

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES**

February 4, 2016

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Puglia, AT, Chair
Sara Whiteside, AT, Vice-Chair
Deborah Corbatto, AT
Jeffrey Roberts, MD

MEMBER ABSENT: The Citizen Member seat is vacant

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Licensing Supervisor
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared. Dr. Roberts introduced himself to Advisory Board members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2015

Ms. Corbatto moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Yeatts requested that regulatory actions be included, so item 1 was amended to Legislative and Regulatory Update. Ms. Corbatta Moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative and Regulatory Update

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of bills of interest from the 2016 Session of the General Assembly. Ms. Yeatts additionally discussed with the Advisory Board the regulatory update for “Student Athletic Trainer” and public comment received. Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board that the term “Student Athletic Trainer” is used in the Code of Virginia; therefore, changing the term “Student Athletic Trainer” to “Athletic Training Student” in the regulations would first require a change in the Code of Virginia. The Advisory Board took no action.

2. Oversight of Secondary AT Programs

Mr. Puglia led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding oversight of secondary programs as it relates to best practices and decisions regarding return to play. Ms. Corbatta stated that Athletic Trainers have a legal responsibility to refer to a medical doctor, thus removing school administrators from the decision regarding return to play. No action was necessary.

3. Update of Professional and Industry Designations

Mr. Puglia informed the Advisory Board that NATABOC has shortened the acronym to BOC to avoid confusion with NATA, which is now a separate organization. The Advisory Board determined that no regulatory changes are required since the legal name is still NATABOC. No action was necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,338 Athletic Trainers who hold licenses issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Additionally, 213 licenses were issued within the last calendar year.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 9, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory board meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Michael Puglia, AT, Chair

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

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist