

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 22, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via WebEx on Monday, September 22, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Diane King, AT, Chairperson
Yusuf Ali, Consumer Board Member, Vice Chair
Dr. Robert Kelly, MD, Board Member
Jeffrey Hopp, AT, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Vanessa Alva, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Shannon Flemming, Sr. Vice President of Credentialing, Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers
Paul Higgs, AT, Past President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA), Governmental Affairs
Call-In User 1
Call-In User 2
Kristen
Abby
Kyle Huff

Call to Order: Ms. King established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board voted by acclamation to accept the agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes – June 9, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Dr. Kelly motioned, Mr. Hopp seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: June 2, 2025 – September 15, 2025

Mr. Hopp motioned, Dr. Kelly 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 - The Value of BOC Certification

The Board accepted the correspondence regarding BOC as information.

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

The Board discussed that SB 125 gives the Secretary of State the authority to choose a CE tracking solution on behalf of the professional licensing Boards to monitor compliance with applicable continuing education requirements. There was a bid process that took place, CE Broker won the bid, and they will become the approved vendor for the Professional Licensing Boards Division. The bill was signed into law and will require all licensees to record their continuing education activities and certificates of completion into CE Broker in order to apply to renew the license. Information regarding this requirement will go out to licensees renewal cycles approach and information

will also be posted on the Board website. Considering this new requirement, Ms. Price recommended that the Board consider the proposed amendment to Board Rule 53-6-.01 as presented as the purpose of its adoption will be to remove information asymmetries by serving as an official notice to licensees that this new requirement exists in statute which is outside of their practice act or the general provisions, where they have become accustomed to search. Additionally, the changes carry out policy objectives outlined in SB 125. As there is no additional cost to licensees to use CE Broker besides any costs associated with internet or web-access, which is available at some locales via Wi-Fi, free of charge, the economic impact is negligible.

Yusef Ali joined the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

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

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are scheduled Monday's at 1:00 pm (via WebEx unless otherwise indicated on the Board website closer to the meeting date).

March 16, 2026
June 15, 2026
September 21, 2026
December 14, 2026

The Board voted by acclamation to accept the 2026 Board meeting dates as presented.

Board Meeting Elections

The Board voted by acclamation to maintain all current Board Member Officer positions for the upcoming year.

Board President's Report – D. King

Ms. King initiated a discussion regarding amendments to the athletic trainer practice act. Mr. Hopp reported on the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) and American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA) Summit hosted by Ron Courson at the University of Georgia (UGA). The purpose of the summit was to bring GATA, APTA Georgia leaders and other interested parties together to discuss and education everyone about the intent of proposed amendments to the athletic trainer practice act as incorporated in HB 314. There was an effort to assure that the other healthcare professionals that GATA is in no way expanding the scope of practice for athletic trainers. He indicated that he left feeling pretty good about the situation. He further stated that the topic of dry needling was tabled at the moment to focus on attempts to get the rest of the language in the bill passed.

Mr. Higgs concurred that the meeting was held to clarify intent and to collaborate on some language that might be acceptable to all parties involved. He indicated that it was a very good meeting and that the compromised language will need the Boards' approval before GATA moves forward. Once it is finalized it will provided to the Board to review during a upcoming meeting that has yet to be determined. Mr. Hopp stated that he will provide the documentation to Ms. Price and requested that the Board develop a position statement once there has been an opportunity to review and discuss the language that is shared.

Mr. Hopp motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board Chair Report as 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:

- PLB Updates

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

Dr. Kelly motioned, Mr. Hopp 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 Diane King, Yusel Ali, Jeffrey Hopp, and Dr. Robert Kelly, MD.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, September 22, 2025, Ms. King 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 9, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Hopp seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 9, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – V. Alva

1. AG Memo AT250082

Ms. King motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind previous motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding unlicensed practice from September 11, 2023 to June 4, 2024.

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

Legal Services MEMO

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

1. Cases for Ratification

- a) AT250080
- b) AT240003

Accept orders as received.

2. Request for Reconsideration – AT250067

Rescind previous motion and renew the license.

Cognizant Summary Report – D. King

AT260001 Close case due to insufficient information to initiate an investigation.

Mr. Hopp motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant Summary Report as presented.

Complaint Status Report

Mr. Hopp motioned, Ms. King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Complaint Status Report as presented.

Cognizant Ratification Report – Applicant 4181069

Dr. Kelly motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind previous motion and issue the license.

Applications for Board Review

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

Initial Application – Applicant 4230455

Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for licensure Agreement with a fine of \$1500 for unlicensed practice May 4, 2021 – October 15, 2022, and January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Fine to be paid in full within six (6) months of the order docket date. Flag for CE audit.

Reinstatements

Applicant 4258955 Reinstatement the license.

Applicant 4301666 Reinstatement the license.

Applicant 4309361 Reinstatement the license.

Applicant 4179809

Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$1500 for unlicensed practice from August 3, 2022 - October 15, 2024. Fine to be paid in full within six (6) months of the order docket date. CE hours taken for reinstatement cannot be applied to future license renewals. Flag for CE Audit.

Applicant 4187786

Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$2500 for unlicensed practice from July 30, 2020 - November 4, 2024. Fine to be paid in full within 12 months of the order docket date. Cause applicant to submit an additional 18 CE hours to complete the CE hour requirement and CE taken for reinstatement cannot be applied to future license renewal. Flag for CE audit.

Applicant 4302288

Mr. Hopp motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Private Monitoring Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

December 15, 2025 Board Meeting Date Change

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to change the December 15, 2025 meeting to December 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to ensure a quorum of the Board will be present.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed by:
Minutes approved on:

Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
December 8, 2025

DIANE KING

BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

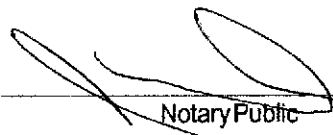
The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

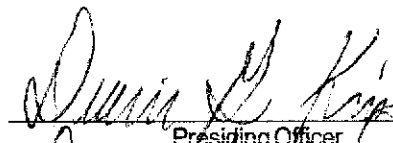
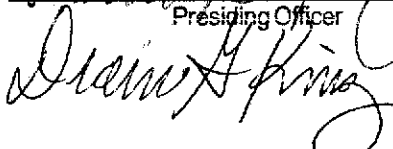
Comes now Diane B. King the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers Board
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On September 22, 2025 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 23 day of September 2025


Notary Public


Presiding Officer

MS, ATC, RD, C550

JONATHAN MILTON ALMOND NOTARY PUBLIC Hall County State of Georgia My Comm. Expires Jan. 25, 2026
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