

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

DATE: **August 28, 2014**

LOCATIONS:

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

University of Nevada Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway  
Classroom Building Complex  
Building B, Room 117  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman, Jim Porter at 8:58 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Porter, Tiffney Touton, Rob Conatser, Eathan O'Bryant, and Chris Wittorff.

**Staff Present:** Stacey Whittaker, Executive Secretary

**Public Present:** No members of the public present in Las Vegas. Caleb Cage, Director of Military and Veterans Policy, Office of the Governor is present in Reno.

2. **Public Comments.** No public comments at this time.

3. **Review and approve minutes of meeting 5/15/2014. (For possible action)**

Jim asks if there are any questions or comments regarding the meeting minutes, there are none. Christine Wittorff motions to approve the 5/15/14 meeting minutes as written, Rob Conatser seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

4. **Update on disciplinary action reports, probationary licenses and investigations of unlicensed activity. (For possible action)** Stacey reports no disciplinary action or reports of unlicensed activity during the second quarter 2014. There was 1 license issued or restored during this quarter. In regards to the probationary license issued last fall, Stacey informs the board that the licensee did not renew his license this year as he has moved out of the area. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Review and discuss Veteran Licensure Reciprocity and Data Gathering. (For possible action)** Caleb Cage, Director of Military and Veterans Policy is present to discuss veteran's licensure reciprocity and data gathering efforts with the Board. He explains to the Board that in 2012 Governor Sandoval signed an order which provides reciprocity for military spouses seeking licensure in Nevada. Their goal is to get Nevada up to speed with other States regarding licensure for veterans and their spouses without lowering the requirement standards. For many boards, this will simply mean data gathering. Jim feels that without reciprocal licenses, and the fact that Athletic Trainers are not a recognized job in the Federal Government, our board may only be able to assist by collecting data. He also feels that the board does a good job of expediting the licensure process. Jim asks what type of questions they would like to see on our renewal application. Mr. Cage explains that they are looking for aggregate data, not specific information. Rob asks what it would mean if they have a medical background and how it would apply towards licensure. Mr. Cage explains that their training might apply toward a particular field but that they still need to meet the licensure requirements. The Board would like to work towards adding questions to the 2015 renewal application to aid in the data gathering process. Mr. Cage will send some examples to Stacey that they can review at the next board meeting. There are no further questions or comments.

6. **Review and discuss the results of the 2014 license renewal process. (For possible action)** Stacey reviews the results of the 2014 renewal period; at renewal time, there were 190 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. 167 licenses were renewed, including 8 individuals who submitted their renewals late and paid the additional restoration fee. In addition, 2 individuals reinstated their license and the

Board has issued 17 new licenses. There are now 186 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. There are no further questions or comments.

**7. Review and discuss update on proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals. (For possible action)** Stacey contacted the Pharmacy Board and had them review the Board's proposed language regarding pharmaceuticals. They then had a phone conversation with Jim Porter to discuss their concerns regarding possession and hypodermics. The Pharmacy Board was concerned that the language construed that an Athletic Trainer could use injectable pharmaceuticals without a Physician. Jim reviews the revisions that were made to the language after meeting with the Pharmacy Board.

Chris Wittorff's concern is how the Board is going to issue the certificates that allow the Athletic Trainers to possess pharmaceuticals. Jim explains that before the Athletic Trainer Board can do anything, the language in 639 must be amended to include Athletic Trainers. The Board would then work on the language for the certification process. Stacey asks Jim if the other members of the Subcommittee are aware of the changes to the proposed language, Jim says they are. Rob asks if this will "tie up" the Athletic Trainers in anyway. Jim does not feel it will, there is no intent for Athletic Trainers to write prescriptions. Tiffney asks Jim about the administering of IV's and that section (d) does not include it in the language. Jim says that the issue with hypodermics is that they are controlled and it falls on the Physician Director whether or not the Athletic Trainer has the authority to possess. The practice act does not allow Athletic Trainers to administer IV's and the possession of products is not allowed. If the Legislature approves the language as written, then the Board will be tasked with how to control, monitor or certify the Athletic Trainers. Rob asks if this is something we would add to the license applications. Jim doesn't feel that would be necessary as it would fall more on the Head Athletic Trainer or their employer. Chris feels that it would ultimately be the Athletic Trainer's responsibility. This will be discussed further after a response is received from the Legislature regarding amending NRS639. Jim asks if the Board would like to move forward with a motion to submit the revised language. Chris Wittorff motions to send the revised proposed language to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for amendment to NRS639.0125. Rob Conatser seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

**8. Review and discuss the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's policy on Heat Acclimatization in Fall Sports. (For possible action)** Jim states that this is for informational purposes only and is part of the administrative code for the NIAA. Jim feels that they are doing a good job with this in Southern Nevada and doesn't feel that it is a significant problem in Nevada because of the desert atmosphere. Rob says that he cannot believe the coaches that allow their players to practice during the hottest time of the day and wants to know if they can put a time constraint on the practices. Jim says that these issues were discussed and that it was a heated discussion, unfortunately we cannot add to the NIAA policy. This policy is in place and is for informational purposes only. There are no further questions or comments.

**9. Review and discuss update on concussion management and the use of Guardian Caps in High Schools. (For possible action)** Jim informs the Board that this topic has substantially changed within the last day or so for Clark County School District and they have since banned the use of the guardian caps on football helmets. The company who manufactures the football helmets (Riddell) informed them that using a guardian cap over their helmets will completely void the insurance policy on the helmet. Jim tells the board that Riddell has designed a new helmet that will incorporate the guardian cap idea but put it inside the helmet. It will also have other features that could likely reduce the level of impact and number of concussions. Jim reminds the board that this is for informational purposes only. There are no further questions or comments.

**10. Review and discuss update on reporting to the National Practitioner's Data Bank. (For possible action)** Stacey informs the Board that she and Jim have been working on the necessary paperwork to get the board enrolled with the National Practitioner's Data Bank. This will allow the board to report disciplinary actions against licensees to a national reporting agency. There are no further questions or comments.

11. **Review and discuss sending a representative from the board to the next Board of Certification Conference. (For possible action)** Jim feels that the Board should send a representative to the next Board of Certification Annual Conference and to please place this on the next meeting agenda. There are no further questions or comments.

12. **Review and discuss upcoming legislative action that may be required by the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. (For possible action)** Jim doesn't know of any legislative activity other than the language that the Board will submit regarding pharmaceuticals. He does not know of any changes coming from the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association but more may come up at the annual symposium in October. He has heard that the Physical Therapy Board may be pursuing language regarding manipulation and mobilization but that will not affect us. There are no further questions or comments.

13. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board to include future investment amounts. (For possible action)** Stacey presents the financial statements to the board, there are no questions or comments. She then presents the investment options to the Board that she received from Wells Fargo. The Board can either invest additional money in a CD at .08% or put the funds in an interest bearing savings account at .18%. The savings account would go to a variable rate after one year, and would not have an annual fee or FDIC charges. The Board can also choose to close out their current CD and put this amount into the savings account as well. Stacey informs them that they would have a \$25.00 penalty to close out the CD and they would have to forfeit the \$5.02 earned YTD. The Board discusses the options presented and agree that the savings account is the better option. Rob Conatser motions to open a savings account with \$10,000.00 from the Wells Fargo checking account, and motions to close out the current Wells Fargo CD and move those funds into the savings account as well. Eathan O'Bryant seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

14. **Review and discuss current terms for Board Members and the process of electing a new Chairperson. (For possible action)** Jim reminds the Board that his second term is up in September and that the Board will need to elect a new Chairperson at the next meeting. Stacey informs the Board that she is in continual contact with the Governor's Office regarding the appointment and that we hope to hear something soon. Eathan O'Bryant's first term is also up in September and he will need to submit an application to seek reappointment. The Board agrees to wait until the new appointments are in place before making any decisions. There are no further questions or comments.

15. **Future agenda items. (For possible action)**

- A. **Review and approve meeting minutes of 8/28/2014.**
- B. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.**
- C. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board.**
- D. **Review and discuss upcoming legislative action that may require Board action.**
- E. **Review and discuss update on proposed language sent to the Legislature from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals.**
- F. **Review and discuss adding language to the license renewal application regarding Veteran Licensure Reciprocity and Data Gathering.**
- G. **Review and discuss sending a Board representative to the next Board of Certification Conference.**
- H. **Review and discuss current terms of Board Members.**

16. **Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action)** The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

18. **Meeting adjournment. (For possible action)** Rob Conatser motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 9:57 a.m., Chris Wittorff seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.