

# FLORIDA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING GENERAL BOARD MEETING

## DRAFT MINUTES

January 22, 2021 @ 7:30 a.m.



Billy J. "Bo" McDougal, ATC, LAT, Chair

Janet E. Hartman, Executive Director

## **CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:32 a.m.**

Roll Call conducted by Janet Hartman.

### **Members Present:**

Billy J. "Bo" McDougal, ATC, LAT, Chair  
Kari Riddle, ATC, LAT, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Kevin Christie, DC  
Lynne Roberts  
James B. Hudson

### **Members Not Present:**

James T. Watson, ATC, LAT  
Dr. Randy S. Schwartzberg, MD

### **Staff Present:**

Janet Hartman, Executive Director  
Eric Pottschmidt, Program Operations Administrator  
Lynette Norr, Assistant Attorney General  
Christina Shideler, Assistant General Counsel

### **Court Reporter Present:**

For The Record - 850-222-5491

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 10, 2020**

**Motion:** by Kari Riddle to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes.  
**Second:** by Kevin Christie  
**Vote:** Passed Unanimously

## **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT**

Christina Shideler, Assistant General Counsel presented. There is currently 1 open disciplinary case in the PSU Detailed Inventory under legal review.

## **REPORTS (TS – 00:05:00 Minutes)**

**Chair's Report** – Nothing to report.

### **Executive Director's Report**

#### COVID-19 Practitioners Report

Mrs. Hartman reviewed COVID-19 testing and vaccination updates. In part, Mrs. Hartman discussed how Athletic Training fits into the criteria of a healthcare provider because they provide direct patient care assistance. However, it is still managed at the community level and are still required to contact local healthcare facilities and local county health departments.

Financial Report – No discussion.

### **Board Counsel's Report (TS – 00:13:30 Minutes)**

#### COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination

Ms. Lynette Norr, Assistant Attorney General, reviewed discussion topic that focused on the question... “Is providing a COVID-19 test in the scope of practice for Athletic Trainers?”. Ms. Norr referenced s.468.701(2), F.S. - Definition of Athletic Training, and offered guidance for the discussion.

Mr. McDougal offered his opinion that supports the idea that Athletic Trainers are qualified to perform COVID-19 testing. However, Mr. McDougal maintains an opinion that rules and regulations for Athletic Trainers do not contain authority to administer vaccinations.

Kari Riddle, Vice-Chair, offered an agreement that it is within scope of practice for Athletic Trainers to perform COVID-19 tests.

Dr. Kevin Christie offered his agreement with Chair and Vice-Chair opinions.

Ms. Lynn Roberts also offered, as a consumer member, her agreement with the opinion that Athletic Trainers are qualified to administer the COVID-19 test and that she would be comfortable having an Athletic Trainer perform a COVID-19 test.

Dr. Pradeep R. Vanguri, Vice-President of the Athletic Trainers Association of Florida, presented his opinion that Athletic Trainers are prepared to handle assessment, and reviewed content from the Board of Certification’s Practice Analysis 7 as a reference tool.

Kristen Schellhase, Program Director for University of Central Florida, agreed with Dr. Vanguri position, and maintains that this is within the scope of what they have been teaching for a while at UCF.

Ms. Lynette Norr advised that no formal action is required at this time, and notes that their scope of work already permits this type of direct patient care. Going forward there should be no problems provided the directing physician and athletic trainer agree on course of action.

Rules Report – No discussion.

## **RATIFICATIONS**

### *Licenses Issued*

**Motion:** by Kari Riddle to ratify Profession 1001  
**Second:** by James Hudson  
**Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS** – No old or new business.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – April 30, 2021– GoToMeeting

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - (TS – 00:32:45 Minutes)**

Kristen Schellhase, Program Director for University of Central Florida. Inquired about an issue with Athletic Trainers not being deemed qualified for receiving COVID-19 vaccinations because they are not recognized as healthcare providers.

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 8:11 a.m.