

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS (NSBAT)

DATE: **March 18, 2016**

LOCATIONS:

University of Nevada Reno
1664 N. Virginia Street
Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center
Room #110
Reno, Nevada 89557

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

1. Meeting called to order by Tiffney Touton, Board Chair at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Tiffney Touton, Jeremy Haas, Tedd Girouard, Frank Sakelarios. Eathan O'Bryant excused absent.

Staff Present: Stacey Whittaker, Board Executive Secretary; Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General.

2. **Public Comments.** No members of the public present at this time.

3. **Review and approve Board meeting minutes of January 28, 2016. (For possible action)**

Tedd Girouard motions to approve the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Frank Sakelarios seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

4. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity. (Discussion)**

Stacey Whittaker reports to the Board that there were no disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the 4th quarter, 2015 and that 4 (four) licenses were issued or restored. There are now 208 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Review and discuss the Board's position on proposed regulatory language and recommendations from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals. (For possible action)**

Stacey Whittaker reports to the Board that the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals met on February 4, 2016 to review the revised pharmaceutical language. The original recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals in 2013 were revised by the former NSBAT Board Chairman, James Porter after the proposed language was discussed with the Pharmacy Board. This revised pharmaceutical language was then put on hold at the advice of Legal Counsel based on the liability that could be opened up to the Board and the lack of statutory authority to amend NRS639.0125 of the Pharmacy Act.

Overall, the Subcommittee felt that this revised language was not the original intent of the Subcommittee and they unanimously voted to reject the revised pharmaceutical language. After further discussions with Legal Counsel at the February 4, 2016 meeting, the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals recommended that a better option might be for the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers to better define the protocols and guidelines between the Athletic Trainer and their directing Physician.

The Board discusses the recommendations made by the Subcommittee and whether they feel statutory and/or regulatory changes need to be made defining the standing orders. The biggest concern the Board has is how they would enforce this requirement. Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General states that the Board may not need to add any language, the Athletic Trainers are already lawfully trained and educated in this area. The Board agrees that further research into other State's laws should be done on this topic and discussed at the next Board meeting. They Board also agrees that there will be no proposed language presented to the Legislature for the 2017 Session.

Jeremy Haas motions to approve the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals recommendation to reject the revised pharmaceutical language. Frank Sakelarios seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Review and discuss the upcoming Athletic Trainer License Renewal period. (Discussion)

Stacey reports to the Board that renewal notices will go out the first week in May. Tiffney Touton asks if the Board has ever discussed changing the renewal period to every two years. Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General states that this is a growing trend amongst licensing boards. Stacey asks if the renewal fees would then be doubled if they went to a two year renewal cycle. Sarah Bradley confirms that the fee would be doubled and these type of changes would require statutory and/or regulatory changes. The Board's overall consensus is that based on this information and the transient nature of the profession, it is best to keep it on an annual renewal cycle. There are no further questions or comments.

7. Review and discuss the Board's position on requiring Athletic Trainers at all Nevada High Schools to include the presentation of information gathered pertaining to other State's requirements and the data collection efforts on behalf of the Korey Stringer Institute/National Athletic Trainers Association's ATLAS project. (For possible action)

The Board discusses the need to have Athletic Trainers at all Nevada High Schools. Tedd Girouard shares some research he found on this topic pertaining to Hawaii and Washington DC. While these States appear to mandate the presence of Athletic Trainers at their High Schools, they lobby the Government for these positions and the State funds the program. The biggest obstacles in Nevada in requiring Athletic Trainers at all High Schools is funding, ability to reach rural areas and hiring capabilities. Jeremy Haas points out that while we have 208 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada, there are over 238 High Schools in Nevada. Jeremy discusses Senate Resolution 83 that supports the goals of the Secondary Schools Student Athlete's Bill of Rights. This could potentially put the onus on schools to protect their student athletes. The Board feels that Senate Resolution 83 is worth watching and would like it placed on the next meeting agenda. Tedd Girouard feels that the Board would be overstepping their bounds if they tried to enact anything now, SR83 will create a good platform and determine what needs to be done at the State level. There are no further questions or comments.

8. Review and discuss the current procedures for using AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) in Nevada schools. (Discussion)

Frank Sakelarios asked that this be discussed based on a video that is circulating of an out of State volleyball player going into cardiac arrest during a game. Because of appropriate training and use of an AED, the player's life was saved. While this is not something the Board regulates, Frank felt it was important to discuss. The Board feels that this just reiterates the need to have Athletic Trainers at all Nevada High Schools. While coaches and other staff go through CPR and AED training, often times the AED machines are locked up in the schools and not attainable during a soccer game or cross country meet. Jeremy Haas states that Clark County School District has a policy in place regarding the AED machines; each school is required to have 3 AED machines, the Athletic Trainer must have one with them at all times in addition to one being left in the gym. Frank states that Northern Nevada is not as consistent and this may need to be addressed with the NIAA to see if they have a policy in place. Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General feels that this is a State level liability, perhaps with the Department of Education. Frank volunteers to discuss the topic with the NIAA and bring back to the next Board meeting for further discussion. There are no further questions or comments.

9. Review and discuss the Board's position on potential statutory language changes that the Nevada Physical Therapy Association is proposing for the 2017 Legislative Session that may have an effect on Licensed Athletic Trainers. (For possible action)

Tiffney Touton states that she was contacted by Jenelle Lauchman, President of the Nevada Physical Therapy Association (NPTA) to discuss some ideas they have for proposed legislative language changes. While the language was not formerly presented to Tiffney, it was discussed that the NPTA is looking to better define terms such as "medical diagnosis" in addition to "fitness" and "health & wellness". Jenelle also inquired whether or not the Board of Athletic Trainers was considering any changes to the term "tactical". The Board does not see any need to address these terms at this time but may consider down the road. It was mentioned that some of these changes may be a preemptive concern between the Physical Therapists and Chiropractors. Tiffney Touton will find out if the NPTA wishes to have the

Board of Athletic Trainers review their proposed language changes at the next scheduled Board meeting and if so, to contact Stacey Whittaker for the appropriate protocol. There are no further questions or comments.

10. Review and discuss financial status of the Board, including approval of all claims and expenses. (For possible action) Stacey asks if there are any questions regarding the financial statements that were sent out, there are none. Jeremy Haas motions to approve the financial statements and all Board claims and expenses. Tedd Girouard seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

11. Report from Chief Deputy Attorney General. (Discussion). Sarah Bradley, Deputy Attorney General states that there is nothing to report at this time. There are no further questions or comments.

12. Future agenda items. (For possible action)

- A. Review and approve meeting minutes of March 18, 2016.
- B. Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.
- C. Review and discuss financial status of the Board including claims and expenses.
- D. Review and discuss the current protocol for written orders between the Licensed Athletic Trainer and their directing Physician.
- E. Continued discussion on Automated External Defibrillators in Nevada schools.
- F. Review and discuss potential statutory language changes being proposed by the Nevada Physical Therapy Association.
- G. Review and discuss Senate Resolution 83, supporting the goals and ideas of the Secondary Schools Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

13. Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action) The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday June 3rd, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Public Comments. There are no members of the public present at this time.

15. Meeting adjournment. (For possible action) Tedd Girouard motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 10:15 a.m., Jeremy Haas seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

****MEETING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.***