

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING  
MINUTES**

**October 5, 2017**

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, October 5, 2017, 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 Corbatta, AT  
Jeffrey Roberts, MD  
Trilizsa Trent, Citizen Member

**MEMBER ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure  
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matt Gage, VATA  
Scott Powers, VATA  
Tanner Howell, VATA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Puglia called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 8, 2017**

Ms. Corbatto moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Corbatto moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Matt Gage asked if he could speak to several issues that were on the horizon for AT's, including dry needling, suturing of wounds, and the use of intravenous fluids. The Chair allowed him to do so.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Report of 2017 BOC Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference**

Ms. Corbatto led the discussion in regards to the regulatory conference. The points of discussion were as follows:

States are reviewing their practice acts to include different locations and settings.

Some are modifying language to remove the word "athlete" or "athletics" in reference to AT's to define them more as physician extenders.

BOC is moving from defining supervision as oversight to the word "collaboration" because of the changing nature of AT practice.

BOC now has a central repository to check credentialing as well as report sanctions against athletic trainers.

There is early discussion among the states about a potential compact among states that would allow for practice in multiple states, similar to the nursing compact.

There was discussion on ethics in terms of dealing with being unaware of licensing requirements from various jurisdictions.

There was a discussion with attorneys present regarding a case in NC (FTC vs NC Dental) in which board members may have been held personally liable.

There was further discussion about making sure the Advisory Board has a clear mission to protect the public within its jurisdiction over licensed athletic trainers. It was emphasized that the Advisory Board has no jurisdiction or authority in the affairs of other professions or occupations.

#### **2. Approval of 2018 Meeting Calendar**

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Ms. Whiteside moved to approve the scheduled Advisory Board meetings on the 2018 calendar. The motion was seconded and carried.

**3. Discussion of Student Exemption and Licensure Applicant Status**

Dr. Harp led the discussion of Student Exemption status and Licensure Applicant status by reviewing how these items are codified in other professions licensed under the Board of Medicine. No action was required.

**4. Election of Officers**

Mr. Puglia nominated Ms. Whiteside as Chair. The motion was second and carried. Ms. Whiteside nominated Ms. Corbatta as Vice-Chair. The motion was second and carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heaberlin told the Advisory Board members that they would now be receiving a \$50.00 per diem payment for attending meetings, if they are not employed by the Commonwealth.

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,515 Athletic Trainers that are licensed with the Board of Medicine. Four of those are inactive licenses.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 1, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 12:14p.m.

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Michael Puglia, AT, Chair

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

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Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist