GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 16, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via WebEx on Monday, March 16, 2026. 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

Attorney General's Office Present
Vanessa Alva, Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent
No members absent.

Administrative Staff Absent
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Visitors Present
Jason Grubb, Propelus, Client Success Manager
Dr. Sandra Eskew Capps, PT, DPT, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)
Paul Higgs, AT, Past President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA), Governmental Affairs
Bryce Bishop
Call-In User 1

Call to Order: Ms. King established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Open Session Minutes – December 8, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 8, 2025 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: December 1, 2025 – March 9, 2026

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.

CE Broker Presentation 1:15 p.m. Jason Grubb, Propelus, Client Success Manager

Mr. Grubb provided an overview of the CE Broker platform and it's beginnings over 20 years ago as the CE repository for the 33 Licensing Boards of State of Florida. He shared that now CE Broker is the chosen platform for over 6 million licensed professionals.

Mr. Grubb provided a demonstration to show the ease of creating an initial account and how to navigate should a licensee be licensed under multiple professions. He noted that there are three tiers of accounts available and most users choose the basic account which is at no cost to the licensee.

Adrienne Price, Executive Director, joined the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

The professional and concierge accounts offer additional benefits for a monthly or yearly premium. Using a test account, Mr Grubb demonstrated the ease of loading CE to the platform from start to finish. He did note that for those who are adding a profession to an already existing CE Broker account, registering the second license type can take 24 hours for the system to validate the information. After the validation, all license types can be managed under a single log-in for those who have multiple licenses.

Ms. King asked how the instructions would be released for the upcoming renewal period to inform licensees to provide their continuing education through CE Broker. Ms. Price responded that the Professional Licensing Board Division will be sending out communications before renewal goes live. She further noted that each Board member will have an account for auditing purposes.

Mr. Grubb stated that an audited account is automatically upgraded to a paid account during the audit process. Once the audit is closed, the account will revert back to the basic account if it was in that tier before the audit.

Ms. King expressed her appreciation for the presentation.

Discussion – Board of Certification (BOC)

Ms. King noted that the BOC Care Conference will be in July this year instead of August, which may be problematic for attendees since that is the peak preparation time for football season. She did state that she believes all or part of the conference will also be held virtually.

Board President's Report – D. King

No official report was presented. Ms. King noted there has been no new activity for Athletic Trainers in Georgia except for the important work Mr. Higgs and Mr. Hopp are working on legislatively. Mr. Hopp stated that the legislation has reached Crossover Day and they are waiting for Committee to bring it up for discussion.

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 topics were discussed:

- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- PLB Updates
- Georgia General Assembly

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

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, March 16, 2026, 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 – December 8, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 8, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

<u>Attorney General's Report – V. Alva</u>

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

<u>Legal Services MEMO – Cases for Ratification</u>

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following orders as received:

1. **AT260008**
2. **AT260009**

<u>Cognizant Summary Report – D. King</u>

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

AT250069 Close the case due to insufficient evidence.

<u>Applications for Board Review</u>

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:

Applicant 4375176	Table pending additional information. If information reveals a satisfactory resolution, issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding action in another jurisdiction and arrest history. If information is unsatisfactory, present the file to the Board for review.
Applicant 4520840	Issue the license with Letter of Concern regarding arrest.
Applicant 4538585	Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with fine of $500 for unlicensed practice August 18, 2025-January 14, 2026, Fine fee to be paid within ninety (90) days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.
Applicant 4445677	Approve request to place license in an Inactive status.
AT250068	Send correspondence to Respondent via certified mail with instructions to demonstrate compliance with conditions of the Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure, docketed May 9, 2025, within 30 days of the date of the letter. If no response is received and/or compliance is not determined, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension with terms and conditions discussed.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: June 15, 2026

<u>DIANE KING</u>	<u>ADRIENNE PRICE</u>
BOARD PRESIDENT	**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 G. 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 ATHLETIC TRAINER Board.

2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. 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, MARCH 16, 2026 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

Diane G King

Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 18th day of March 2026 ~~2025~~

Madison Maple

Notary Public

MADISON MAPLE NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 21, 2028 HALL COUNTY, GA