

## Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Board of Athletic Training Video Conference Emergency Meeting

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the emergency meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 10:01 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021. All attendees joined virtually due to the threat of COVID-19.

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  
Michael Nicola, Vice-Chairperson  
Rebecca Docter, Secretary  
Amie Carnahan, Member

**Others Present:**

Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney  
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager  
Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

### **3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT**

The Board reaffirmed the mail ballot approving the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes. All members voted to approve the minutes as written and the minutes were approved on July 27, 2020.

### **4. DISCUSSION REGARDING LB 436 RELATING TO THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PRACTICE ACT**

Roberts gave an introduction and overview of LB 436 explaining that in the current version of the Athletic Training Practice Act, athletic trainers are limited in the population they can treat to just athletes. LB 436 doesn't expand the scope of activities an athletic trainer can perform as much as it allows for athletic trainers to treat similar injuries, conditions and illnesses but to a wider population of individuals.

Covert-ByBee explained this bill is the culmination of the credentialing review process which is a way to expand on the current scope of practice. The process involves a large review from interested parties throughout the state including individuals and entities representing other professions.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Athletic Training via mail ballot on February 4, 2021.*

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING LB 390 RELATION TO THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING ACT**

Covert-ByBee stated LB 390 proposes language to be added to the Uniform Credentialing Act to create an alternative method to licensure via reciprocity. She advised that she brought this bill to the Board because Athletic Trainers were exempt from the bill so she wanted to give the Board an opportunity to discuss it. Roberts suggested that the Board not make a statement for or against the bill as she felt the current process for licensure is quick and effective.

**6. BOARD DECISIONS ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS**

**MOTION:** After discussion Nicola moved, seconded by Docter to elect Jessica Roberts to write a position letter in support of LB 436 on behalf of the Board for the yet to be scheduled hearing. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Nicola and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** After discussion, Docter moved, seconded by Nicola to recommend the Board abstain from providing testimony regarding LB 390. Voting aye: Carnahan, Docter, Nicola and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

**7. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Suggested topics for the next meeting included report from the BOC Cares Conference, follow-up on conviction review guidelines, legislative update and update on new licensure database.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Docter, Secretary