

Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training

Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023

Attendees

Board Members: Ron Carroll, Terry DeWitt, Tim Atkinson, and Sherry Riggins
Attorney General's Office: Clayton Orr
Others Present: Matt Gilmore (ADH)
Board Staff: Russell Burns

A. Call To Order

Ron Carroll (Chairman) called the meeting to order, and Russell Burns announced the roll call of attendees at 10:03 a.m. CST.

B. Minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 2023 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion to approve: Sherry Riggins
2nd: Tim Atkinson
Vote: 4 – 0

C. Financial Report

Russell Burns presented the reports from March - September 2023 to the board. The September Cash/Investments Ending Balance of \$250,689.08 was noted. The reports were unanimously approved.

Motion to approve: Terry DeWitt
2nd: Sherry Riggins
Vote: 4-0

D. Licensure Report

Russell Burns presented the Licensure Report from the agenda. It was noted that the board was down by 20 licensees since the last meeting. Russell Burns is to run a report noting what the licensees who licenses that expired were doing now (I.E. Moved out of state, let licenses expire, retired, etc...) and send an e-mail to the board members supplying them with this report. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Licensure Report.

Motion to approve: Sherry Riggins
2nd: Terry DeWitt
Vote: 4-0

E. Athletic Trainers Administering Medications Discussion

A discussion was held concerning Arkansas athletic trainers administering medication. It was determined that the letter composed by Cheria McDonald with the Department of Education was addressed to students under 18 years of age. Clayton Orr (AG Office) is to get back with the Board concerning medication administration to students 18 years of age and older. Russell Burns is to send an e-mail to the board's licensees with the letter attached. Ron Carroll is to compose a letter to be included with the e-mail that gives guidance to the athletic trainer concerning medication administration. A motion was made and unanimously approved to send the e-mail along with the letter of guidance to the board's licensees.

Motion to approve: Terry DeWitt
2nd: Tim Atkinson

Vote: 4-0

F. IV Fluid Administration

A discussion was held concerning Arkansas athletic trainers administering IV fluids. Clayton Orr (AG Office) expressed that the athletic trainer's statute does not have clear guidelines concerning whether IV administration was included or excluded in the scope of athletic training. Also, Clayton brought up the issue of whether the administration of IV medication fell under the practice of medicine which is excluded by the statute. Matt Gilmore (ADH) stated that the Department of Health generally defers to the legislature which typically sets scope. Terry DeWitt suggested that the board follow the direction of the BOC concerning whether IV Administration fell under the scope of athletic training. A motion was made and unanimously approved to table this discussion until the next board meeting.

Motion: Tim Atkinson

2nd: Terry DeWitt

Vote: 4-0

G. Rules Promulgation

Russell Burns explained the two rules to be promulgated based on Act 348 of 2021 (Name of submitted form for non-clinical based athletic trainers) and Act 137 of 2023 (Acceptance of uniformed service credentials). A motion was made and unanimously approved to approve the two (2) rule changes.

Motion: Terry DeWitt

2nd: Tim Atkinson

Vote: 4-0

H. Fees Reduction

Russell Burns discussed the letter from Renee Mallory (Secretary of Health) to Larry W. Walther (Dept. of Finance & Administration) showing the new temporary fee structure for the board.

I. Additional Business

Reimbursement of Arkansas Athletic Training Association's annual conference cost discussion was held. Terry DeWitt stated that the AATA conference for 2024 would be held in July. Russell Burns pointed out that this would put the conference under the 2025 board budget and the 2024 cost allocation for the conference would be skipped. Ron Carroll is to send the AATA Director notification of this fact.

Ron Carroll reminded the board that the next meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Matt Gilmore requested Russell Burns forward him Chris Turnage's e-mail informing the board office that he was resigning his position as a board member. Matt is to get this to the Governor's Office.

The meeting ended at 11:41 a.m. CST.