

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

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**DATE & TIME:** January 12, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

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**1. Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Kyle Moore at 3:44PM.**

**Board Members Present:** Kyle Moore, Board Chair; Jeremy Fisher, Treasurer; Leo Lozano, Public Board Member; Kendell Galor, Board Member; and Ariel Ives, Board Member.

**Staff Present:** Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General; and Michelle Cothrun, Board Executive Secretary.

**Public Present:** Mike Sepiol.

**2. Public comment.** Kyle Moore asks Michelle Cothrun if there is any public comment. He asks Mike Sepiol if he has any comment at this time. Mike Sepiol is here to observe. Michelle states that she has not received public comment by email or any other means. No public comment.

**3. Update on Board appointment and introduction of new Board member. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore asks Michelle Cothrun about the update. Michelle informs the Board that Ariel Ives has been appointed. Ariel introduces herself and shares her educational and professional background. She holds a bachelor's degree in athletic training with a major in psychology from the University of New Mexico and a master's degree in advanced athletic training from North Dakota State University. She has practiced in Ohio and is currently working with Dr. Rosenberg as a clinic AT. Ariel also has international experience, teaching athletic training in Japan and working on a United Nations mission to help initiate EMT services in Uganda. Kyle thanks Ariel for her willingness to serve on the Board.

**4. Discussion and election of Chair for the Board. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore explains his decision to not serve as second term on the Board as Chair due to personal commitments. He thanks Michelle and all the Board members for their support during his tenure. He also thanks Tedd Girouard for his mentorship. Kyle nominates Kendell Galor for Board Chair, highlighting her passion and dedication to athletic training in Nevada. He also commends Jeremy for his outstanding work with the legislative subcommittee and suggests he continue in this role to maximize impact.

Kyle Moore motions to nominate Kendell Galor for Board Chair. Leo Lozano seconds the nomination, and it passes. Kyle opens the floor for any further nominations. Hearing none, Kyle Moore

takes another vote for Kendell Galor as the Board Chair. The voting passes unanimously with those present. Kyle congratulates Kendell and expresses gratitude for her future contributions in her new role.

**5. Review and discuss the documentation submitted by licensed athletic trainers who recently completed the required Dry Needling course and approve those who fulfill the statutory requirements for dry needling. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore asks the Board members if they have reviewed the dry needling applications and if Michelle Cothrun has received feedback from the Subcommittee members. Michelle explains that she has received feedback from all three members for the applications minus the last three: #153- Sandoval De Leon, #154-Warner, and #155- Lower. Harry Ward advises that the last three should be excluded from the Board's vote since they have not been reviewed by the full committee.

Jeremy Fisher, after his review of the applications, expresses concern about the relevance of outdated coursework. He notes one course from 2002 would not be accepted for further medical education like PT or med school due to their age. He stresses the importance of ongoing education and anatomy refreshment, drawing from his experience teaching biology. Jeremy emphasizes the need for more recent coursework in the dry needling applications, particularly when the original coursework dates back as far as the birth year of a new graduate applicant. He acknowledges there is no legislative barrier to using old courses but questions the prudence of accepting such outdated credentials. Jeremy calls for adding an agenda item for discussing a policy to ensure that continuing education credits are recent and relevant. Harry Wards reminds the Board that the Subcommittee has the discretion to request applicants provide updated CE units and that Board members can separate votes for specific applicants if they have reservations or concerns about outdated coursework.

Kyle acknowledges that some applicants' credentials may seem outdated even if they are clinically relevant. He proposes making this a discussion item at the next board meeting to possibly revise the Subcommittee's review process. Kyle states the importance of not changing the existing language, which could risk the ability for athletic trainers to dry needle in the state of Nevada. Jeremy agrees with Kyle, noting that while the current applicants are capable, the Board should focus on encouraging the use of more recent and relevant coursework. He supports adding this topic to the agenda for future meetings to ensure ongoing professional standards and relevance in the field. Jeremy also mentions that there is some confusion about the ambiguity in the language concerning "postgraduate coursework." It is unclear whether this term refers to coursework completed after obtaining a degree in athletic training.

Michelle reminds the Board that the Subcommittee has already addressed concerns about applicants using older undergraduate coursework to satisfy credit requirements for dry needling certification. She explains that while master's degree holders often submit their undergraduate classes to quickly fulfill a significant portion of the required hours, the instructions now emphasize the need for more current and relevant coursework. Despite this, applicants may still choose to submit older credits for convenience. Michelle also mentions that during the regulatory approval process, legislators tended to value university credits over CEUs, which they often view as simple online refreshers. Consequently, she advises applicants that the Subcommittee prefers a mix of university coursework and recent postgraduate CEUs to maintain a balance between legislative expectations and professional relevance.

Kyle Moore motions to approve applicants number 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, and 152 for their approval to dry needle in the state of Nevada. Jeremy Fisher seconds the motion, and it passes.

After the motion, Kyle leaves the meeting. Michelle thanks Kyle for his hard work, acknowledging the challenging circumstances he faced during his tenure which coincided with the pandemic. The Board members express their appreciation for his contributions to the Board.

6. **Review and discuss feedback received from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) regarding the proposed regulation that was assigned File No. R135-23, which seeks to revise and clarify fees charged by the Board. The regulation as requested seeks to abolish fees that are required per NRS 640B.410. Approve the suggested revisions to prevent drafting the regulation in conflict with statute. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor states that Michelle Cothrun emailed the Board this feedback about not being able to remove the \$25 fee for a duplicate license; however, it can be reduced to \$1. Michelle clarifies that the feedback received from the LCB was on two items in NAC 640B.060 related to licensing fees. The proposed addition of "without examination" to the language about fees for an initial application conflicts with existing NRS regulations. The recommended solution is to remove this clarification. Consequently, the fee for an initial application will be reduced from \$300 to \$200. Additionally, while completely removing the fee for issuing a duplicate license is not possible due to statutory requirements, it has been suggested to reduce this fee from \$25 to \$1 to remain compliant with the NRS. These adjustments aim to streamline the process and reduce costs without contradicting existing laws. Harry Ward suggests that two separate motions would be cleaner.

Kendell Galor motions to remove the language of without examination for initial licensure. Ariel Ives seconds the motion, and it passes.

Kendell Galor motions to reduce the fees for a duplicate license from \$25 to \$1. Jeremy Fisher seconds the motion, and it passes.

7. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor states that since Kristopher Bosch was unable to attend this meeting, the Board should wait and include him in deciding the date of the next Board meeting. Jeremy Fisher would like to meet soon, so Michelle Cothrun will send a Doodle poll to get a feel for everyone's schedule for the next few weeks. There is no action taken. At this point, Leo Lozano leaves the meeting.

8. **Public comment.** Michelle Cothrun confirms that no members of the public joined the meeting. Mike Sepiol has left the meeting, and she has not received any emails during the meeting. Jeremy Fisher would like to add to the next meeting agenda that the Board move forward with adding an investigator. There is no public comment.

9. **Adjournment. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor adjourns the meeting at 4:25PM.