

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING**

**Minutes**

October 8, 2020

**Electronic Meeting**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training held a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Puglia, AT, Chair  
Deborah Corbatto, AT, PhD, Vice-Chair  
David Pawlowski, AT  
Trilizsa Trent, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeffrey B. Roberts, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director, Licensure  
Colanithia Morton Opher, Deputy Director, Administration  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**Call to Order**

Mike Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Emergency Egress Procedures**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

## **Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2020**

Dr. Corbatta moved to approve the minutes with a minor edit to list her academic title beside her name. David Pawlowski seconded. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as amended.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Corbatta moved to adopt the agenda. David Pawlowski seconded. By roll call vote, the agenda was adopted.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Regulatory Update and Report from the 2020 General Assembly**

Mrs. Yeatts provided a regulatory update and report of the 2020 General Assembly. She discussed bills that were of interest to members, including House Bill 1683, which defines the practice of diagnostic medical sonography and provides that only a certified and registered sonographer may be qualified to perform diagnostic medical sonography. The bill did not pass in the 2020 General Assembly and was referred for study to the Board of Health Professions (BHP). Ms. Yeatts indicated that the BHP did not recommend licensure. However, since the BHP study is only advisory to the General Assembly, the bill may be introduced again in the 2021 Session.

Mr. Puglia expressed concern that this bill, if passed, may affect the scope of practice of Athletic Trainers, and requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next Advisory Board meeting to review the findings from the BHP study.

### **2. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar**

Dr. Corbatta moved to approve the 2021 proposed meeting dates on the calendar. David Pawlowski seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the schedule of meetings for the Advisory Board in 2021 was approved.

### **3. Election of Officers**

Dr. Corbatta nominated David Pawlowski as Chair. Mike Puglia seconded the nomination. Mike Puglia nominated Dr. Corbatta as Vice-Chair. Dr. Corbatta declined due to her term limit as Vice-Chair. She nominated Trilizsa Trent as Vice-Chair. Mike Puglia seconded the nomination. By roll call vote, David Pawlowski was elected Chair, and Trilizsa Trent was elected Vice-Chair.

## **Announcements**

Beulah Archer gave the licensing report. The total number of AT's licensed by the Board is 1,739. There are 1,441 with current active licenses in Virginia and 4 out-of-state. In Virginia, 287 licensees are currently inactive, and 7 are inactive out-of-state. Since May 2019, 286 licenses have been issued.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, Mike Puglia adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Michael J. Puglia, Chair  
Director

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive

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Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist