

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

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1. Meeting called to order by Subcommittee Chair, Kyle Moore at 6:33 PM.

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

Staff Present: Michelle Cothrun, Executive Secretary

2. Public comment. No members of the public present. No public comment.

3. Review and discuss proof of education and training documentation submitted by licensed Athletic Trainers to determine which licensees can be recommended for Board approval and which require additional documentation for Subcommittee review and investigation before a recommendation for approval can be made. (For Possible Action) The Subcommittee discusses a process for reviewing the applications to dry needle. Kyle Moore suggests separating applicants into two categories: Pass or Discuss. If all Subcommittee members agree that an applicant passes, there will be no need to discuss them further. Only the ones marked to discuss will be reviewed by the Subcommittee. The main goal is to determine which applicants fall into the investigate category requiring more documentation to decide if the application is a Pass.

Keoni Kins clarifies that the Subcommittee may request additional information from an applicant without bringing them in front of the Board. At the previous Board meeting, Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, informed the Board members that the Subcommittee has the authority to contact a licensee and request additional information. If the Subcommittee determines that the applicant still does not pass, the applicant can then appear before the Board to make their case.

Harry Ward also explained that applicants should not have any expectation of privacy outside of not disclosing their personal data such as Social Security Number and date of birth. Licensee reviews are public record. Nevertheless, the Subcommittee decides to identify applicants by a randomly assigned number rather than by last name or license number for simplicity's sake. They review the list of applications to discover which ones require further examination.

During the review, the following points were discussed:

1. Whether to set a timeframe wherein entry level degree work would be considered too old without some other contemporary continuing education work. At the previous meeting, it was determined that undergrad courses do fulfill the statutory requirements. The concern is that applicants that have been in practice for several years, even decades, are submitting undergraduate coursework without any current continuing education courses. While undergraduate work can be submitted, the Subcommittee may determine that a particular course does not satisfy one of the four required domains.
2. Coursework with broad titles such as Principles in Athletic Training do not clearly satisfy the required domains listed above. Applicants must explain how a class pertains to dry needling and/or provide a course syllabus. It is not the Subcommittee's job to determine how an applicant's transcript qualifies them to dry needle.
3. Contact hours are not being calculated correctly. Typically, one college credit hour would be 15 contact hours per semester. Therefore, a three-credit class counts for 45 contact hours. Even so, some domains do not justify counting all contact hours. For instance, blood borne pathogens may have been covered in a course, perhaps during one or two lectures. If that is the case, only those hours should be counted.
4. Submitting a verification form that is not completely or correctly filled out. All sections of the form are required. Dates that the coursework was completed are important to easily find the corresponding courses on the transcripts. Even though the form is being submitted electronically, it must be signed by the applicant. Incomplete forms will not be accepted for review.
5. Certificates of completion and unofficial transcripts must accompany the verification form. Unsubstantiated coursework will not be accepted. A curriculum vitae is not an acceptable substitute for filling out the verification form.
6. Graduate coursework with an emphasis in the pediatric population was deemed not relevant given that dry needling is to be performed on adult athletes.
7. Clinical rotations are not considered satisfactory without a clear explanation of how that clinical experience relates to dry needling, or whether the applicant was exposed to dry needling.
8. If an applicant submits a professional conference, they must provide a conference schedule and highlight the sessions they attended that relate to dry needling.
9. Applicants can be doing a better job at identifying appropriate coursework from their transcripts. For instance, an applicant with a graduate degree submitted their undergraduate coursework instead. Basic anatomy is being listed, while other advanced courses are not. It is not the responsibility of the Subcommittee to search through an applicant's transcript looking for more relevant coursework.

Kyle asks Michelle to confirm that all applicants have passed except for three that need to submit more information for consideration. Michelle confirms those three and adds three others that will be recommended to pass once they each submit one final piece to complete their application. There is no further discussion or action taken.

4. Review and discuss a final list of recommendations that the Subcommittee on Dry Needling will present to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers. (For Possible Action) Keoni Kins suggests a motion to recommend to the Board for approval all of those deemed as Pass, except the ones that were discussed needing

additional information. The next step is for the Board to vote on whether or not to approve this Subcommittee's recommendations.

Kyle Moore motions for Michelle to consolidate the list of passes based on this meeting and submit to the Board for review. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

5. **Future agenda items. (Discussion)** There is no discussion of future agenda items.
6. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** The Subcommittee discusses a reasonable timeframe for the applicants to submit the requested additional documentation. The next Subcommittee meeting will be on March 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
7. **Public comment.** No members of the public joined during the meeting. There is no public comment
8. **Adjournment. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore motions to adjourn the meeting at **8:07 PM**. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

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