

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

DATE: **January 15, 2015**

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 Executive Secretary, Stacey Whittaker at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Rob Conatser, Eathan O'Bryant, Chris Wittorff, Jeremy Haas and Tiffney Touton.

Staff Present: Stacey Whittaker, Executive Secretary; Keith Marcher, Senior Deputy Attorney General via teleconference.

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

3. **Review current terms of Board Members and elect a Chairperson for the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker welcomes new Board Member, Jeremy Haas to the meeting and thanks him for his willingness to serve on the Board. Stacey reviews the current terms of Board Members, Jim Porter has completed his second and final term with the Board and it is necessary to elect a new Chairperson. Keith Marcher advises the Board that they will need to nominate an individual and then vote on the motion. Chris Wittorff nominates Rob Conatser as Chairman of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. Eathan O'Bryant seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

4. **Review and approve minutes of meetings August 28, 2014 and December 18, 2014. (For possible action)** Rob Conatser asks if the Board has any questions or concerns regarding the above mentioned meeting minutes, there are none. Chris Wittorff motions to approve the August 28, 2014 and December 18, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Eathan O'Bryant seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

5. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity. (For possible action)** Stacey reports no disciplinary action or reports of unlicensed activity during the fourth quarter 2014. There was one (1) license issued or restored during this quarter and there are currently 190 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. There are no further questions or comments.

6. **Review and discuss update on proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker informs the Board that throughout the writing of the proposed language, the Board has had the opportunity to get input from Colleen Platt, Deputy Attorney General from the Nevada AG's office. Colleen has been instrumental in providing feedback regarding the language before it is submitted to the Legislature. The latest recommendation from Colleen is that before the Board can look at revising NRS639, we will have to revise our own statutes NRS640 regarding the scope of practice of Athletic Trainers which references the changes to NRS 639. Unless the Board has statutory authority that provides for that, we cannot draft such a regulation. Stacey has shared this information with both Jim Porter and Steve McCauley who have worked on the language. Because of these recommendations, the proposed language has not been submitted to the Legislature. Stacey Whittaker asks if perhaps the Subcommittee needs to work further on the language. Rob asks Keith Marcher if it is even possible to submit language to the Legislature this late in the game. Keith feels that if the Board can get a Legislator to carry it, it is possible but pretty unlikely. Rob Conatser feels that it is

necessary to reach to out to Jim Porter and Steve McCauley regarding the language and is willing to do so. Eathan O'Bryant motions to table Item #6 until further information can be gathered. Chris Wittorff seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

7. **Review and discuss sending a representative from the Board to the next Board of Certification Conference. (For possible action)** Rob Conatser opens up the item for discussion, he reminds the Board that this was a recommendation from Jim Porter. Rob asks the Board if anyone has plans on attending the BOC Conference this year. Stacey Whittaker states that the Board of Certification Conference will be July 10-11, 2015 in Omaha Nebraska. This time of year does not tend to work for most Board Members but Jeremy Haas will look into his schedule and the details of the conference and let the Board know. Tiffney Touton motions to table Item #7 until the next board meeting, Jeremy Haas seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

8. **Review and discuss upcoming legislative action and fiscal notes that may require action by the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker informs the Board that the Legislative Session will begin the first week of February, 2015 and that she doesn't know of any major bills coming through that will affect the Board. The Board has begun receiving Fiscal Notes from the Legislature which are bills that could have a fiscal impact on the Board. It is the Board's responsibility to review the fiscal notes and respond within the given timeframe as to the fiscal impact of the proposed bill. Stacey shares with the Board the fiscal notes that have already come in. BDR 19-155 proposes changes to the meetings of public bodies and BDR 53-295 has provisions to certain professions including license by endorsement for Veterans. Stacey feels that it is imperative to have a Board Member reviewing the fiscal notes alongside her and asks for volunteers. Tiffney Touton is willing to review fiscal notes and any legislative action requiring attention. Eathan O'Bryant motions to have Stacey Whittaker and Tiffney Touton review 2015 legislative action to include fiscal notes. Chris Wittorff seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

9. **Review and discuss adding language to the license renewal application regarding Veteran Licensure Reciprocity and Data Gathering. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker informs the Board that she has been in touch with Caleb Cage, Director of Military and Veterans Policy regarding the necessary language that needs to be added to the license application and renewal application. Stacey will work on revising the applications and present them at the next meeting. Rob Conatser asks what this will mean for the license requirements, will they be different for the Veteran applicants. Keith Marcher reiterates that they will still have to meet the minimum requirements for licensure. There are no further questions or comments.

10. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker reviews the financial statements that were sent out. She points out that the funds have been moved over from the CD to the savings account and an additional \$10,000.00 has been moved from the checking account into savings. There are no further questions or comments.

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

- A. **Review and approve meeting minutes of 1/15/2015.**
- B. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.**
- C. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board.**
- D. **Review and discuss Legislative action that may require board action.**
- E. **Review and discuss update on proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals.**
- F. **Review and discuss added 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 the need to mandate Athletic Trainers at all Nevada High Schools.**
- I. Review and discuss contacting special athletic events coming into Nevada regarding Athletic Trainer coverage.**
- J. Review and discuss concussion management at the High School level.**
- K. Review and discuss the upcoming 2015 license renewal period.**

12. **Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action)** The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 14th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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

14. **Meeting adjournment. (For possible action)** Eathan O'Bryant motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 9:40 a.m., Jeremy Haas seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.