

MINUTES

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Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee Meeting of Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Ennis called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee to order at 10:11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present included: Sheila Gordon; Charles Wingard (via Web-Ex); Clint Haggard; Danny Poole, Jr.; Dr. Larry Bowman; Dr. Jeffrey Guy (via Web-Ex); Craig Clark.

Excused Absence: Daniel Atkinson

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Margaret Murdock, Program Director; Jessica Beise, Board Executive (via Web-Ex); Bob Horner, Office of Advice Counsel; Robynn Devine, Program Coordinator; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator.

Court Reporter present: Tina Behles, CVR-M

All votes by the Board reported in these minutes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Mr. Ennis announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice to *the media* and notices posted on the bulletin board located at both the main entrance of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

There were no previous minutes to review since this was the first meeting for the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee under Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Ennis advised that the Committee would need to elect officers. He called for nominations for the Chair position. Mr. Poole nominated Kevin Ennis. Second. Motion carried. Mr. Ennis called for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Mr. Poole nominated Sheila Gordon. Second. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1-Financial Report

Ms. Beise presented the current financial report for the Committee. She explained that the funds from DHEC had not been transferred to LLR yet, so the amounts in the report did not reflect the expected transfer. Regarding the expected funds, Mr. Horner reminded the Committee that the Fiscal year change had just occurred on July 1, 2024, and the official transfer of the Committee from under DHEC to LLR had just occurred on May 24, 2024.

Mr. Horner also explained to the Committee that since they are under the Board of Medical Examiners with LLR, any monies received from their application fees would go into the Medical Board's account. Also, any expenses incurred by their Committee would come out of the Medical Board's account funds.

2-Athletic Trainer Statistics

Ms. Beise advised the Committee that Eight hundred and one Athletic trainer applications had been approved for licenses so far, and that there were 41 applications pending completion and/or processing.

3-Violations Report

Mr. Horner advised that there had been no violations against ATs transferred over from DHEC to LLR.

4-Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Report

Mr. Ennis advised that there are two upcoming AT CEU courses/presentations that have been approved by LLR's Medical Board for CE credits for ATs. Each course will be worth 1 CEU credit. He advised that Jeffrey Holloway will present the CEU course, "Concussions: a Clinical Update" on Thursday, July 11, 2024, and Steve Martin will present the CEU course "Core Muscle Injuries in the Athlete" on Friday July 12, 2024. He informed the Committee that no other requests have been received from any of their previous CEU course providers to transfer to LLR as approved CEU providers for ATs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Beise gave an overview to the Committee on how the Athletic Trainers' application process has been proceeding under the Board of Medical Examiners. There were no issues at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Transition to a Labor, Licensing and Regulation Committee

a. Responsibilities to Committee

Ms. Beise explained what LLR's responsibilities are to the Committee. The Agency will be providing Administrative support by scheduling meetings, hosting meetings, providing meeting documents, drafting and dispersing Agendas, Meeting minutes, pulling licensing totals and lists of licensees, if applicable, and other required Administrative support.

Mr. Horner, explained the differences in the disciplinary process at LLR versus the prior process at DHEC. He also advised that if any disciplinary cases were received for Standard of Care violations, the Agency would need licensed Athletic trainers to act as expert reviewers to offer expert opinions on whether the standard of care was met or if any discipline is warranted. He asked the Committee members to refer any ATs that they would recommend as an expert reviewer.

Mr. Horner also discussed the need for a representative of the Committee to be designated to review 'Good Cause' requests from Complainants who do not want to be identified to the AT about which a complaint was being filed. If a complainant does not file a good cause request, the law requests the name of the complainant must be disclosed to the licensee. He explained that whoever the Committee selects to review the Good Cause requests will have to decide whether to deny or approve the request.

Motion to have the Chair handle the Good Cause requests; second. Motion carried.

b. Committee's Responsibilities

Ms. Beise advised that per the Medical Board Practice Act, the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee's responsibilities are to meet, discuss standards and regulations to help improve Athletic trainer services, and make recommendations to the Medical Board. Mr. Horner added that hearing and deliberating cases regarding applications that could not be approved administratively, or disciplinary cases would also be responsibilities of the Committee.

Mr. Horner, also advised that it is anticipated that the Medical Board at their next meeting in August, will request that Athletic trainers be required to undergo a Criminal Background check as a requirement for licensure since all of the other license types under the Medical Board are legislatively required to do so.

2-Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Discussion

Mr. Ennis and Ms. Amy Fraley, President of the SC Athletic Trainers' Association, informed the Committee that they wanted to implement a trial pilot at the next Annual Athletic Trainers Association Symposium. Athletic trainers can attend the Symposium where they offer CEUs that are reportable to their governing body. In order to make the process more efficient, the trial will incorporate a QR code for scanning that will replace the paper sign-in attendance list. After the course presentation, there will be a quiz. If the attendee passes the quiz, then there would be an electronic link sent to them to access an electronic copy of the CEU Certificate. After a brief

discussion, the Committee agreed to follow the BOC standards and require a passing score of 70% or higher. The attendees would have a chance to take the quiz again if they don't pass the first time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Second. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday January 14, 2025 via Web-Ex video conference.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka Atkinson,
Administrative
Coordinator