

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**February 1, 2018**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sara Whiteside, AT, Chair  
Michael Puglia, AT  
Jeffrey Roberts, MD

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Deborah Corbatta, AT, Vice-Chair  
Trilizsa Trent, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure  
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Scott Powers, VATA  
Janet L. Borges, L.Ac.  
Tanner Howell, VUU  
Chris Jones, VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Sara Whiteside called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Alan Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

Denise Mason called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2017**

Sara Whiteside moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mike Puglia moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of US Senate bill, **S. 534**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Legislative Update**

Alan Heaberlin provided a legislative update for the 2018 Session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

**2. Discussion of Provisional Licensure and Temporary Authorization**

Mike Puglia led a discussion regarding Provisional Licensure and Temporary Authorization. The Advisory Board discussed how each is obtained and the importance of educating employers. Employers that understand these two pathways could get athletic trainers working more quickly and also reduce the disciplinary actions for athletic trainers for unlicensed practice.

**3. Dry Needling by Athletic Trainers**

Sara Whiteside led the discussion regarding the states that allow athletic trainers to practice dry needling as well as what is needed for athletic trainers to practice dry needling in Virginia.

Alan Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that in order for dry needling to be included in the athletic trainers' scope of practice, the General Assembly would need to add it through legislation. Mr. Heaberlin suggested that a professional organization that represents athletic trainers might find a patron in the General Assembly willing to introduce the legislation.

**4. Discussion of US Senate Bill 534**

Mike Puglia led a discussion regarding Senate Bill 534. The Advisory Board discussed how athletic trainers would implement the processes noted in the bill related to patient privacy and safety, as well as what entities this bill would directly affect.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alan Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,458 Athletic Trainers licensed with the Board of Medicine, 4 of which are inactive. During FY2018, 109 Athletic Trainers have been licensed.

Alan Heaberlin also informed the Advisory Board that changes in the application process have reduced the requirement to obtain five years of employment verifications to two years, made possible by adding the requirement to obtain the National Practitioner Data Bank Report (NPDB).

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 7, 2018 at 10 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

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Sara Whiteside, AT, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist