

BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Telephone Conference Call
PHONE NUMBER: (888) 670-3525
PARTICIPANT CODE*: 4552635641
September 17, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. ET

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 12:33p.m. ET by Mr. Nicholas Pappas, Board Chair.

ROLL CALL

Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members Present:

Nicholas Pappas, ATC, LAT, Chair
Billy J. McDougal, ATC, LAT, Vice-Chair
Kevin Christie, DC
James Brian Hudson
Kari Riddle, ATC, LAT
Randy Schwartzberg, MD

Staff Present:

Tom Barnhart, Esq., Board Counsel
Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director
Camille Byrd, Regulatory Supervisor
Stephanie Prine, Regulatory Specialist
Court Reporter: For the Record Reporting,
(850) 222-5491

Members Absent:

James T. Watson, ATC, LAT
Lynne Roberts

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 8, 2018 General Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 8, 2018 general business meeting were reviewed and following review, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Riddle to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: by Dr. Christie

Vote: unanimous.

III. APPEARANCES

A. Christopher Sawyer, LAT Applicant

Mr. Sawyer was present and was not represented by counsel. His appearance was requested due to an affirmative response to a health history question on his application for Licensed Athletic Trainer. Mr. Sawyer's application is complete as of July 28, 2018.

Mr. Sawyer waived his 90-day requirement in order to voluntarily obtain a letter of recommendation from his current mental health provider.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. Riddle to approve Mr. Sawyer's application on the condition that he supply a satisfactory letter of recommendation from his current mental health provider certifying that, in the provider's professional opinion, Mr. Sawyer can practice with reasonable skill and safety. The letter shall be reviewed by a committee of one, consisting of Board Chair Mr. Pappas.

Second: by Mr. McDougal

Vote: unanimous.

IV. REPORTS

A. Tom Barnhart, Esq., Board Counsel

i. Monthly Rules Report

Mr. Barnhart provided a rules report for September 2018 for the Board's review.

ii. Annual Regulatory Plan

Mr. Barnhart provided the proposed Annual Regulatory Plan for the Board's review and approval. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. McDougal to approve the proposed Annual Regulatory Plan.

Second: by Dr. Christie

Vote: unanimous.

The plan will be filed with the Legislature on October 1st.

B. Nicholas Pappas, LAT, Board Chair

i. Rule Development: 64B33-2.003, F.A.C.

Mr. Pappas asked the Board to discuss opening rulemaking procedures in order to modify Rule 64B33-2.003. Licensees are currently required to provide to the Board proof of BOC certification, proof of completion of Board-required Continuing Education units (CEUs), and proof of satisfaction of the Continuing Education requirements included in Chapter 456, Florida Statutes. The Board requires licensees to complete 24 CEUs each biennium, but the BOC requires completion of 50 CEUs for certification. Board members agreed that the current rule language essentially requires licensees to report the same CEUs twice in each biennium (once to the BOC for certification, and again to the Board for renewal) and that this process should be streamlined for ease of renewal. Mr. Pappas proposed the consideration of new Continuing Education requirements, which would require licensees only to provide proof of BOC certification and satisfaction of the Chapter 456, F.S., Continuing Education requirements.

Motion: by Ms. Riddle to open Rule 64B33-2.003 for development.

Second: by Dr. Christie

Vote: unanimous.

C. Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director

i. Financial Reports

a. Budget Report – Expenditures by Function

Ms. Wenhold provided budget information for the financial period ending June 30th, 2018.

b. 2-Year Analysis for FY18-19

Ms. Wenhold provided a 2-year financial analysis of the Board's cash balance for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The Board's cash balance is healthy, trending upward and a review of fees may be necessary.

Ms. Wenhold informed the board that Mr. Pappas participated in a multi-board workgroup telephone conference call on Friday, September 14, 2018 to discuss possible revisions to the health history questions asked on the initial applications. The results of that discussion will be posted on the next meeting agenda for full Board review.

Ms. Wenhold reminded the board of the renewal biennium date of September 28, 2018 and that currently 35% of Athletic Trainers had renewed their license.

The Board office will be scheduling a telephone conference call for December and will hold annual elections at that time.

V. FOR YOUR INFORMATION
A. Spotlight on Unlicensed Activity

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Board took the following action:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03p.m. ET.