

Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Board of Athletic Training Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019 in the Lower Level, Conference Room B 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.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Jessica Roberts, Chair
Rebecca Docter, Vice-Chair
Amie Carnahan, Member

Others Present:

Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot regarding approval of the May 17th, 2019 meeting minutes. Carnahan, Docter, Moore and Roberts voted to approve the minutes as written.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Docter moved, seconded by Carnahan to go into closed session at 1:33 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 and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Absent: Moore. Motion carried.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Docter moved, seconded by Carnahan to return to open session at 1:56 p.m. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Absent: Moore. Motion carried.

There were no recommendations.

6. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Covert-ByBee provided a legislative update highlighting a few bills that passed that may affect athletic trainers in Nebraska. LB 29 was a bill regarding telehealth that was approved. Athletic trainers were included as a profession able to utilize telehealth. LB 112 was approved and waives initial licensure fees for individuals age 18-25, active military members and their families and individuals with low income as defined by the bill. LB 244 was approved and provides for mobile massage therapy establishments. Covert-ByBee advised that bill introduction for next session is in January and she will notify the Board if anything affects athletic trainers.

7. REGULATION UPDATE

Covert-ByBee provided a regulation update. 172 NAC 10 was approved and promulgated, the UCA general chapter that applies to all occupations under the UCA. The regulations regarding the practice of athletic training have been submitted to department legal and should be on to the Governor's Policy Research Office (GPRO) shortly. Once the GPRO completes their review, a public hearing will be scheduled. The Department will then schedule a meeting with the Board to meet about two weeks after the hearing to respond to any public comments.

8. FOLLOW-UP ON TITLE PROTECTION

The Board presented the question, if a person is certified by the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer, but is not licensed as an athletic trainer in the state of Nebraska, can they refer to themselves as an "athletic trainer?" Roberts identified statute 38-409 which states that to hold yourself out as an athletic trainer, you need to be licensed under the Athletic Training Practice Act. Covert-ByBee stated she will consult with department legal to get further clarification and distribute information to the Board.

9. BOARD APPOINTMENT CRITERIA/ONBOARDING PROCESS

Covert-ByBee stated that the Board of Health is looking for input from board members to indicate what criteria they consider most important for new board members. She suggested the Board of Health would use this information to help make decisions if a few candidates are very close in qualifications as a potential "tiebreaker." The Board provided feedback. Covert-ByBee also provided an update on the current onboarding process. The Board suggested that basic information on the role of the Board, how meetings work and common phrases, acronyms, procedures, etc. would be what they would find most helpful during the onboarding process.

10. CARE CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

Carnahan attended the Board of Certification CARE Conference held in Omaha on July 12-13. She provided feedback about the conference and some of the main things discussed were regulatory review, AT Model Language and information about the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. She also presented some questions that arose from the meeting for the department; Covert-ByBee provided information regarding those questions.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Athletic Training.

11. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Covert-ByBee provided an Application Processing Report. This was for informational purposes only.

12. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for the next meeting included introduction of new board member, conviction review update, election of officers and title protection follow-up.

13. SCHEDULE MEETING FOR NEXT YEAR

The meeting for next year was scheduled for 9:00 am on July 21, 2020.

14. RECOGNITION OF LISA MOORE

The Board and department recognized Lisa Moore for her ten years of service on the Board. Her term will end on November 30, 2019.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Docter, Vice-Chair