

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

DATE: **August 13, 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 Chairman, Rob Conatser at 9:10 a.m.

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

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

2. **Public Comments.** Rick Nolte, ATC is present via teleconference, no comments at this time.

3. **Review and approve minutes of meeting May 14, 2015. (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 May 14, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Eathan O'Bryant seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

4. **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 second quarter 2015. There were no (0) licenses issued or restored during this quarter and there are currently 192 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Review and discuss current Board Member terms for the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. (Discussion only)** Stacey Whittaker reviews the current Board Member terms to include the upcoming vacancies. Both Rob Conatser and Chris Wittorff will complete their second terms on September 30, 2015. Stacey has received nominations from the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association and has submitted them to the Governor's Office. Stacey thanks Rob and Chris for their continued service to the board and informs them that they will serve as hold overs until such time the new appointments are made. There are no further questions or comments.

6. **Review and discuss inquiry received by the Board regarding remote consult services and Occupational Athletic Training Services. (For possible action)** Rick Nolte, ATC is an Illinois Licensed Athletic Trainer and is present via teleconference. He explains to the Board that his company, The Industrial Athlete, provides contracted Occupational Athletic Training Services for employees and one of their sites is a distribution center in Las Vegas. Rick has asked the Board if they feel that a Nevada Athletic Trainer license is necessary or if his Illinois license will suffice for these remote consult services. His company has reviewed the Nevada statutes and found that they are a little more defined in regards to the term athlete. He does not want there to be a conflict with the term athlete in an industrial setting. Rob Conatser asks if their business has moved to Nevada yet, Rick says that they have but do not have an Athletic Trainer on site. Jeremy Haas feels that once they hire an Athletic Trainer for the Nevada office, then they will have to seek licensure. Chris Wittorff agrees, you cannot hold yourself out as an ATC in Nevada without a license. Rob Conatser asks if everyone providing the remote consult services are Licensed Athletic Trainers in that State. Rick Nolte confirms that they are and work under an overseeing Physician. Chris Wittorff says that there are some local industrial companies that are providing on site Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists for their employees.

Overall, the Board does not feel that Nevada licensure is necessary in this case as long as they are not providing Athletic Training services on site. If they move in that direction, then licensure would be necessary. There are no further questions or comments.

**7. Review and discuss the results of the 2015 license renewal period. (For possible action)**

Stacey informs the Board that the renewal period went relatively smoothly. There were 192 Licensed Athletic Trainers at renewal time, 17 individuals did not renew their license, and 14 new licenses have been issued since that time. There are now at 189 licensees with 4 applications pending for the University of Nevada, Reno. There are no further questions or comments.

**8. Review and discuss update on proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals. (For possible action)**

Stacey Whittaker reviews the feedback that was provided by Colleen Platt from the Attorney General's office after reviewing the Board's proposed language. Her advice is that the Board must first revise their own statutes, NRS 640B to give the Board authority to make changes to NRS 639. Until that is done, the Board does not have authority to draft such a regulation. The Board has discussed having the Subcommittee reconvene to review this information and its impact on the proposed language. Keith Marcher advises the Board that regulatory changes should start soon and that statutory changes for 2017 would need to be done by summer of 2016. Stacey will follow up with Colleen Platt to discuss a course of action and the Board will work towards reconvening the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals by the first of the year. There are no further questions or comments.

**9. Review and discuss the results of the 2015 Legislative Session and any bills to include AB89, SB68 and AB158 that may require action by the Board. (For possible action)**

Stacey Whittaker reviews AB89 and SB68 with the Board and explains that these have more of an administrative effect on the Board rather than the licensees. AB158 however, affects the Licensed Athletic Trainers in that it authorizes Licensed Athletic Trainers who have received training by a nationally recognized agency to administer auto-injectable epinephrine. Rob Conatser asks Jeremy Haas if they are currently carrying the epi-pens at the High Schools. Jeremy says that the school Nurses currently have them which can be catastrophic when the Nurses leave well before the school athletic activities begin. Stacey asks the Board if the licensees would benefit from receiving information regarding AB158. Jeremy Haas feels that most of the 50+ Athletic Trainers at Select PT are already aware of the Bill but that it would be a good idea to send out. Jeremy Haas motions for Stacey Whittaker to send out information to the licensees regarding AB158. Chris Wittorff seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

**10. Review and discuss concussion management as it pertains to Licensed Athletic Trainers and the return to play protocol at Nevada High Schools. (For possible action)**

Jeremy Haas reviews the concussion management protocol for Clark County High Schools. He explains that it is a very extensive program that includes evaluation with IMPACT testing, the SCAT test, clearance by a Physician, and then they have recently added VOM Screening. The VOM screening (Vestibular/Ocular-Motor Screening) is a 6 grade exercise program for determining return to play that is conducted over 6 days and gets progressively difficult. By the time all of these evaluations are completed, the athlete is out for approximately 10 days. Rob Conatser asks who is conducting the evaluations, Jeremy says that they are all done by Licensed Athletic Trainers. Eathan O'Bryant asks if the concussed athletes are out for a minimum of 7 days. Jeremy says that there is no minimum time frame set but that the "stages" of evaluation can take several days.

Chris Wittorff has received information from Carson High School and they also utilize the SCAT2 screening for concussions followed by the IMPACT test. The concussed athlete must receive Physician clearance to return to play. Stacey spoke with Jason Klonicke, the Athletic Trainer at Spanish Springs High School and they are also following a 3 step process including the IMPACT testing, clearance by a Physician, followed by exertion testing. Rob Conatser feels that this is the standard for Washoe County Schools and that they follow the NIAA policy.

Chris Wittorff asks what happens when student athletes suffer a concussion outside of the school district. Jeremy states that Clark County School District has a policy that a Physician release is required and they still administer the screening process. Chris also asks what this means for the youth athletes and whether

enforcement needs to be necessary. Tiffney Touton asks if any of the other State Boards are enforcing return to play protocol for youth sports. Chris Wittorff states that California may have enacted a policy, Rob believes Texas, Florida and Hawaii may also have a policy. The Board will continue to monitor concussion protocol and research other State's statutes regarding their requirements. There are no further questions or comments.

**11. Review and discuss financial status of the Board. (For possible action)** The Board has reviewed the financial statements that were sent out and there are no further questions or comments.

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

- A. Review and approve meeting minutes of 8/13/2015.**
- B. Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.**
- C. Review and discuss financial status of the Board.**
- D. Update on Board Member appointments.**
- E. Review and discuss update on proposed language from the Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals.**
- F. Review and discuss concussion management and information found in other State's statutes.**

**13. Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action)** The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**14. Public Comments.** There are no members of the public present at this time. Keith Marcher informs the Board that he will be retiring from the Attorney General's Office on September 18<sup>th</sup> and that they will be assigning the Board a new Deputy Attorney. The Board thanks Keith for his years of service and congratulates him on his retirement. There are no further comments.

**15. Meeting adjournment. (For possible action)** Rob Conatser motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 10:04 a.m., Eathan O'Bryant seconds the motion. Motion approved 5-0.