

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

DATE: **March 10, 2017**

LOCATIONS:

University of Nevada Reno
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Reno, Nevada 89557

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1. Meeting called to order by NSBAT Chairman, Jeremy Haas at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Jeremy Haas, Vice Chair Tedd Girouard, Board Member Keoni Kins, and Board Member Frank Sakelarios.
Board Member Eathan O'Bryant present via telephone.

Staff Present: Stacey Whittaker, Board Executive Secretary; Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy Attorney General.

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

3. **Review and approve Board meeting minutes of December 02, 2016. (For possible action)** Tedd Girouard motions to approve the December 02, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Jeremy Haas 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, 2016 and that 9 (nine) licenses were issued or restored. There are currently 223 Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. There are no further questions or comments.

5. **Review, discuss and approve the proposed statutory language changes to NRS 640B.145 that were submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the 2017 Legislative Session. (For possible action)** Stacey Whittaker informs the Board that due to the late submission of the proposed Bill, they were unable to obtain a Sponsor for the 2017 Legislative Session. Brett Kandt informs the Board that it is best to approach Legislators during the latter half of the year prior to the Legislative Session. He also recommends that the Board may be able to incorporate these language changes through SB69 that allow for reciprocity should this bill go through. Stacey feels that the Board should also take this opportunity to clean up their laws and regulations and make the changes all at once. Jeremy Haas states that the Board should start working on any proposed changes over the next year in order to have them ready for the 2019 Session. There are no further questions or comments.

6. **Review and discuss the Board's position on any Bill or Bill Draft Request from the 2017 Legislative Session to include SB55, SB69, and AB115. (For possible action)** Brett Kandt summarizes the Bills for the Board. SB55 would allow regulatory bodies to invalidate a license that was issued in error. SB69 is the Governor's Bill that would remove barriers to workplace entry and would amend NRS622. It would require boards to adopt regulations for reciprocity, put term limits on board member terms and require additional reporting requirements on licensing activities. The Board discusses AB115 that would add Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the definition of Healthcare Provider. This could potentially amend NRS455A which regulates return to play for an athlete after sustaining a concussion. Jeremy states that there is some concern in the athletic training industry that they are potentially adding to the list of health care providers who can return

an athlete to play after sustaining a concussion. Jeremy feels that there may be opposition coming from other Boards or Associations and doesn't feel that the Board needs to take a position on it at this time. This Bill would not diminish what Athletic Trainers do. The Board agrees and will continue to watch AB115.

Stacey apprises the Board of AB156 that just came out regarding the authorization for public and private schools to obtain and use albuterol inhalers. This language if passed, will accompany the auto-injectable epi-pen law. The Bill does not directly reference Athletic Trainers but may have impact on them in the school settings. The Board will continue to watch this bill as well. There are no further questions or comments.

7. Review and discuss the current procedures for using AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) in Nevada schools and any information obtained from the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. (Discussion) Frank Sakelarios reports to the Board that he spoke with the NIAA and at this point they are not taking a definitive stance or approach on the subject, but allowing the school districts to develop their own policies. Jeremy feels that Southern Nevada has done a good job at allocating two AED's at each school. Frank feels the same way about Northern Nevada but that the bigger issue is that the AED's are not in the Athletic Trainer's possession. In addition, the rural area schools don't even have an Athletic Trainer on site. Jeremy asks if the Board or even the Athletic Trainer Association should reach out to the schools to educate them on AED's. Frank feels it should come from the Association or better yet the NIAA. Jeremy Haas volunteers to reach out to Mark D'Anza, President of the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association to see if they will draft a letter to the NIAA regarding the use of AED's in Nevada schools. Item #7 will be tabled and further discussed at the next board meeting.

8. Review and discuss the Board's position on NRS640B.370 and the educational requirements to conduct evaluations of athletic injuries or perform joint mobilization. (For possible action) Stacey informs the Board that this has been an ongoing inquiry and most recently by the Head Athletic Trainer at Cirque du Soleil. The current statutes state that a Master's Degree, or comparable area of study is required to conduct an evaluation of an athletic injury or perform joint mobilization. The Board feels that the original writing of the practice act was extremely vague and this language in particular was written to appease other licensing boards. The Board feels that the statutes allow Athletic Trainers to practice what their education and training has taught them. Tedd points out that the Board of Certification practice analysis defines the evaluation and assessment of injuries, therapy intervention and manual techniques. Even as the prospect of Athletic Training moves to an entry level Master's Degree program, this won't happen for years and doesn't change the fact that many Athletic Trainers have a Bachelor's Degree. Ultimately, Athletic Trainers should follow the standards of practice and it is the Board's responsibility to investigate any complaints should they come in. Brett Kandt points out that the original statute in question was enacted over 14 years ago and may not reflect how the current practice act should read. He recommends that the Board seek amendments to the statutes or put specific criteria into regulations if they see fit. There are no further questions or comments.

9. Review and discuss the Board's position on the qualifications required to conduct Kinesio-Taping for athletic injuries. (For possible action) Stacey informs the Board that she has had inquiries as to where individuals who are not Athletic Trainers can get formal training or certification in taping techniques. The Board states that there is not any formal training that they know of other than online videos or demonstrations. There are no laws surrounding taping at this time. 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. Tedd Girouard motions to approve the financial statements and all claims and expenses as presented. Keoni Kins seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

11. Review and discuss sending a Board representative to the 2017 Board of Certification Athletic Trainer Regulatory Conference. (For possible action) The Board discusses sending a representative to the BOC regulatory conference July 14-15, 2017 in Omaha Nebraska. The BOC will

fund the hotel costs for one representative. The Board would need to cover registration fees and travel expenses. Jeremy Haas is interested in attending, if he cannot Tedd Girouard will look into going. Tedd Girouard motions to approve allocating board funds to cover the costs of sending one board representative to the BOC Regulatory Conference. Jeremy Haas seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Report from Executive Secretary, Stacey Whittaker. (Discussion) Stacey Whittaker discusses recent board activity, licensure statistics, upcoming board vacancies, and the upcoming license renewal period with the Board. There are no further questions or comments.

13. Report from Chief Deputy Attorney General. (Discussion). Chief Deputy Attorney General, Brett Kandt has nothing further to report at this time.

14. Future agenda items. (For possible action)

- A. Review and approve meeting minutes of March 10, 2017.
- B. Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.
- C. Review and discuss financial status of the Board including claims and expenses and authorizing a new signer on the account.
- D. Continued discussion on Automated External Defibrillators in Nevada schools.
- E. Review and discuss the requirements/qualifications to conduct Dry Needling.
- F. Update on Board Member vacancies.
- G. Update on 2017 Legislative Session.

15. Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting. (For possible action) The next board meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

16. Public Comments. There are no public comments at this time.

17. Meeting adjournment. (For possible action) Meeting adjourned by Chairman, Jeremy Haas at 10:13 a.m.

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