

MINUTES

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Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 1:00 p.m. via Web-Ex Videoconference

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Ennis called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee to order at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, with a quorum present. Other members of the Committee present included: Sheila Gordon; Clint Haggard; Danny Poole, Jr.; Dr. Larry Bowman; Dr. Jeffrey Guy.

Excused Absences: Daniel Atkinson; Charles Wingard

Members of the staff present at in the meeting included: Jessica Beise, Board Executive; Bob Horner, Office of Advice Counsel; Marsheika Armstrong, Program Coordinator.

Court Reporter present: Robin K. Reibold, CVR

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of July 09, 2025 meeting. Second. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Request for Expert Witnesses for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Ms. Beise asked the Committee for nominations for an Athletic Trainer that can review Athletic Trainer disciplinary cases on behalf of the Agency's Office of Disciplinary Counsel. If necessary, she will send out an E-Blast to gauge any interest in serving. They will need to submit a Resume for review and applicable candidates will have to be reviewed by the Board of Medical Examiners members for approval.

2. Request for travel: 2026 AT Regulatory Conference—August 20-21, 2026 in Omaha, NE

Ms. Beise advised the Committee that the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer is having an Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference and wanted approval to attend the Conference. Motion made to authorize Ms. Beise to attend. Seconded. Motion carried. Final

approval will have to come from the Board of Medical Examiners.

3. Discussion: Dry Needling—Scope of Practice

Ms. Beise advised that the Board received an inquiry asking if Dry Needling is within the Scope of Practice for South Carolina Athletic Trainers. Mr. Horner noted he would send the committee members updated information regarding Dry Needling Scope of Practices procedures from other State Licensing Boards. The Committee agreed to research further and discuss at another time.

4. Upcoming Meeting Date(s): July 15, 2026 at 10:00 am in-person at LLR Offices

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT (CEU) REPORT

Mr. Ennis reported that there would be two CE presentations at the 2026 SCATA Annual Symposium. Dr. McDonald, Spartanburg Regional on Thursday, July 16, 2026: Topic: Elbow; on Friday, July 17, 2026; Susan Yeargin, Ph.D., presentation will be, “Beyond the Basics: Clarifying Exertional Heat Stroke Presentation and CNS Assessment. No motions made.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Vacancy on Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee—Ms. Beise noted an E-blast would be sent out to the Athletic Trainer licensees to fill the vacancy on the Committee. Committee members can advise any interested ATs to send in their CVs to the Board email for consideration.

2. Temporary License for students—Based on concern from new graduates for the length of time it takes to receive transcripts with a Graduation date, the Committee discussed potentially accepting a letter from the Dean confirming graduation for the students, or having a form that can be completed by the Registrar’s office, with an expectation of a transcript to follow. Ms. Beise to work on a potential form. No motions made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 License Renewals

a. Renewal Open—Tentative May 1 or June 1 2026—Ms. Beise explained electronic renewal procedures.

b. Criminal Background Checks—Background checks will be required during the renewal period for the licensees that did not have a Criminal Background Check. Those individuals would have been initially licensed between May-Oct 2024.

c. Continuing Education – For the completion of CEs on renewal CE certificates would not need to be sent to the Board. CE certificates would be kept by the licensee for their records and would be required to be provided to the Board only in case of an audit.

2. Growing Concern of Unlicensed Athletic Trainer Practice—Committee members discussed a current bill making its way through the South Carolina General Assembly regarding who can

teach Strength and Conditioning courses. There was interest in seeing if the Athletic Trainers could have requirements added to who can teach Athletic Trainers courses as well. Mr. Horner advised that he can forward any updates to the Committee regarding the Strength and Conditioning legislation as it moves forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 pm. Second. Motion carried

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka Atkinson,
Administrative Coordinator