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**REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Eric Freas, ATC – Chair  
Bart Peterson, ATC – Vice-Chair  
Chuck Baughman, ATC – Athletic Trainer Member  
Harold Callihan – Public Member

**Board Members Absent:** Jennifer Fadeley – Public Member

**Staff Present:** Karen Whiteford – Executive Director

**Legal Staff Present:** Sabrina Kahn – Assistant Attorney General

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:30 a.m.; Mr. Freas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (A recording of the meeting is available through the Board Office.)
  - a) **Roll Call** – The following Board members were present: Eric Freas, Bart Peterson, Chuck Baughman, and Harold Callihan
- 2) **DISCUSS, AMEND AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016 – Mr. Peterson moved the Board approve the Board meeting minutes of April 4, 2016, with no amendments. Mr. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- 3) **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Baughman recused himself from review of Moonsung Jo’s initial application in item 6e.
- 4) **REVIEW FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:**
  - a) The Board reviewed the meeting schedule for:
    - i) June 6, 2016 Telephonic
    - ii) July 11, 2016 In Person
    - iii) August 8, 2016 – The Board asked staff to verify this is the correct date.

Mr. Callihan notified the Board that he would be resigning from the Board after the meeting as he is moving out-of-state.
- 8) **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**
  - a) Recognition of Service – Aaron Nelson and Randy Frost  
The Board presented plaques to Aaron Nelson and Randy Frost for their years of service to the Board.

## ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND LEGAL ACTION

### 5) REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION - COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS & COMPLIANCE

- a) Initial Review of and Possible Action Regarding Opening a Complaint  
There were no possible complaints to review.

b) Open Complaints and Investigations

- i) Anna Hartman ATC Lic #0393, complaint number 16-AT-0393

Ms. Hartman was present and not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Hartman provided copies of her certificates of completion for dry needling courses and Physician Directives and Standing Orders document signed by Brian Shafer, MD, and Ms. Hartman. Mr. Callihan moved the Board go into executive session to obtain legal advice. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The Board went into executive session at 9:39 a.m.

Upon returning to regular session at 9:54 a.m., Mr. Freas notified Ms. Hartman that the Board had obtained legal advice regarding Arizona statute during the executive session. Mr. Freas stated the Board stance is that dry needling is outside of the scope of practice for athletic trainers and that there would be no discipline because she had no intention of violating laws. He further stated that in order to provide dry needling services, she would have to obtain a different license, such as physical therapy or acupuncture. Mr. Freas stated to Ms. Hartman that she was to cease and desist from providing dry needling services under her athletic training license as it currently stands.

Ms. Hartman asked which statute was used by the Board to make their decision. Ms. Khan stated that A.R.S. § 32-4101(4)(d).

Mr. Peterson moved the Board send a confidential advisory letter to Ms. Hartman, expressing their concerns regarding providing services outside of the scope of practice. Mr. Baughman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Peterson moved the Board direct staff to draft communication to licensees regarding the Board's stance on the practice of dry needling by athletic trainers. Mr. Baughman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

c) Status of Compliance with Board Order/Approval of Board Ordered CE

- i) Stanley Johnston ATC Lic. #0830, complaint number 14-AT-0830 – Staff reported there was no change in Mr. Johnson's status. His probation ends 10/15/16.
- ii) Michael Hilditch ATC Lic. # 0273, complaint number 15-AT-0273 – Staff reported no changes to Mr. Hilditch's status. His probation ends on 6/8/16.
- iii) Randall Cohen ATC Lic. # 0274, complaint number 15-AT-0274 – Staff reported that there was no change to Mr. Cohen's status.
- iv) Margaret Rall ATC Lic. # 1282, complaint number 15-AT-1282 - Staff reported no changes to Ms. Rall's status.
- v) Meagan Semore ATC Lic. #1441, complaint number 15-AT-1441 – Staff reported that there was no change to Ms. Semore's status.
- vi) Jeffrey Bodenhamer ATC Lic #1447, complaint number 15-AT-1447 – Staff reported no changes to Mr. Bodenhamer's status.

- d) Informal Interviews  
No informal interviews at this time.

**6) REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- a) Initial applications

Jessica Salter	James Schilling	Alexander Vick
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Mr. Callihan moved to approve the three initial applications. Mr. Baughman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- b) Initial applications, Board review\*  
There were no initial applications requiring Board review.
- c) Renewal applications

Vicente Chavira	Allison Connolly	Anthony Cukierski
John DiCicco	Adam Fletcher	Kristine Foltz
Tamee Gressett	Mark Gruesbeck	Victor Herrera
Krista Hixson	James Imhoff	Jeffrey Jankowski
Emily Johnson	Joshua Johnson	Bruce Johnston
Justin Kokoskie	Ron Kordonowy	Kristine Kuschel
Cherisse Kuttyreff	Kathleen Langan	Ryan Larson
Mark Letendre	David Linaker	Jerry Lloyd
Thomas Lyle	Alexander Medina	Jacquleen Papa
Brandie Peterson*	Stephanie Vermillion	Elizabeth Whitley

\* Requires Board review

Mr. Peterson moved the Board approve 29 (Chavira through Papa and Vermillion through Whitley) of the 30 renewal applications. Mr. Baughman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

- d) Renewal applications: (Board Review)

- i) Brandie Peterson

Following review of Ms. Brandie Peterson’s application, which included statements that she had practiced athletic training since her license expired, Mr. Baughman moved the Board approve Ms. Brandie Peterson’s application for reinstatement upon receipt of a signed consent agreement to include one year of probation, \$250 civil penalty, and three hours of continuing education in medical ethics, as prescribed in the Board’s complaint resolution chart. Mr. Bart Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Bart Peterson made a friendly amendment to the motion to include a requirement of proof of completion of the court-ordered counseling before the end of the one-year probation. Mr. Baughman accepted the amendment. The amended motion passed 4-0.

e) Incomplete Initial Applications

Katy Ballard	Drew Garner	Moonsung Jo*
Ryan Ross		

\* Requires Board review

Mr. Baughman recused himself from the review of Moonsung Jo's application. The remaining Board members reviewed Mr. Jo's application and letters from his supervisor and directed staff to issue a temporary license for Mr. Jo upon receipt of official verification of his Oregon license.

Incomplete Renewal Applications

Benjamin Downie	Sean Fields*	Lynzi Warner
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\* Requires Board review

Sean Fields

The Board reviewed Mr. Fields's application, which became complete 24 hours prior to the meeting. Additional documentation was received, which included statements that Mr. Fields had practiced athletic training in Arizona after his license had expired. Following review and discussion, Mr. Peterson moved the Board approve Mr. Fields's application pending a signed consent agreement to include one year of probation, \$500 civil penalty paid in the first six months, and six hours of continuing education in medical ethics, as prescribed in the Board's complaint resolution chart. Mr. Baughman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

**8) REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

- b) Executive Director's Report – Verbal Report and Discussion – No Action Required
  - i) Financial Report – Ms. Whiteford reported that the latest report had not been received.
  - ii) Review Recent Board Staff Activities – Ms. Whiteford reported that she would be attending the NBCOT Leadership Conference May 11-13.
  - iii) Review of Current Legislative Activity (2016) – Ms. Whiteford provided an update on the status of the following bills:
    - (1) HB 2613 regulatory boards; licensing; revisions
    - (2) HB 2501 health regulatory boards; transfer; DHS
    - (3) HB 2014 electronic documents; state agencies
    - (4) SB 1443 health profession regulatory boards
    - (5) SB 1524 regulatory board actions; limitations
  - iv) Rule Activity – No activity to report
  - v) Personnel Matters – Ms. Whiteford stated that Christina Soto is starting on Monday, May 9.
- c) Administrative Project Status
  - i) Policies and procedures – Ms. Whiteford had no update.
  - ii) Board automation – Ms. Whiteford had no update.
  - iii) BOC Disciplinary Action Exchange – Ms. Whiteford stated that she is reporting actions as they are executed.
  - iv) National Practitioner Data Bank adverse action updates – Ms. Whiteford stated that she is reporting actions as they are executed.
  - v) Dry Needling – The Board asked that this item be removed from future agendas.
  - vi) Mandatory Board member training – The Board reported that they are progressing through the CLEAR Online Board Member Training.
  - vii) Check scanning and remote deposit
  - viii) Five Year Rule Review

- d) Update on the AT stake holders meetings – Ms. Whiteford reported that there has been no activity on this item.
- e) Letter to baseball teams regarding licensing requirements – The Board asked that this item be removed from future agendas.
- f) Official versus unofficial license verification – Board staff asked if online verification of licenses in other states was acceptable as long as it was considered primary source verification. The Board directed staff to verify licensure online only if verification was considered to be from a primary source.

**9) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Invite Laurie White from the Arizona Athletic Trainers' Association to speak about the Association's plans to address the dry needling issue.

**10) CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Laurie White stated that she will report the outcome of the dry needling discussion at today's meeting to the Board of Directors of the AZATA.

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baughman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. Mr. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Whiteford*

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Executive Director