

Board of Athletic Trainers Minutes

Date: November 3, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

Location: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Ground Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Monroe Abram, A.T., Chair
Helen Binkley, A.T., Ph.D.
Craig Moorhouse, A.T., Vice Chair
Alex Diamond, MD
Walter Fitzpatrick, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Tomica Walker, Board Administrator
Francine Bacca-Chavez, Assistant General Counsel
Peyton Smith, Assistant General Counsel
Nichelle Dorroh, Office of Investigations, Disciplinary Coordinator
Noranda French, Finance Officer

Upon a determination that a quorum was present, the Board meeting was called to order by Mr. Abram at 9:12 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the last three board meetings on May 5, 2016, June 14, 2016, and August 15, 2016. After discussion, Dr. Binkley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to approve these minutes. The motion passed.

Office of General Counsel Report

Mr. Sobowale, Board Director informed the board that due to the absence of the regular board advisory attorney, Paetria Morgan as a result of her maternity leave, a new advisory attorney has been assigned to the board. Mr. Peyton Smith was asked to introduce himself to the Board. He thereafter presented the Office of General Counsel (OGC) report as follows:

A. Conflict of Interest

Mr. Smith reminded Board members of the Board's Conflict of Interest Policy. If a member has any personal or financial interest which might appear to be a conflict of interest, whether it relates to a contested case, a rulemaking issue, or any other Board decision, that fact should be shared with the Board so that a decision may be made regarding the need for recusal.

B. Litigation

OGC currently has no open cases pertaining to the Board of Athletic Trainers.

C. Rules

The fee increase rules were withdrawn.

Financial Report

After introducing herself to the board as the new Financial Officer, Ms. Noranda French presented the Board's financial report. The report reflected total expenditures in the amount of \$88,109.07 and revenue in the amount of \$105,658.00 through June 30, 2016. The Board's fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 reflects \$35,912.31 in cumulative carryover.

Investigative/Disciplinary Report

Nichelle Dorroh presented the Board's investigative/disciplinary. There are currently three open complaints in the Office of Investigations which are currently scheduled for review. Currently, the office is monitoring two licensees under Board Order, and two licensees under license revocation Order for compliance.

Ratifications

Dr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moorhouse, to approve the following list of new licensees:

NEW LICENSEES

Arthur Grace Ann Rose
Bacak Christopher Glenn
Bean Sarah Elizabeth
Branscum Natalie Mae
Brock Mara Elizabeth
Brooks Mia Elaine
Cadle Joshua Robert

Castro Manuel Ernesto
Cline Timothy Alan
Colquitt Catherine Suzanne
Connor Daniel Patrick
Cox Rachel Dawn
Crane Zachary Keith
Cugliari Breanna Nicole

Curtis Laura Katherine
Dale Shelby Marie
Diddle Kaitlyn Elizabeth
Dingler Pali Hunter
Dixon Adrian Terrell
Duhrkopf Kevin Scott
Ellanson Seth Douglas
Fankhauser Shelby Nicole
Farris Sara Jeanette
Fillers Alisha Marie
Funk Jeremiah Wayne
Gomez Andrew Shea
Greiner Julia Lee
Heaton Alexander Kirley
Hepple Laura
Hildebrand Kacey Irene
Hodgson Cassandra Rae
Hogue Hannah Katherine
Holoman Brandon Thomas
Horner Laura Alessandra
Howard Jake William
Hullett Anna Christine
Huntsman Shawn Tyler
Hurst Derek Joseph
Jasper Jayme Donald
Johnson Allison Morgan
Kalke Madeline Rose
Kasprow Sarah Elizabeth
Lancaster Kimberly Michelle
Link James Robert
Loeffler Brian Michael
Loving Jr Michael Lee
Mainer Lacey Lee
Martin Meghan Nicole
Mcfeaters Rebecca Sara
Mcgregor Kristen Marie
Michael Laura Elizabeth

Michaels Caitlin Anna
Mitchell Orien Jenise
Morey Kyle Richard
Morgan Holly Elise
Myers Brian Thomas
Newton Amanda Lacia
Norton Abigail Maurine
Owen Stephanie Lynn
Polizzi Kelli Beth
Prall Nicholas Ryan
Pretty Jessica Lauren
Ralph Charles James
Reynolds Patrick Conway
Robinson Joseph Lee
Robinson Shaquille Ryan
Rudy Rachel Elizabeth
Shelton Sean R
Skiles Brady Martin
Smith Taylor Michael
Stewart Melody Louise
Strickland Erin Donnelly
Teel Celia Morgan
Testa Alyssa Grace
Thomas Ashley Rose
Thornton Zackery B
Thrush Kasey Alan
Tutor James David
Velasquez Benito Joseph
Wheeler Justin Michael
White Courtney Elizabeth
Whitt Jena Marie
Wilburn Erica Lyndsay
Wind Laura Ashley
Wolfinger Alexander
Woodard Jacob Daniel
Wright Joshua Ray
Yeagy Mitchel Lee

The motion carried.

Mr. Moorhouse made a motion, seconded by Dr. Binkley, to approve the following list of reinstatements:

REINSTATEMENTS

Acocello Shellie
Beach Jon L
Drury Amanda Marie
Gamble Lindsay Michelle
Montes David M
Russell Melody Mullis

Scates James
Schluterman Lecia Lynn
Tillman Hayley-Rae Evelyn
Valaningham Lindsay Lee

The motion carried.

Dr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moorhouse, to approve the following list of closed files:

CLOSED FILES

Mathis David Cameron

Ragsdale Iii Robert Edward

The motion passed.

Administrative Report

Ms. Walker, board administrator, presented the administrative report as follows:

- A. There are 1010 active licensees as of October 28, 2016.
- B. Licensure activity for May 1, 2016 through October 28, 2016:
 - New licenses—66
 - Reinstated licenses—11
 - Retired licenses—4
 - Renewed licenses— 37 (29 renewed online for September 30, 2016)
 - Expired—47
- C. Continuing Education Audit
 - Licensees Audited – 8
 - Licensees Compliant – 7
 - Licensees Non-Compliant- 1

The one licensee who was non-compliant failed to contact the compliance unit after receiving a second notice of audit letter via certified mail. Mr. Abram inquired whether the people who are found to be non-compliant on an audit are flagged on the next audit. Ms. Walker responded that those selected for an audit are randomly selected.

D. Board Vacancies

All positions are currently filled at this time.

Correspondence

1. Blankenheim Services wrote to the Board seeking clarification on the following issues:
 - whether an Athletic Trainer can work in an industrial setting with individuals experiencing musculoskeletal disorders not related to the scope of practice as defined in T.C.A. 63-24-101 without violating the practice act
 - whether a licensed Athletic Trainer trained in first aid can act as a lay first aid provider in the work environment without physician oversight, and without representing themselves as an Athletic Trainer or performing Athletic Training

The Board discussed that since Athletic Trainers can be found working in an industrial setting, the Board might want to consider expanding on the definitions found in Athletic Training scope of practice in the Practice Act to include this practice, if it is determined to be in line with the board's statutory authority. In response to a question as to how the Board can effect a legislative change to the rules, Ms. Baca-Chavez advised the board to contact their professional organization to begin a discussion on how this can be achieved. The Board also requested Board Administrative Staff to check with surrounding states to see if this information is included in their Practice Act. After discussion by the board, Dr. Diamond made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, that a letter be drafted by the Office of General Counsel referring Blankenheim Services back to the Board's Practice Act and this letter should be reviewed and signed by the Board Chair or Board designee. The motion carried.

New Legislation

There was no new legislation to present.

New Rules Amendments or Policies

There were no new rules amendments or policies to present.

Other Board Business

2017 Board Meeting Dates

May 4, 2017

November 2, 2017

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Abram moved for adjournment of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Moorhouse. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board at the May 4, 2017 meeting.