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## ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINING

### Minutes

June 6, 2024

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** William “Scott” Powers, AT  
Michael Goforth, AT  
Virginia D. Wells, MD  
D'Shawn Wright, Citizen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Pawlowski, AT, Chair

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director - Licensure  
Matthew Novak, DHP Policy and Economic Analyst  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Executive Director - Administration  
Arne Owens, DHP Director  
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor  
Janice Martin, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

### CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of advisory board Chair, Michael Sobowale called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Michael Sobowale announced the emergency egress instructions.

### ROLL CALL

Janice Martin called the roll; a quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

William “Scott” Powers moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting. Virginia D. Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

William “Scott” Powers moved to adopt the agenda. Mike Goforth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Regulatory Update

Matthew Novak reviewed the status of the advisory board’s regulatory actions. He reported that fast-tracked changes in 18VAC85-120 following the 2022 periodic review of the advisory board’s Chapter became effective on March 28, 2024.

### 2. Legislative Report

Mr. Novak discussed the amendment to the definition of practice of athletic training in House Bill 1389 to allow the practice of athletic training to be conducted in an inpatient and outpatient setting which was passed into law in the 2024 General Assembly. This legislation will become effective on July 1, 2024.

### 3. Discussion of Athletic Trainers working in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings

In light of the new legislation amending the definition of the practice of athletic training, members inquired whether practice in inpatient and outpatient settings needed to be defined in regulations. Mr. Novak responded that there is no need to make a specific change or update to the regulations. This would be left to the hospitals or facilities where athletic training is being performed. No regulatory changes are needed for now.

William “Scott” Powers brought up the topic of scope of practice for athletic trainers and rectal thermometers. He stated that some employers do not allow Athletic Trainers to practice to the top level of their scope and utilize rectal thermometers. Michael Sobowale stated that the Board cannot advise the employer what to do.

### 4. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board

Mr. Sobowale gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Board of Medicine and its Advisory Boards.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### License Statistics

Janice Martin provided the license statistics report. Currently, the Board has licensed a total of 1,742 Athletic Trainers.

### Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2024 at 10:00 am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director