

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Athletic Training via mail ballot
9.26.2022.*

Minutes of the September 20, 2022
Board of Athletic Training Video Conference Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, via Webex and in person in Conference Room 3H, at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on September 12, 2022. Jessica Roberts, Rebecca Docter, and Michael Nicola joined the meeting via Video Conference.

Roberts announced that this is an open meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson
Rebecca Docter, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Nicola, Secretary

Absent: Vanetta Early, Public Member

Others Present:

Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney
T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Amy Blinston, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Docter, moved, seconded by Nicola, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Docter, Nicola and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE 7.19.2022 BOARD MEETING

Covert-ByBee stated that the minutes from the July 19, 2022, Board Meeting were adopted by mail ballot. Nicola, Docter, and Roberts voted to approve the minutes as written, no vote by Early. A quorum was met, and the minutes were approved.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS -CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not move into closed session as there was no confidential information to discuss.

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5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

There were no recommendations.

6. UPDATE ON LANCE

Covert-ByBee advised that the Department is looking at other options for a new database as the LANCE project was discontinued.

7. ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION SHOWING PROOF OF COMPLETION OF STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINING

The Board discussed the Nebraska Athletic Training licensure requirements that direct the applicant to provide a letter from their supervising Athletic Trainer from when they were a student, to complete the initial application. There is a concern that some supervising Athletic Trainers are retiring or have passed away and are unable to complete the required documentation. Also, some programs have closed due to changing educational requirements. Therefore, in some instances, there may not be a person able to verify the education was completed in the letter format that the application requires. Information regarding certification from the BOC and licensure in other jurisdictions were reviewed. The Board will continue discussing this topic at the next meeting.

8. REGULATION DRAFTING

The Board discussed potential regulation revisions and current statutory requirements. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Blinston presented the Licensure Application Processing Report. This was for informational purposes only. This report shows where the department is with application processing and the number of active licenses in Nebraska as of September 14, 2022.

10. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Topics identified for the next meeting: Alternative Documentation Showing Proof of Completion of Student Athletic Training, Regulation Drafting, Application Processing Report, and Update on Executive Order 22-05.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nicola, Secretary