

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 5, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via Zoom on Monday, June 5, 2023. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Toni Moore, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No Members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Sandra Bailey, Assistant Attorney General
Emily Willis, Intern, Attorney General's Office

Visitors Present

Paul Higgs, AT, Past President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA), Governmental Affairs
Jill Manners, Athletic Training Program Director, University of Georgia

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 – April 19, 2023 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ali motioned, Ms. King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 19, 2023 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Kelly abstained from the vote.

Licenses to Ratify: March 13, 2023 – May 29, 2023

Mr. Ali motioned, Ms. King 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. **International Arrangement – Impact on Athletic Training in Individual States**
2. **Daily Digest – State Regulators Should Review the BOC Orthopedic Practice Analysis**
3. **Content Outline for Orthopedic Practice Analysis**
4. **Orthopedic Practice Analysis**
5. **The Road to Dry Needling State Policy in Athletic Training**

Mr. Ali motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to refer the question as to whether dry needling is within the scope of practice for an athletic trainer to the Attorney General's Office for Legal Advice.

6. Regulatory Update – State Regulators Should Review the BOC Orthopedic Practice Analysis

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

Discussion – Letter of Support for HB 278

During the March 20, 2023 Zoom meeting, the Board voted for Diane King to draft a letter to the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) and the legislature in support of HB 278 to present back to the Board for approval during the next meeting. Ms. King presented her draft today and will present the recommended amendments to her draft back to the full board during the September 25, 2023 Zoom meeting for final review.

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
- Georgia Online Application Licensing System (G.O.A.L.S.)

Ms. King motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Board President’s Report – R. Hoff

No formal report 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, Diane King, and Dr. Robert Kelly, MD.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, June 5, 2023, 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 – April 19, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ali motioned, Ms. King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 19, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – S. Bailey

1. AG MEMO – Policy Review – Unlicensed Practice Fine Schedule

POLICY D5

Statutory Basis: OCGA § 43-19-1(h)(2); OCGA § 43-5-6; § 43-5-10
Rule Basis: BR 53-8

It is the policy of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers to issue a Public Reprimand with a fine when reviewing applications depicting unlicensed practice as follows:

- a. Thirty-one (31) Days – Up to One (1) Year = \$500.00
- b. Over One (1) Year = \$1000.00 plus \$500 per year thereafter.

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer Policy D5 to the Governor's Office for approval and to release the Attorney General's Memorandum of Authority regarding Policy D5 with the referral.

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

Cognizant Report – D. King – AT230005

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

Close the case with no action.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – Case Closures (< 2010)

Mr. Hoff motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to close all complaint cases dated December 31, 2010 and older.

Applications for Board Review

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

Applicant 2939635 Renew the license.

Applicant 3094699 Reinstate the license.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by:	Megan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on:	September 11, 2023

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR