

ADVISORY BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2009, 11:00 a.m.
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102
Austin, Texas 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Michael Waters
David Schmidt, M.D.
David Weir
Rebecca Spurlock
Marty Akins

Staff Present:

Stewart Myrick
David Richards
Georgia Norman
Stephen Mills
Becky Evers
Alice Lee
Bill Wissen
Elizabeth Hoffman

Guests Present:

Leslee Taylor
Spanky Stephens
Albert Matthews
Steve Matt

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 11:03 am by Mr. Weir, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the introduction of board and committee members, staff, and guests.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion and possible action concerning lapsed license appeals. Mr. Matthews presented his appeal. Discussion ensued. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to reject the appeal. The motion was seconded and passed with opposition. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to ask the Texas State Athletic Trainers Association and the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association for assistance regarding the list of expired licenses. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was public comment. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 4 was the approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Spurlock to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion and possible action concerning report on the Complaints Committee meeting held on September 21, 2009. Mr. Waters gave the report. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion concerning the petition for rulemaking filed by Kenneth Locker. Discussion ensued. Dr. Schmidt made a motion to deny item #1 of the petition based on statute. The motion was seconded and passed with opposition. Mr. Waters made a motion to deny item #2 based on the fact that it was already addressed in the rules to the extent necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 14 was the discussion and possible action concerning agreements for services with the Executive Secretary and Associate Executive Secretary. Ms. Bourland presented the agreement for changing the role of executive secretary to the role of board advisor, and for the elimination of the role of associate executive secretary. Mr. Akins made a motion to accept the board advisor agreement. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Schmidt made a motion to discontinue the role of associate executive secretary. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Weir expressed the board's gratitude to Ms. Hoffman for her service.

Agenda Item 17 was the discussion and possible action concerning report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit regarding unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. Ms. Bourland gave the report. She discussed the status of the unit, performance measures, the annual report from the Health Professions Council, and changes to travel reimbursements. Dr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion and possible action concerning recommended changes to the administration of the application process. Mr. Myrick presented the report. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to accept the proposed changes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion and possible action concerning report on activities of the Education Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Taylor gave the report concerning the exams. She introduced Mr. Matt, who gave a presentation on the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion and possible action concerning payments for test site administrators, examiners and models. Mr. Weir presented the proposal. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion and possible action concerning proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 871 (board rules) regarding options for fulfilling the licensure examination requirement of Texas Occupations Code §451.156(2). Ms. Spurlock gave a presentation. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to prepare a proposed rule presentation for the next scheduled board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion and possible action concerning proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 871 (board rules) regarding the licensing and regulation of athletic trainers. Mr. Waters presented a draft regarding administrative penalties. Mr. Waters made a motion to prepare a proposed rule presentation for the next scheduled board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 13 was the discussion and possible action concerning proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 871 (board rules) regarding the corrective therapy route to licensure. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 15 was the discussion and possible action concerning Board Chair Report and Update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Mr. Weir had nothing to report.

Agenda Item 16 was the discussion and possible action concerning Executive Secretary's Report and Update concerning program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to program director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Mr. Wissen gave the report on the numbers of licensees, and he announced his resignation, effective immediately. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed. The board requested that the resignation be reconsidered.

Agenda Item 18 was the election of board vice-chairman and secretary. Mr. Akins made a motion to elect Ms. Spurlock as vice-chairperson. The motion was seconded and passed. Ms. Spurlock made a motion to elect Mr. Waters as secretary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 19 was items for future consideration. This was covered in previous agenda items.

Agenda Item 20 was to set the next meeting date. The next meeting date will be determined at a later time.

Agenda Item 21 was the adjournment of the meeting at 2:35 pm.

Approved by the board on December 14, 2009.
David Weir, Chairman
Michael Waters, Secretary