

Minutes

The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 28, 2019, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The regularly scheduled meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Advance notice of this regular meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 10, 2018. The notice and agenda were posted on the agency's website on August 23, 2019 at 11:24 a.m. in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members Present:

Jeffrey L. McKibbin, AT
Barry L. Northcutt, MD
Megan Meier, MD
Robert Fulton, AT

Not present:

Keith Chlouber, AT

Others Present:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Kenna Shaw, Licensing Analyst
Grant Moak, AAG, Committee Advisor, sitting in for Thomas Schneider, AAG,
Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Mr. McKibbin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The newest committee member, Robert Fulton, AT, was welcomed and brief introductions were made.

Following Committee review, Dr. Northcutt moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019, as written. Dr. Meier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KELSEY LYLE appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Athletic Trainer licensure. Her license lapsed in August of 2018 and that was also her last practice as an AT. Her license lapsed due to oversight/confusion because she thought her renewal was every two years. Following Committee discussion, Dr. Meier moved to recommend approval of the application of **KELSEY LYLE** for reinstatement of her Athletic Trainer licensure. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

PHILLIP EASTERLY appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Athletic Trainer licensure. His license lapsed in August of 2016 and that was also his last practice as an AT. Mr. Easterly has been attending physical therapy school, but wishes to return to the practice of AT. Following Committee discussion, Dr. Northcutt moved to recommend approval

of the application of **PHILLIP EASTERLY** for reinstatement of his Athletic Trainer licensure. Dr. Meier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee then reviewed applications for licensure. Dr. Northcutt moved to recommend approval of the incomplete applications of **CAMERON FAITH JENKINS, KAYCIE NICOLE LANDIS, and AUDREY NOELLE YOUNG** for Apprentice Athletic Trainer licensure pending completion of the files. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Meier moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Apprentice Athletic Trainer licensure. Dr. Northcutt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ROBINSON, KATELYN ELIZABETH
SEITZ, CASEY JORDAN
ALBERTY, KARLEE ELIZABETH
JIMENEZ MARTINEZ, GABRIEL TOMAS
SCHMALZ, TYRUS
HERRICK, JONATHAN PHILIP**

**BRAY, ALEXANDRIA NIKOLE
MESSENGER, ANDREA
MCCLURE, TAYLOR RICOLE
BROUS, JUSTIN MILES
ROBERSON, CAGNEY AUSTIN
THOMPSON, CHASE MICHAEL**

Dr. Northcutt moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Athletic Trainer licensure pending completion of the files. Dr. Meier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**STANTON, CAITLIN ELIZABETH
AMES, STEPHANIE MARY
BROOKS, VANESSA AMY
ROBINSON, SARAH M
STAFFORD, LAUREN MICHELLE
CRISSMAN, KAYLA DAWN
CARROLL, JOSEPH D
REEVES, BENJAMIN CHARLES
BOND, SPENCER J**

**REESE, JORDYN DANIELLE
COOPER, BAILEY
WILKINS, NICOLE ANNE
WHITENER, NICOLE
TEBLUM, JEREMY
BEHNKE, ALLISON MARIE
MCKEE, AMBER RENAE
HILL, BENJAMIN DALE
DRAKE, JUDD**

Dr. Northcutt moved to recommend approval of the complete applications of **BRANDON LEE BURRIS** and **KERSTEN DENISE NAGY** for reinstatement of Athletic Trainer licensure. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Northcutt moved to recommend approval of the following complete applications for Athletic Trainer licensure. Dr. Fulton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BOND, KACIE DAHN
GRISBY, ALISHA**

**MCDERMOTT, SHAWN LOUIS
WEHMEYER, KARA**

**KAHNT, ALEXIS JANE
HANSON, MIRANDA
CUFF, MIRANDA DENISE
FISCHER, ALI SHANAE
VOGELE, JUSTINE ANN
FINE, ALEAH RACHEL
GANN, ALEXIS E
BROOKS, DARYL RAY
GANNAWAY, MALLERY GRAY
JIMOH, TERRILL AKANNI
NOMBRANA, RACHEL MARIE
TORRENCE, TORIE ALYSSA**

**O'KEEFE, SHAYLYN ROSE
PITCOCK, TAYLOR DEEANNE
OZAWA, KOKI
HERNDON, ALEXANDRA NICOLE
SMITH, SARA NICOLE
JONES, TATUM N
MARQUEZ, VICTORIA GABRIELLE
WARNE, KYLEE NICOLE
HERING, JENNA
GRAHAM, KELSEY JO
MCCOY, CASSANDRA EVON**

The Committee reviewed proposed rule amendments to Okla. Admin. Code 435:25. Mr. McKibbin introduced Greg Gardner, Ed.D., ATC/L, Clinical Professor of Athletic Training, The University of Tulsa, and advised the Committee that he and Dr. Gardner have worked for many, many months drafting proposed rule revisions. Mr. McKibbin further advised that he and Dr. Gardner attended a meeting with staff and Thomas Schneider, AAG and Committee Advisor, for review and input regarding the revisions. Leander Walker, Oklahoma Athletic Trainer Association, was also in the audience and was introduced.

Mr. McKibbin advised that the AT Practice Act became law in 1981. Since then, the AT Practice Act has only been updated once, in 1996, due to language that could potentially jeopardize where ATs could work. While he believes the Practice Act still contains antiquated language, the current administrative rules have language that will affect the growth of the AT profession. Mr. McKibbin and Dr. Gardner advised that the curriculum and skillset is expanding and the current rules, as written, do not allow for that growth.

Mr. McKibbin advised that basically there are three main revisions being proposed and they are set forth below:

(1) Removing language that restricts the practice of ATs in a clinical setting. New curriculum will expand clinical practice and these proposed revisions will accommodate the growth due to the new skillset taught. For example, a skillset now being taught is suturing and IV insertion (which is not currently allowed in the rules) under the supervision of a physician. The proposed rules allow for ATs in clinical settings to administer and dispense drugs under the supervision of a physician, which includes suturing and IV insertion, if needed and if included in the physician's protocol for the AT. The current rules prevent ATs who are working in a clinical setting from administering even a flu vaccine. Educational competencies are expanding in AT curriculum and the proposed rules are a modernization to bring harmony between the AT practice and AT curriculum. The proposed changes allow ATs to practice at the very top of their skillset.

(2) Adding cleanup language which will require a licensee to be in good standing with Board of Certification ("BOC") in order to renew licensure. This removes the "loophole" that allows a licensee to drop his/her BOC (which is required for initial licensure) and yet be allowed to renew and continue to maintain licensure in Oklahoma. BOC certification has a two-

year reporting period and 50 continuing education units are required during that period, with 10 of those units being evidence based.

(3) Removing language regarding conducting investigatory hearings at the Committee level. Mr. Schneider previously advised staff that he believes, since the Board would also conduct an investigatory hearing, it could be considered "double jeopardy" and impact the defendant's due process.

There was discussion by the Committee regarding adding protocol for use by a supervising physician to the proposed rule language. It was determined that setting a physician's protocol is more of an employment issue, rather than a regulatory issue. Mr. McKibbin stated that all supervising physicians are competent to set out and supervise a protocol which establishes the ability for an AT to practice certain skills within that protocol. Adding the definition of "general supervision" on the Board's supervision form along with information regarding the AT's scope of practice might be an option. This question will be deferred to Mr. Schneider.

Ms. Smith then proceeded with a brief presentation on the rulemaking process and answered questions posed by the Committee. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Northcutt moved for Barbara Smith to proceed with submitting a Notice of Rulemaking Intent to the Secretary of State for publication in the *Register*. Dr. Meier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

There being no further business, Dr. Northcutt moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Meier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 10:24 a.m.