

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS (NSBAT)
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DRY NEEDLING**

DATE & TIME: December 2, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

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1. **Meeting called to order by Kyle Moore, Subcommittee Chair, at 5:02 PM.**

Subcommittee Members Present: Kyle Moore, Board Member; Keoni Kins, Public Member; Steve McCauley, Public Member.

Staff Present: Michelle Cothrun, Executive Secretary.

2. **Public comment.** No members of the public present. Michelle Cothrun confirmed that the Board office has not received any public comment via email or other means. No public comment.

3. **Review and discuss documentation of education and training submitted by licensed Athletic Trainers to determine which licensees can be recommended for Board approval to perform dry needling and which require additional documentation for Subcommittee review and investigation before a recommendation for Board approval can be made. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore states that there are three (3) applications to review. For applicants #121 Yamamoto and #122 Lopes, he can recommend them to pass. Keoni Kins and Steve McCauley both agree.

The remainder of the discussion is centered around applicant #120 Bozart-Dow. The original Dry Needling certificate they submitted reflected 23.3 contact hours. They resubmitted the certificate that now is approved for 25 hours. Kyle points out that the Dry Needling course is a lower extremity only course. He questions whether the statute specifies that the course must cover the upper and lower full body. The Subcommittee acknowledges that the statute does not specify the full body. However, Kyle's concern is that he has never seen a certificate of completion be altered after the fact. He also questions why the applicant is applying for dry needling with the Board of Athletic Trainers when they are currently dry needling as a physical therapist. Michelle says that the applicant does not specify why they want to dry needle as an athletic trainer.

Keoni Kins states that he has never seen a two-day course worth 25 hours of physical contact hours. He reviewed the email thread between Michelle and the applicant. It appears that they are given the additional hours for reviewing literature ahead of the class. Keoni's main concern is that there is no clear evidence that this applicant has 25 hours of in person Dry Needling education. He looked at what the Physical Therapy Board approved for similar courses that divide the body into upper and lower extremities. They have approved them for fifteen (15) hours each for the two-day courses. No course is twelve (12) hours a day, but eight (8) hours a day. Pre-course work does not satisfy the in-person requirements as stated in the dry needling regulations.

The Subcommittee has set a precedent when they had a previous applicant with a Dry Needling course that was short two (2) hours. That applicant completed another Dry Needling course. After the discussion, Kyle Moore summarizes that the inclusion of pre-course review of literature to complete the 25 hours does not satisfy the in-

person requirement. Kyle tells Michelle that if the denial becomes an issue with the applicant, they are welcome to come to a Subcommittee meeting and discuss their case. And to use the example of the other applicant that completed another dry needling course to be approved.

In conclusion, regarding the three applicants reviewed, the Subcommittee is recommending at the next Board meeting to approve applicants #121 Yamamoto and #122 Lopes. Applicant #120 Bozart-Dow is being denied at this time. There is no further discussion.

4. **Review and approve Subcommittee meeting minutes for the following dates: February 17, 2021; February 23, 2021; March 16, 2021; July 13, 2021; August 5, 2021; November 10, 2021; January 26, 2022; and June 16, 2022. (For Possible Action)** Michelle Cothrun explains to the Subcommittee that she is adding last names of the applicants to the previously approved meeting minutes. She is having to work with State Web because for some reason the posted meeting minutes are no longer ADA compliant. Kyle Moore concludes that the Subcommittee will need to approve the meeting minutes at an upcoming meeting. There is no further discussion.

5. **Future agenda items. (Discussion)** Kyle Moore states that there are no future agenda items other than if more applications come in. He instructs Michelle Cothrun to reach out to the Subcommittee members to schedule a meeting before the next Board meeting when she receives new applications. There is no further discussion.

6. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** The date of the next Subcommittee meeting is dependent on whether new applications are received. There is no further discussion.

7. **Public comment.** No members of the public joined during the meeting. There is no public comment.

8. **Adjournment. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore adjourns the meeting at **5:32PM**.

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AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING *****