

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

DATE & TIME: July 13, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

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1. **Meeting called to order by Kyle Moore, Subcommittee Chair, at 6:32 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 confirms 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 starts the discussion by stating that applicants will be referred to by their auto-generated numbers. After reviewing and discussing the applications, the Subcommittee agrees that #89 Avila, #99 Henke, and #94 Smith submitted incomplete applications. Once they submit complete applications, they will be reviewed. #89 Avila and #97 Jacobucci both submitted handwritten verification forms. All forms must be typed.

Michelle Cothrun informs the Subcommittee that #90 Centrella marked “Yes” on their renewal form by accident. Michelle confirmed that they do not dry needle as an Athletic Trainer and withdrew their application from the database. #98 Fisher needs clarification of what their Grand Rounds courses entail and demonstrate that Dry Needling application was involved in that experience. #96 Smith needs to submit their transcript from the University where they took Anatomy and Physiology. A transfer credit report is not sufficient verification. The Subcommittee also discusses the benefits of including a sample form as a guide for applicants to alleviate confusion and which applications would be good examples to include.

During the discussion, Steve McCauley expresses concern that Athletic Trainers who have not submitted their applications might still be practicing dry needling. He suggests that the Board discuss the possibility of having investigations of the Athletic Trainers that the Subcommittee sends back for more information. His concern is that there are Athletic Trainers performing dry needling that are not bothering to submit an application for review and approval. Kyle Moore and Keoni Kins agree that the Board needs clear communication that until an application is approved, they ought not to be dry needling. All Subcommittee members agree that this matter should be an item on the next Board meeting agenda.

The Subcommittee considers the additional information that #70 Gaisford submitted regarding their graduate coursework and discusses what constitutes a pediatric or adolescent athlete versus a fully developed/mature adult athlete. Pediatric athletes are generally not treated with dry needling and Gaisford is not working with adolescents. His application is recommended to Pass. #91 Cortez, #92 Grant, #95 Touchet, and #51 Johnson all submitted thorough applications and are also recommended to Pass. There is no further discussion.

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)** Kyle Moore lists the applications that are recommended to the Board to pass, as follows: #91 Cortez; #70 Gaisford; #92 Grant; #95 Touchet; and #51 Johnson. The other applications that were reviewed need more information.

Kyle Moore motions for the Subcommittee to make the recommendations to pass as previously agreed upon to the Board at the next scheduled meeting to be determined. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

Keoni Kins motions that the Subcommittee on Dry Needling formally make a recommendation to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers that they discuss with the Attorney General's office mechanisms by which the Board can police the regulations on Dry Needling, to include potentially investigating individuals. And, at minimum, communicating with all licensees via formal email and/or letter. Steve McCauley seconds, and the motion passes.

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

6. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** The Subcommittee members discuss the date for the next meeting until they agree on a date and time. Kyle Moore motions that the Subcommittee next meet on August 5 at 6:30pm Pacific time. Steve McCauley seconds the motion, and it passes.

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 **7:28 PM**.

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AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ****