

GEORGIA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via WebEx on Monday, June 15, 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
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst
Chassett Daniel, Temporary Employee

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Vanessa Alva, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Steve Patterson
Rob Dicks
Kenneth
Sandra Eskew Capps, PT
Paul Higgs, AT, Past President, Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA), Governmental Affairs
Ben Braxley, PT, DPT, President, American Physical Therapy Association-Georgia (APTA-GA)

Call to Order: Ms. King established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

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

Open Session Minutes – March 16, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ali motioned, Mr. Hopp seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the March 16, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: March 10, 2026 – June 7, 2026

Mr. Hopp 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. Understanding CPC Renewal Requirements – Guide for State Regulatory Agencies**
- 2. Accepting Nominations Dave Montgomery Advocacy Award**
- 3. Regulatory Update 2026 – Brad Sherman Regulatory Conference – Best Practices in Action**

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion for Diane King to maintain her position as Board delegate for the Brad Sherman Regulatory 2026 Conference (previously the CARE Conference).

4. **Daily Digest Email – AT Compact Update**
5. **Daily Digest Email – DEADLINE EXTENDED – Dave Montgomery Advocacy Award Nominations**

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

Discussion – Board Rules

Adrienne Price joined the meeting at 1:09 a.m.

Ms. Price presented with the Board with some suggestions for amendments to Rule Chapter 53-3 Renewal and Rule 53-3-.04 to realign them with recent changes in statute and procedures. Her recommendations were as follows:

1. Chapter 53-6 RENEWAL

- a) **Board Rule 53-6-.01 Renewal of License, Continuing Education**
- b) **Board Rule 53-6-.02 Late Renewal**
- c) **Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement**
- d) **Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status**
- e) **Board Rule 53-6-.05 Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board**

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

Amend Rule 53-6-.01 to include provisions of law that require licensing boards to use the continuing education tracking solution selected by the Office of Secretary of State and identifies CE Broker, Inc. as that solution. The biennium dates are further defined to dispel confusion. The suggested amendments establish a process by which CE Providers and/or licensees may request that a CE course be approved by the Board and establishes that such requests must be made and approved before the program is offered or taken. The recommended rule amendments further outline the information that must be on each continuing education certificate and define the auditing process and that should it be discovered during the audit that CE were taken outside of biennium, the license is subject to disciplinary action.

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. Such hours must have been completed prior to the date of the renewal application and within the two-year renewal period (July 1st of even numbered year to June 30th of the following even numbered year). Provided, however, that an athletic trainer who received ~~his-a~~ license within ~~one-the second~~ year of the ~~renewal date~~two-year renewal period shall not be required to meet the continuing education requirements for that renewal period.
 - (a) 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 no less than~~of~~ three years from the date of attendance.
 - (b) The Board will consider a request for continuing education credit for course activities and participation as a speaker, teacher, or panelist if the programs are related to athletic training topics and the requests are submitted in accordance with Rule 53-6-.05(2).
 - (c) Continuing education hours submitted to reinstate a license or to satisfy the requirements of a consent agreement or order of the Board shall not be applied toward meeting the continuing education requirements to renew the license.

- (3) Athletic trainers will be required to answer questions on their biennial renewal ~~form application~~ which establishes their compliance with the continuing education requirement. A false statement regarding compliance with the continuing education requirements ~~and a failure to submit a complete renewal application~~ shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action ~~as determined~~ 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.~~
- ~~(a) Such audits shall include but not be limited to licensed athletic trainers who are:~~
- ~~(i) The subject of a complaint or active investigation with the Board; or,~~
- ~~(ii) Practicing under the terms of a consent agreement or order issued by the Board.~~
- ~~(b) Each licensee or applicant must submit continuing education courses and activities in the continuing education tracking solution approved by the Office of Secretary of State.~~
- ~~(i) For the purposes of this requirement, the Office of the Secretary of State adopts the utilization of CE Broker, Inc.~~
- ~~(ii) Each licensee or applicant subject to this rule shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to the Board and its representatives to access their continuing competence record retained within the online database for the purpose of auditing and verifying completion of the Board's continuing education requirements.~~
- ~~(c) A failure to enter all required continuing education courses, activities, completion certificates, and documents into the approved continuing education tracking solution in accordance with Board rules shall have the same effect as revocation for failure to renew.~~
- ~~(d) Continuing education certificates of completion shall include:~~
- ~~(i) Name and license number of participant;~~
- ~~(ii) Name of provider;~~
- ~~(iii) Name and title of program;~~
- ~~(iv) Hours/CEU's completed;~~
- ~~(v) Date of completion; and,~~
- ~~(vi) Authorizing signature.~~

b) Board Rule 53-6-.02 Late Renewal

Amend Rule 53-6-.02 Late Renewal to clarify that the renewal period is established by Joint Secretary Rules establish and establishes what that continuing education cannot be taken during the late renewal period to meet requirements for the biennium immediately preceding the start of that late renewal period and the all CE must be entered into the approved continuing education tracking solution.

Rule 53-6-.02 Late Renewal

~~A license which is renewed between July 1st and September 30th following expiration~~(1) In accordance with Joint Secretary Rules, an athletic trainer who did not submit a renewal application during the established renewal period may submit a renewal application during the established lapsed, late renewal period.

(2) Renewal applications submitted during the lapsed, late renewal period are subject to the following conditions:

(a) A penalty surcharge as established by the fee schedule approved by the Board; and,

(b) Continuing education taken during the lapsed, late renewal period may not be submitted to meet the continuing education requirements for the two-year renewal period immediately preceding the lapsed, late renewal period; and,

(c) All continuing education must be entered into the approved continuing education tracking solution and comply with the requirements established in Rules 53-6-.01 and 53-6-.05.

~~(3) is subject to a penalty surcharge. (See Fee Schedule.) A failure to submit a complete renewal application and fee shall have the same effect as revocation for failure to renew. Failure to renew a license by October 1st of an even year shall have the same effect as revocation. Failure to submit such proof of compliance shall be grounds for revocation or other disciplinary action by the Board.~~

c) Board Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement

Amend Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement to clarify the CE requirements for reinstatement and ensure that the requirements are consistent with those which are required for renewal, that current BOC certification is required, and changes biennium to two-year renewal.

Rule 53-6-.03 Reinstatement

(1) A license which is revoked for failure to renew may be reinstated, at the discretion of the Board, within two years from its expiration date upon receipt of:

(a) A complete reinstatement application and fee;

(b) Verification of forty (40) hours Continuing Education of board approved obtained within two years prior to the date of the reinstatement application.

(i) Not more than ten (10) hours of continuing education may have been obtained in one (1) calendar day.

(ii) Continuing education hours submitted to satisfy the requirements of an order of the Board may not be applied towards meeting the continuing education hours required to reinstate the license.

(iii) The continuing education courses and activities must be recorded in the continuing education tracking solution approved by the Office of Secretary of State.

(A) For the purposes of this requirement, the Office of the Secretary of State adopts the utilization of CE Broker, Inc.

(B) Each licensee or applicant subject to this rule shall be deemed to have given such person's consent to the Board and its representatives to access their continuing competence record retained within the online database for the purpose of auditing and verifying completion of the Board's continuing education requirements.

(c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.

- (2) A license which is expired for two years or more may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board if the applicant:
 - (a) Meets current licensure requirements codified in statutes and rules;
 - (b) Submits a complete reinstatement application with the required fee; and,
 - (c) Submits verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education obtained within two years prior to the date of the reinstatement application in accordance with 53-6-.03(1)(b)(i-iii)(A-B).
 - (d) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.
- (3) If the license is reinstated during the first year of the current two-year renewal period~~biennium~~, the licensee is required to meet the continuing education requirements in Board Rule 53-6-.01 in order to renew the license. The continuing education hours submitted to reinstate the license may not be used to satisfy the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license.
- (4) If the license is reinstated during the second year of the current ~~biennium~~two-year renewal period, the licensee is exempt from meeting the continuing education requirements for the renewal of the license in that current biennium two-year renewal period only.

d) Board Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status

Amend Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status to reflect the current process for requesting Inactive status which is by application and added a reference to the previous rule to ensure that Inactive Status applicants understand how the forty hours of CE must be submitted to the Board should they attempt to reinstate an inactive license.

Rule 53-6-.04 Inactive Status

- (1) A licensee may apply for inactive status of a license by submitting an ~~affidavit to the Board~~application requesting inactive status. The ~~affidavit~~application must also affirm that while on inactive status the licensee:
 - (a) Will not practice athletic training in Georgia or hold themselves out to the public as an athletic trainer in Georgia; and,
 - (b) Understands that to practice or hold oneself out to the public as an athletic trainer in the state of Georgia constitutes unlicensed practice and will subject the licensee to disciplinary action.
- (2) While the athletic trainer's license is classified as inactive, that athletic trainer shall not be required to obtain continuing education or apply for renewal of the license.
- (3) The board will reactivate a license if the licensee submits:
 - (a) A complete Application for Reactivation with the non-refundable fee within five years of the date that the license was placed in an inactive status;
 - (b) In accordance with 53-6-.03(1)(b)(i-iii)(A-B), ~~Fe~~evidence of completion of six hours of continuing education approved by the Board ~~for~~ each year the license was inactive. However, no proof of continuing education will be required of an applicant for reactivation who during the period that the Georgia license was inactive was:
 - (1) Practicing with an active license in a jurisdiction that requires continuing education to maintain that license; or
 - (2) Practicing with NATA certification in a jurisdiction that has licensing requirement.

- (4) An athletic trainer may maintain the license on inactive status for no more than five (5) years from the date the status was changed. If the license holder does not apply to reactive the license before the end of the ~~five~~ ~~year~~five-year period, the athletic trainer will be required to submit:
- (a) A complete reinstatement application with the required non-refundable fee; and,
 - (b) In accordance with 53-6-.03(1)(b)(i-iii)(A-B), A-verification of forty (40) hours of Continuing Education, approved by the Board, which was obtained within two years preceding the date of the reinstatement application.
 - (c) Proof of current certification from the Board of Certification (BOC) for Athletic Trainers.
 - (d) Further verification of any information submitted with the application may be required by the Board.

e) Board Rule 53-6-.05 Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board

Amend Rule 53-6-.05 Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board to clarify the number of hours permitted for each CPR, First Aid, EMT certification per renewal cycle, how to request approval of a course that does not have blanket approval by the Board, and identifies the period of time during which requests for approval cannot be submitted. Courses must be approved prior to the beginning of the renewal period.

Rule 53-6-.05 Continuing Education Acceptable to the Board

- (1) The following are continuing education programs which are acceptable to the Board:
- (a) Clinics, conferences, courses, and workshops relating to athletic training topics which have been approved by a recognized athletic training or health related organization. The hour value of such programs shall be the same as that awarded by the approving organization;
 - (b) Certification in CPR, EMT, or First Aid by a provider acceptable to the Board. The certification period must cover at least 4 months of the two-year renewal period. Credit ~~hour value~~ for receiving each certification shall only be claimed once within a two-year renewal period and the hour value shall be as follows: Five hours for CPR; ten hours for EMT; and seven hours for first aid.
- (2) The Board will consider requests to approve programs and activities other than those specified above for continuing education credit as follows:
- (a) To ~~apply for request~~ continuing education credit for a course that is not approved by an athletic training or health related organization, or for participation as a speaker, teacher, or panelist in programs relating to athletic training topics, an athletic trainer must plan to take, have taken, or provided the course or program within the current two-year renewal period; and, must submit the following documentation directly to the Board:
 - 1. Proof of attendance; and, or,
 - 2. Copies of the program's agenda, including the name of the provider(s), the title of the program, topic(s) covered, the date or dates of the course and the time spent on each topic. Additional information may be requested as determined by the Board.
 - (b) No requests for course approval shall be submitted beginning April 1st of the even numbered year through to the end of the lapsed, late renewal period of the even-numbered year.
 - (c) After reviewing the documentation submitted by the athletic trainer, the Board, in its discretion, shall determine whether the program is acceptable; and, if it is acceptable, the Board shall determine the number of hours of continuing education credit the athletic trainer shall receive for attendance.

(d) The Board will notify the athletic trainer in writing of the decision related to the request for continuing education credit. The athletic trainer shall not record the program and program hours into the approved continuing education tracking solution until approval has been granted by the Board.

~~(3) The Board will also consider requests for continuing education credit for participation as a speaker, teacher, or panelist in programs relating to athletic training topics. The athletic trainer should utilize the same application process set forth above in Rule 53-6-.05(2).~~

2. Board Rule 53-3-.04 Examinations

Amend Rule 53-3-.04 Examinations to reflect the Board of Certification's elimination of score report dissemination to jurisdictions for national exam results. The suggested rule amendment reflects that the BOC issues proof of certification instead of test scores to demonstrate that the candidate for licensure has passed the national examination which reflects the initial date of issuance, expiration, and certification number.

Rule 53-3-.04. Examinations

- (1) An applicant must pass the national exam given by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (BOC).
- (2) An applicant must direct BOC to submit his/her verification of current certification credentials ~~exam scores~~ directly to the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 53-3-.04

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8, 43-5-9.

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

Amended: F. July 21, 1983; eff. August 10, 1983.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. April 28, 1989, eff. May 18, 1989.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 1, 2007; eff. Oct. 21, 2007.

Dr. Kelly motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion for the Rules Committee to consist of Diane King and Jeffrey Hopp who will review Ms. Price's suggested amendments on Board Rule 53-3-.04 Examinations, and Chapter 53-6 RENEWAL and forward any further considerations to Ms. Price to schedule a Rules Committee Meeting. Any amendments suggested by the Rules Committee will be presented back to the Board during their September 21, 2026 meeting.

Discussion – Request for Letter of Support for Dry Needling Educational Requirements for ATs – Mr. Paul Higgs, GATA Governmental Affairs

The Board accepts the GATA's request for a letter of support as information, and will discuss the information with counsel in Executive Session prior to rendering a decision.

Board Member Election for Alternate Cognizant

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in the favor of the motion to elect Dr. Robert Kelly as an Alternate Cognizant.

Board President's Report – D. King

Ms. King expressed her concerns regarding the recent legislative session. She reported that despite good intentions during a summit in the fall of 2025 between the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association (GATA) and the American

Physical Therapy Association – Georgia (APTA-GA), there was an agreed upon understanding of the language. She opined that once the 2026 session opened, APTA-GA misrepresented what was agreed upon and continued to try and change the wording for the bill. They blocked 2 bills this year: HB314, the larger housekeeping bill with the recommendations provided by the Georgia Board of Athletic Training (GBAT) and SB411, the dry needling bill.

Ms. King stated this certainly flies in the face of the 2021 joint agreement between National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), which APTA insists is still present. The APTA-GA “recommendations” for the wording in both bills were in direct conflict with the Joint Agreement. Their interference preserved the loopholes in our practice act that are preventing our Board from adequately addressing unlicensed individuals, and such interference ultimately endangers the public.

The ongoing implication that athletic trainers lack the qualifications or training necessary to provide appropriate care or practice dry needling is both inaccurate and unsupported by the established standards of the profession. The public letter posted by the President of APTA/Georgia reflects a concerning misunderstanding of the education, training, and expertise that athletic trainers bring to patient care.

Ms. King continued that she is concerned that Physical Therapy statutes are being used to determine what is considered out of our scope of practice for the athletic trainer’s practice act. She shared concerns that APTA-GA insists they need to set up guardrails for our profession. The Attorney General previously had made a determination that dry needling was out of the AT scope of practice. However, the curriculum being taught now includes a variety of training courses that are considered within the AT scope of practice given the fact that ATs work under the supervision of a physician and not independently, under direct access, as some healthcare providers have. If the physician supervising the athletic trainer is not opposed to their use of dry needling, neither should any other profession.

Ms. King thanked Rob Dicks, President of GATA, Paul Higgs, GATAs Governmental Affairs Chair, and Jeff Hopp, from the GBAT, for their tireless efforts to move this legislation forward.

Mr. Hopp motioned, Dr. Kelly seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Board’s 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 topics were discussed:

- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- PLB Updates

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Monday, June 15, 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 – March 16, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes

Ms. King motioned, Mr. Hopp seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the March 16, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Attorney General's Report – V. Alva

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.

- 1. Official AG Opinion – Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)**
- 2. AG MEMO – Dry Needling**

Mr. Hopp motioned, Mr. Ali seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to formulate a response to GATA's request for a letter of support to request that GATA first consult with the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Acupuncturists regarding dry needling education requirements for athletic trainers; and, then request that GATA submit what is developed back to the Board to either develop a position statement and/or draft a letter to endorse or oppose the recommendations.

Legal Services MEMO – Case for Ratification – AT260013

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

Cognizant Summary Report – D. King

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

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| Applicant 4485480 | Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500.00 for unlicensed practice from 01/01/2026 to present. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for audit. |
| Applicant 4486861 | Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$1500.00 for unlicensed practice from August 28, 2023, to present. Fine must be paid in full within six (6) months of the order docket date. Flag for audit. |
| Applicant 4468061 | Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice from 01/02/2024 to present. Fine must be paid in full within 90 days of the order docket date of the order docket date. Flag for audit. |
| Applicant 4598022 | Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice from 03/02/2026 to present. Fine must be paid in full within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for CE Audit. |
| Applicant 4600988 | Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding criminal history. |

Applications for Board Review

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

INITIAL APPLICATIONS

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| Applicant 4671354 | Issue the license with a Letter of Concern based on failure to disclose information to the Board regarding licensure. |
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Applicant 4696471 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern based on unlicensed practice from April 27, 2026 to present.

ARRESTS

Applicant 4615965 Issue the license.

RENEWALS

Applicant 4675555 Deny renewal application and refer to the Attorney General's Office for Revocation of Licensure based on false attestation on the renewal application regarding CE requirements, failure to meet CE requirements and violation of BR 53-6-.01(1) by taking more than 10 hours in one calendar day. In lieu of revocation, the Board will accept a signed letter of request to withdraw the renewal application and lapse/expire the license by operation of law.

CE AUDIT

Applicant 4734090 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$250 based on violation of BR 53-6-.01(2). Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

Applicant 4713106 Require proof of completion of a board approved course worth no less than 0.25 hours before June 30, 2026. If proof is received, renew with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to meet CE requirements and close the compliance case. If fails to satisfy the requirements, refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 based on failure to meet CE requirements for license renewal. Must submit proof of completion of a one (1) hour board approved CE course and pay the fine within 90 days of the order docket date. One (1) hour CE used to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet CE requirements for biennium ending June 30, 2028. Flag for CE Audit.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Ms. King alerted the Board and meeting visitors that Jeff Hopp and Steve Patterson were recently inducted into the Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame. Mr. Hopp was congratulated on this stellar achievement.

Adjournment There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed by: Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: September 21, 2026

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 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 Georgia Board of Athletic Training 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 June 15, 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 16th day of June 2026

Madison Nye
Notary Public

