

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETIC TRAINER

Minutes

September 22, 2022

The Advisory Board on Athletic Training met on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Pawlowski, AT, Chair
Trilizsa Trent - Vice-Chair
William Powers, AT
Michael Goforth, AT [Joined Electronically]

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Roberts, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Director for Licensure
Colanthia Opher - Deputy Director for Administration
Delores Cousins - Licensure Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

David Pawlowski, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:26 am. The delayed start was due to technological issues.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions. He welcomed new members and stated, for the record, that Michael Goforth had submitted a request to join the meeting electronically from Blacksburg, Virginia. Mr. Goforth cited his personal reason for the request as duties of his employment that he could not miss. His request was presented to the Chair, and Mr. Pawlowski approved participation by A-V setup.

Roll Call

Roll was called; quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Powers moved to adopt the minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adoption of Agenda

Scott Powers moved to adopt the agenda. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

New Business

1. Periodic Review of Regulations Governing the Practice of Athletic Trainers

Erin Barrett discussed the mandatory four-year review of Chapter 18VAC 85-120 to determine whether this regulation should be repealed, amended or retained in its current form, without impacting public safety. The review of this regulation will be guided by the principles in Executive Order 14 (as amended July 16, 2018). There were two public comments received during the comment period. The first comment suggested that NATABOC be deleted from Chapter 120 and replaced with BOC. This would require a change to language in the Code of Virginia. The second comment suggested a change to the use of the term, “Student Athletic Trainer” to “Athletic Training Student”. This would require an additional review before a global change can be made to the Chapter as a recommendation to the full Board.

Ms. Barrett then presented her recommendations to amend or delete current provisions in 18VAC85-120-10, 18VAC85-120-20, 18VAC85-120-35 (10), 18VAC85-120-40, 18VAC85-120-85 (4), 18VAC85-120-120, 18VAC85-120-130(B)(2), 18VAC85-120-140, 18VAC85-120-155, 18VAC85-120-156, and 18VAC85-120-157(C). Some of these provisions are in the law, therefore it is unnecessary to repeat them in regulation. Members discussed not to delete provisions in 18VAC85-120-157(C) and 18VAC85-120-155.

Scott Powers moved that the Advisory Board retain and amend Chapter 120 with the changes discussed as a recommendation to the full Board. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Review of Bylaws for Advisory Boards

Erin Barrett presented the uniform Bylaws for all Advisory Boards that the full Board approved at its June meeting. Since the Bylaws are slated to become effective on September 29, 2022, this was for information only.

3. Update from the BOC CARE Conference

David Pawlowski presented an update from the BOC Care Conference which was attended by Daniel Carroll, President of the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association. He thought some of the guidelines for athletic training regulatory language discussed during the conference might be useful to incorporate into Virginia's regulations in the future.

4. Discussion of Athletic Trainers Utilizing Emergency Inhalers

David Pawlowski introduced the topic. In order to add this into the scope of practice for athletic trainers in Virginia, it will have to be done through legislation.

5. Discussion of Licensure Process, Temporary Authorization, Provisional License and Supervision

Scott Powers discussed confusion in some quarters of the athletic training community about provisional licensure for athletic trainers. Once they have passed the BOC examination and are awaiting issuance of a full license, is the provisional license holder still operating under the "supervision and control" of an athletic trainer or can they engage in independent practice? It was suggested that the word, "*control*" be stricken from 18VAC85-120-80(A) and the sentence, "*if licensed or certified by another jurisdiction in the United States, documentation that his license or certificate is current and unrestricted*", be stricken from the regulation for temporary authorization to practice under 18VAC85-120-75.

Scott Powers moved to approve that these changes be added as part of the recommendations to the full Board to amend or delete current provisions in Chapter 120. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Approval of 2023 Meeting Calendar

Scott Powers moved to adopt the 2023 meeting calendar. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Election of Officers

Scott Powers nominated David Pawlowski to remain as Chair. Trilizsa Trent seconded the motion. The motion passed. Scott Powers nominated Trilizsa Trent to remain as Vice-Chair. David Pawlowski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements:

License Statistics:

Delores Cousins provided the license statistics report. There are a total of 1,483 current active Virginia licenses with 5 current inactive. There are 309 current active out-of-state and 6 inactive out-of-state.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is February 9, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director