

Minutes

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on June 12, 2014, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members present were:

Jeff McKibbin, A.T., Chair
Marguerite Winslow Weston, M.D.
Alex Brown, A.T.
Keith Chlouber, A.T.

Member absent was Barry Northcutt, M.D.

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Alecia George, Assistant Attorney General
Matt Stangl, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. McKibbin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the February 12, 2014, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes as presented. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ELIZABETH PAIGE WHEELER appeared in support of her application for Athletic Trainer licensure. Ms. Hall reported that Ms. Wheeler had met with Board staff and a proposed Agreement for Licensure was developed. Ms. Wheeler testified regarding her arrest in August 2013 for DUI and the proposed Agreement. She discussed her practice plans and noted that she had changed jobs but had not yet submitted the required form verifying supervision and the protocol. Mr. Brown moved to recommend approval of the application under terms of the Agreement pending satisfactory completion of the file. Mr. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

The Investigatory Hearing of **JUSTIN JAY LAIRD** was called. Mr. Laird was present with his attorney, Stephen Gray, in response to allegations of failure to timely make application for renewal and violation of the provisions of the Athletic Trainers Practice Act and Rules. In addition, Mr. Laird had filed an application for reinstatement of licensure. Matt Stangl, AAG represented the State. Mr. Stangl briefed the Committee on the allegation that Mr. Laird had continued to practice for seven months as an Athletic Trainer while his license was expired. Mr. Laird testified regarding his reasons for not renewing. He said he was having trouble with the computers at his work but he knew he should have made more of an effort to submit the application. Mr. McKibbin asked Mr. Laird for clarification of his thought process since he had just met with the Committee regarding this same issue in 2012. Mr. Laird said he had called the

Board to see if he could apply by paper because of computer issues but he did not follow through.

After hearing testimony, Mr. Brown moved to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Brown made the motion to return to open session. Mr. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. McKibbin advised Mr. Laird that, in light of the fact that this was the second time he let his license lapse, the Committee would be recommending to the Medical Board that his license be suspended for 15 months, a \$1500 fine and a letter of no tolerance in his public file stating that if he ever again practices with an expired license there will be no avenue for him to be an Athletic Trainer in Oklahoma. The Committee discussed that it would be their intention that Mr. Laird would have the length of the suspension to pay the fine and that he could apply for reinstatement after the period of suspension. Mr. McKibbin advised Mr. Laird that this recommendation would go to the June 26th Medical Board meeting and, if adopted by the Board, the suspension would go into effect at that time.

After discussion, Mr. Brown moved to recommend that the Board suspend Mr. Laird's license for a period of 15 months after which time Mr. Laird may apply for reinstatement. He further moved to impose a \$1500 fine and place a letter of no tolerance in his file. Mr. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Laird asked the Committee if he could teach a sports medicine class. Mr. McKibbin told him that he could teach as long as he does not represent himself as an Athletic Trainer.

There being no further business, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chlouber seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 9:59 a.m.