Mr. Ali motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a fine of \$500 for failure to meet CE requirements within the biennium. CE submitted to meet the requirements of the 2018-2020 cycle may not be used to satisfy requirements for the 2020-2022 cycle and flag for CE audit.

Complaint Summary Report – R. Hoff – AT220001

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the recommendations as discussed in Executive Session.

Application for Board Review

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

Applicant 2949736 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding unlicensed practice.

Applicant 2958357 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding unlicensed practice.

Applicant 2949399 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding unlicensed practice.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: December 6, 2021

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR