

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

DATE & TIME: June 27, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

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1. Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Kendell Galor at 5:04 PM.

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

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

Public Present: Meredith Gutowski.

2. Public comment. Kendell Galor asks Michelle Cothrun if she has received any public comment for this meeting. Michelle confirms that she has not. The public member present, Meredith Gutowski, has no public comment.

During this discussion, Kristopher Bosch joins the meeting.

3. Interview of Candidates for Board Investigator position. (Discussion)

- **Coby Blanco**
- **Dana Coursey**
- **Dustin Hopfe**
- **David Orr**

Kendell Galor gives the candidates an overview of the interview process. Each will answer the same eight questions, starting with a brief self-introduction. For each question, candidates will have three minutes to respond without interruption, after which they'll be asked to finish their thought. The goal is to keep each interview to around 30 minutes to manage the time effectively with four candidates in one session. Jeremy Fisher clarified that if candidates do not need the full three minutes, they can simply let the panel know, and they will move on to the next question. Kendell adds that this approach ensures everyone has the same amount of time.

Michelle Cothrun informs the candidates that they will be in a separate breakout room during interviews. As this is a public meeting, candidates may stay and observe, which is not typical for interviews. The Board will deliberate and select candidates immediately afterward. Since it is an evening session, candidates may leave after their interview if they prefer. The candidates were all properly noticed per NRS241.033, and the interviews were conducted in the name order on the agenda.

4. Deliberation and selection of the Board Investigator position, ideally with one located in both Northern and Southern Nevada. (For Possible Action) The Board discusses the candidates and considers each of

their qualifications. They also discuss the possibility of a second investigator in the South and if the budget would allow for three investigators.

Kendell Galor moves to hire David Orr and Dana Coursey as investigators in Southern Nevada and Dustin Hopfe as an investigator in Northern Nevada. Leo Lozano seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Kendell asks the remaining candidates back into the main meeting room to thank them for their time and to inform them that the Board has come to a consensus on the investigator position. Michelle Cothrun will send out emails at the conclusion of the meeting tonight.

5. **Review and approve Board meeting minutes for April 19, 2024. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor tables the approval on the meeting minutes for April 19, 2024 until the next meeting.

6. **Review and discuss dry needling applications and supporting documentation submitted by licensed athletic trainers to approve those who meet the statutory requirements. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor asks the Board members if they have reviewed the four applications. Michelle Cothrun confirms that the Dry Needling Subcommittee members have reviewed the applications as well. The applications for review are #162-Gutowski, #163-Ripplingham, #164-Jacobson, and #165-Rush. Kendell asks for feedback on any of these applications and there is none.

Kendell Galor moves to approve applications #162, #163, #164, and #165 to dry needle in Nevada. Jeremy Fisher seconds the motion, and it passes.

7. **Review and approve the cost of flight and registration fee for Jeremy Fisher, Board Treasurer, to attend the BOC Conference in person, as well as approve the registration fee of additional Board members and Executive Secretary to attend virtually. (For Possible Action)** Michelle Cothrun informs the Board that she has received a few receipts from Jeremy Fisher and a receipt from Ariel Ives. Since both Kendell Galor and Jeremy Fisher will be attending in person, they will have additional receipts to submit afterwards. Kendell asks for any additional feedback and there is none.

Kendell Galor moves to approve the costs for Jeremy Fisher to attend the BOC conference in person, and for Ariel Ives and Michelle Cothrun to attend virtually. Leo Lozano seconds the motion, and it passes.

8. **Review and discuss the effective date of the adopted regulation R135-23, which reduces the fees charged by the Board, and possibly approve partial refunds of renewal fees for licensees who have already renewed. (For Possible Action)** Michelle Cothrun explained that when regulations are submitted, a timeframe is usually set (e.g., 30 or 60 days after the effective date). In this case, the regulation that included the reduced fees was reviewed and approved on June 18 by the Legislative Subcommittee and became effective on June 20 upon filing with the Secretary of State. When Michelle asked the Legislative Council about partial refunds, they stated it was up to the Board to decide. She also confirmed that Stripe can provide partial refunds to the licensees who paid with a credit card. Kendell states that the licensed athletic trainers in the State would appreciate a partial refund of \$25.

Kendell Galor moves to allow all licensees who have renewed for the 2024 renewal period in the state of Nevada to receive a \$25 refund. Jeremy Fisher seconds the motion. Kendell asks for additional feedback and Jeremy asks about the other reduced fees, specifically the initial licensure fee for the recent UNLV grads. The Board discusses giving Michelle, the Executive Secretary of the Board, the authority to issue refunds as needed.

Kendell Galor retracts the previous motion and moves to allow Michelle Cothrun, Executive Secretary of the Board, the authority to issue refunds for all licensees who paid based on the previous fee schedule prior to the adoption of regulation R135-23 for the 2024 year. Jeremy Fisher seconds the amended motion, and it passes.

9. **Discussion and possible decision on date of next meeting. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor asks Michelle Cothrun to send the Board members a Doodle poll to find a date for the next Board meeting. She notes that it has worked well in the past. There is no further discussion.

10. **Public comment.** Jeremy Fisher takes a moment to thank everyone for the progress made at this evening's meeting. Michelle Cothrun adds that the Board has been discussing hiring investigators and lowering fees for as long as she has worked for the Board. Kendell Galor is happy to be part of it. There is no public comment.

11. **Adjournment. (For Possible Action)** Kendell Galor adjourns the meeting at 7:15PM.

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AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING *****