

Minutes of the January 25, 2019 Board of Athletic Training Emergency Conference Call Meeting

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the conference call meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 1:36 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019 in the 5th Floor C Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Roberts announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

The following Board members and Department Staff were present at the meeting: Amie Carnahan; Rebecca Docter; Lisa Moore; Jessica Roberts; Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator; Larry Wiehn, Investigator and Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General.

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

Moore moved, seconded by Docter to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Carnahan moved, seconded by Moore to go into closed session at 1:41 p.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Moore moved, seconded by Docter to return to open session at 1:52 p.m. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Covert-ByBee provided background information on LB 29 which was introduced in the Nebraska State Legislature. Covert-ByBee stated LB 29 is of concern to this board as it would eliminate telehealth as a method of treatment for Athletic Trainers. Covert-ByBee advised the bill has not been set for hearing yet and may not make it out of committee, but the Board can be proactive and submit a letter of opposition. The Board discussed what to include in the letter including benefits to the public, current uses of telehealth and possible consequences of not being able to utilize telehealth. The Board also discussed a proposed amendment that would remove Athletic Trainers from the list of occupations excluded from using telehealth.

Docter moved, seconded by Moore for the Board to write a letter in opposition of LB 29 and recommend the proposed amendment language. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Moore moved, seconded by Docter to have Roberts write the letter in opposition of LB 29. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Athletic Training on April 4, 2019.

The Board recommended the following topics for next meeting: Mail Ballot results from LB 29 Letter, Dry needling discussion, APTA/NATA Joint Statement and Meeting Minutes Proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moore, Secretary