

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via WebEx on Monday, September 25, 2023. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Donna Richardson, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Sandra Bailey, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Jay Johnson, AT
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Administrative Staff Absent

Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor

Andy Grubbs, President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA)

Paul Higgs, AT, Past President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA), Governmental Affairs

Call to Order: Mr. Hoff established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – September 11, 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 September 11, 2023 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented. Dr. Kelly abstained.

Licenses to Ratify: May 29, 2023 – September 18, 2023

Ms. King 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) – Cert Update – Breaking Down Barriers through IDEAS

Dr. Kelly motioned, Ms. King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to accept the correspondence in reference to BOC as information.

Discussion – Letter of Support for HB 278

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to approve issuance of a Letter of Support for HB 278.

Discussion – Request from Georgia Department of Public Health Opioid Substance Misuse Response Program – Donovan M. Stephens, MPH, Deputy Director

Mr. Hoff motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k)(1), approve release of the identified applicant information to the Georgia Department of Public Health Opioid & Substance Misuse Response Program upon receipt of written request.

2024 AT WebEx Board Meeting Dates

All meetings begin at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 2024

Monday, June 3, 2024

Monday, September 23, 2024

Monday, December 16, 2024

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 2024 Board meeting dates as presented.

Annual Board Member Elections

The Board voted by acclamation to accept all current positions for the upcoming year.

Board Chairperson, Russell Hoff

Vice Chairperson, Yusef Ali

Complaints/Disciplinary Cognizant, Diane King

National Conference Representative, Diane King

Board President's Report – R. Hoff

No formal 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
- PLB Updates

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Hoff 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, Diane King, and Dr. Robert Kelly, MD.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, September 25, 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 – September 11, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the September 11, 2023 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – S. Bailey

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.

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 243069 Ratify decision to place license in Inactive Status.

Applicant 3093384 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history and previous disciplinary action by another jurisdiction.

Applicant 3090842 Issue the license.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Megan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: December 4, 2023

RUSSELL HOFF
BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR