

## Minutes of the November 29, 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, via Webex and in person in Conference Room 3G, 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 November 17, 2022.

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 (via Webex)  
Rebecca Docter, Vice-Chairperson (via Webex)  
Mike Nicola, Secretary (via Webex)  
Vanetta Early, Member (via Webex)

**Others Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Brandon Stolze, AT

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

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

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

Covert-ByBee stated that the minutes from the September 20, 2022, Board Meeting were adopted by mail ballot. Nicola, Docter, Early, and Roberts voted to approve the minutes as written.

### **4. INVESTIGATIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS -CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Nicola, moved, seconded by Docter to move into closed session at 1:03 p.m. to discuss confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced

in such discussions. Voting aye: Docter, Nicola, Early, and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

## **5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board recommended that Brandon Stolze successfully passed the oral jurisprudence exam and has fulfilled this portion of his probation offer with a score of 82.4%.

**MOTION:** Nicola, moved, seconded by Docter to approve the Board recommendation that Brandon Stolze has fulfilled the oral jurisprudence exam requirement of his probationary terms. Voting aye: Docter, Nicola, Early, and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

## **6. 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 verifying their time as an athletic training student. There is a concern that some supervising Athletic Trainers are retiring or have passed away and are unable to complete the required documentation, making it impossible for individuals to obtain an initial license in Nebraska. Tabled from last meeting, Roberts provided a historic overview of NATABOC internship pathway certification requirements since 1969. Covert-ByBee indicated the Board could consider adding to the definition of an "athletic training student" in the regulations to include the NATABOC internship pathway requirements as being the equivalent of athletic training student requirements outlined in statute.

## **7. REGULATION DRAFTING- DRY NEEDLING AND EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS**

The Board reviewed regulatory language outlining the requirements for initial licensure, updated language for continuing education, and reviewed the language for unprofessional conduct. The Board tabled the topics of dry needling and emergency medication for the next meeting.

## **8. UPDATE ON LANCE**

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

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Athletic Training via mail ballot 12.8.2022.*

## **9. LICENSURE AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-05**

Covert-ByBee advised with the issuance of EO 22-05, the Executive Orders to address healthcare workforce shortages are extended through December 31, 2022. The Department does not anticipate further extensions.

## **10. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT**

Roberts 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 November 15, 2022.

## **11. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Topics identified for the next meeting include APR, Regulation Drafting- Dry Needling and Emergency Medications, Board Elections, and Legislative Update.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nicola, Secretary