

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

DATE & TIME: August 5, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

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1. **Meeting called to order by Kyle Moore, Subcommittee Chair, 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. 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 asks Michelle Cothrun to confirm if all supplemental information requested from the previous Subcommittee meeting was received. Michelle informs the Subcommittee that she is still waiting on responses from #89 Avila and #99 Henke. #97 Jacobucci is working on getting their transcripts together and typing up the form. As requested at the previous Subcommittee meeting, #96 Smith submitted his transcript and #98 Fisher sent an email with an explanation of their Grand Rounds coursework. A new application, #101 Gordon, was also added for review, as the applicant had a question regarding the hours of their Dry Needling course.

The Subcommittee members agree that the following are recommended to Pass: #96 Smith, M; #98 Fisher; and #94 Smith, T. The Subcommittee then discusses at length #101 Gordon whose DN Certificate from a course in 2014 specifies 23.3 contact hours. The applicant would like to know if other coursework or experience can make up the difference. Kyle Moore states that the statute clearly requires a minimum of 25 hours that cannot be interpreted differently. Keoni Kins and Steve McCauley agree that the statutory language is very clear. Kyle states that even though this person is clearly qualified, the Subcommittee has an obligation to maintain the standard. And if a precedent is set otherwise, it becomes an unmanageable slippery slope. No other coursework can be accepted to make up the difference for the hours.

The Subcommittee feels for this applicant and acknowledges the difficulty this unique case presents. Keoni confirms that the statute requires at least 25 hours of didactic instruction and training provided through a postgraduate course of study. He adds that it specifies that the course must have a written exam, a practical component, and be completed in person. Kyle asks if there is a chance that the actual agenda of the weekend meets

the 25 hours, but it was only approved for 23.3 through the governing body. Steve states that the governing body is the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. He cautions that going down this road runs the risk of invalidating the Subcommittee's work by going against written statutes. Steve suggests that Michelle simply tell the applicant that the course they submitted does not meet the statutory minimum. The Subcommittee members agree that a simple response would be best. There is no further discussion.

4. **Future agenda items. (Discussion)** Kyle Moore states that there are no future agenda items to consider. There is no further discussion.

5. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore states that the Subcommittee members cannot decide on the date of the next Subcommittee meeting since it is dependent on the date of the next Board meeting. Kyle instructs Michelle Cothrun to email the three (3) applicants that need to submit more documentation to submit it as soon as possible. The scheduling of the next Board meeting should be soon.

Michelle comments about the Athletic Trainers that marked on their renewal applications that they dry needle but have not submitted their Dry Needling verification forms yet. They may be filling out the renewal form so quickly that they do not realize they are stating that they dry needle when in fact they do not. Kyle suggests that a question about dry needling should be added to the initial application and not just on the renewal form. Steve McCauley asks if the Subcommittee members are all in agreement that they should encourage the Board to do everything they can to ensure that those who are not qualified to dry needle are not. Kyle confirms that the matter is on the agenda for the next Board meeting. There is no further discussion.

Kyle Moore motions that the next meeting of the Subcommittee be determined on the time of the next Board meeting to give applicants adequate time to submit their information. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

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

7. **Adjournment. (For Possible Action)** Kyle Moore motions to adjourn the meeting at **7:10 PM**. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

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AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ****