

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via Zoom on Monday, December 5, 2022. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Russell Hoff, MS, ATC, LAT, Chairperson
Yusuf Ali, Vice Chair
Dr. Robert Kelly, MD, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Absent

Diane King, Board Member

Attorney General's Office Present

Sandra Bailey, Assistant Attorney General

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 1:09 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – November 14, 2022 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Dr. Kelly motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 14, 2022 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: September 19, 2022 – November 28, 2022

Dr. Kelly 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.

Discussion – Board of Certification (BOC)

- 1. Regulatory Update – DAE-Powerful Resource for Sharing Disciplinary Information**
- 2. Cert Update – Get Ahead – 2022-2023 Certification Maintenance Requirements, Resources & Reporting**

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

Discussion – Rule 53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education

The Board indicated the rule amendment is necessary to prevent and deter licensees from not being earnest in obtaining their continuing education (CE). It will encourage licensees to actively and legitimately participate in, as well as gain and retain additional knowledge from, the CE courses that are being taken. The Board considered data concerning the average attention span of an adult, language from other licensing boards, as well as the number of hours in a typical workday in arriving at the conclusion that 10 hours of coursework in one calendar day is appropriate. It is the Board's position that the amendment helps to ensure competent practitioners and help to prohibit fraud in the completion and submission of CE hours thus increasing public health and safety.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Board Rule 53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of Authority and if no objections, vote to post.

Rule 53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education

- (1) Athletic trainer licenses expire on June 30th of even numbered years and are renewable for two years upon receipt of a renewal application and renewal fee and upon compliance with the continuing education requirement set forth below.
- (2) To be eligible for renewal, an athletic trainer must have completed, within the preceding two years, at least forty contact hours of continuing education acceptable to the Board. Provided, however, that an athletic trainer who received his license within one year of the renewal date shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirements for that renewal period. Each athletic trainer may not complete more than ten (10) hours of continuing education in one calendar day and shall retain proof of attendance of continuing education programs for a period of three years from the date of attendance.
- (3) Athletic trainers will be required to answer questions on their biennial renewal form which establish their compliance with the continuing education requirement. A false statement regarding compliance with the continuing education requirement shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.
- (4) The staff of the Board shall make a random selection of the actively licensed athletic trainers for the purpose of auditing their compliance with the continuing education requirements of this chapter. Failure to submit such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-6-.01

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-4](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-5-6](#), [43-5-9](#).

History. Original Rule entitled "Guidelines" adopted. F. June 8, 1978; eff. June 28, 1978.

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

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Renewal of License, Continuing Education" adopted. F. May 11, 1994; eff. May 31, 1994.

Amended: F. June 16, 2004; eff. July 6, 2004.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 1, 2008; eff. Feb. 21, 2008.

Board President'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. In addition, the following topic was discussed:

- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit Filing for AY2022

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director's Report as presented.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Kelly 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, Yusuf Ali, and Dr. Robert Kelly, MD.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, December 5, 2022, 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 – November 14, 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ali motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the November 14 2022 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – S. Bailey

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

Legal Services MEMO – Cases to Ratify

1. AT230002
2. AT230001
3. AT230003

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the orders upon received.

The Board entered into a discussion regarding Policy D5 Unlicensed Practice Fine Schedule. Policy D5 will be added to the agenda for further discussion during the next Board meeting, March 20, 2023.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by:	Megan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on:	March 20, 2023

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR