

FLORIDA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

February 21, 2023 @ 7:30 A.M. ET



Kari Riddle, LAT, ATC, Chair
Billy J. "Bo" McDougal, MA, LAT, ATC, Vice-Chair
Ashleigh K. Irving, Executive Director



I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 21, 2023, at 7:32 A.M. ET by Kari Riddle, Chair.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Ms. Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kari Riddle, LAT, ATC, Chair
 Billy J. “Bo” McDougal, MA, LAT, ATC,
 Vice-Chair
 Frank Walters, PhD, LAT, ATC
 Gerald Stevens, LAT, ATC
 Dr. Randy S. Schwartzberg, MD
 James B. Hudson

STAFF PRESENT:

Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director
 Eric Pottschmidt, Program Operations
 Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL:

Ronald “Tom” Jones, Assistant Attorney
 General

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Kevin Christie, DC
 Lynne Roberts

**Other individuals present for
 all or part of the meeting:**

Patricia Tripp, PHD, LAT, ATC, CSCS

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 1, 2022

Mr. McDougal noted that the section “V.(B.) – Vice-Chair’s Report” listed an incorrect name for the Vice-Chair. Board staff stated that this would be corrected.

Motion: by Mr. Stevens to approve the meeting minutes.
Second: by Mr. McDougal.
Vote: passed unanimously.

III. PROSECUTOR’S REPORT

<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Report Date 8/25/22</u>	<u>Report Date 9/30/22</u>	<u>Report Date 2/13/23</u>
Total cases open/active in Prosecution Services:	2	2	2
Cases in Emergency Action Unit:	0	0	0
Cases under legal review:	1	1	1
Cases awaiting supplemental investigation/expert opinion:	1	1	1
Cases with PCP recommendation:	0	0	0
Cases where probable cause has been found:	1	0	0
Cases where DOAH has been requested:	0	0	0
Cases pending before DOAH:	0	0	0
Cases on Board meeting agendas:	0	0	1
Cases on appeal:	0	0	0
Cases older than one year: *	0	0	0

* Does not include cases already agendaed for final action by the Board.



(TS 00:03:58 Minutes) Mr. Pottschmidt presented the Prosecutor’s Report for review on behalf of Prosecution Services Unit. After discussion, Mr. Pottschmidt stated that it would be appropriate for the Board to make a motion to authorize the continued prosecution of the year and older cases.

Motion: by Dr. Walters to authorize the continued prosecution of the year and older cases.
Second: by Mr. Stevens.
Vote: passed unanimously.

IV. UNLICENSED ACTIVITY PRESENTATION – Sidronio “Chilo” Casas

(TS 00:05:43 Minutes) Ms. Irving introduced Mr. Casas, the Department’s Unlicensed Activity Liaison, who provided a detailed presentation before the Board.

V. REPORTS (TS 00:23:39 Minutes)

A. Chair’s Report – Kari Riddle

Nothing to report.

B. Vice Chair’s Report – Billy J. “Bo” McDougal

Nothing to report.

C. Executive Director’s Report – Ashleigh K. Irving

i. Electronic Licensing

(TS 00:23:59 Minutes) Ms. Irving stated that the transition to electronic licensing will save the Department money, and that this was an initiative brought to the Department’s attention through Mr. McDougal noting that it was a delivery system already used by other state departments. Ms. Irving also stated that each electronic license would include a QR code which will be linked to the Department’s website to display the license status as well as any discipline. Ms. Irving added that the anticipated date that this would be available for all professions was July 1, 2023.

ii. Financial Report

(TS 00:28:03 Minutes) Ms. Irving stated that the financial report was included in the agenda materials for review and noted that the Board was currently still in good standing.

D. Board Counsel’s Report – Ronald “Tom” Jones

i. Rules Report

(TS 00:28:30 Minutes) Mr. Jones presented the Rules Report for February 2023; there were no new rules to report at this time.



VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Ratifications

(TS 00:29:00 Minutes) Ms. Irving presented the MQA Report showing 54 athletic training licenses issued in the state of Florida between October 22, 2022, and February 13, 2023, beginning with license number 6805 and ending with license number 6858.

Motion: by Mr. Stevens to accept the ratification list for 1001.

Second: by Dr. Walters.

Vote: passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Florida State Oriental Medical Association Letter

i. Rule 64B33-4.001, F.A.C.

(TS 00:30:10 Minutes) Ms. Riddle discussed the letter received from the Florida State Oriental Medical Association ("FSOMA") regarding their opposition to the recently adopted amendment to Rule 64B33-4.001, F.A.C., specifically regarding the inclusion of "monofilament intramuscular stimulation", and solicited opinions from other members of the Board.

(TS 00:32:30 Minutes) Mr. Stevens confirmed with Mr. Jones, Board counsel, that before this rule language was adopted, it was available for public comment and view for a period, and noted that this response from FSOMA was not received until after the rule had already been adopted and took effect. Ms. Irving stated her agreement with Mr. Stevens' statements, adding that it seemed to her that the main concern of FSOMA was the availability of published trainings for athletic trainers in the subject area.

(TS 00:34:03 Minutes) Ms. Irving stated that during her discussion with the Board chair, the addition of trainings for this specific topic was a consideration for athletic trainers that intend to include this in their practice. Ms. Irving added that this Rule does not violate the Florida Laws, and that the Board has the authority to expand the scope of practice for the athletic training profession in Florida. Ms. Irving added that Dr. Pattie Tripp, President of Athletic Trainers' Association of Florida ("ATAF"), was invited to join the meeting and was present on the call. Ms. Irving inquired if any individuals were present from FSOMA, to which she received no response.

(TS 00:35:55 Minutes) Mr. Stevens commented that Dr. Tripp may be able to speak more to the question raised by FSOMA related to the education requirements for athletic trainers who will be including this in their practice, and briefly discussed the education and training required for Physical Therapists.

(TS 00:37:20 Minutes) Ms. Riddle requested input from Dr. Tripp the educational issue. Dr. Tripp acknowledged that athletic trainers work at the direction of a physician, and do not practice without authority from a physician, adding that it would be up to the supervising physician to determine competency and proficiency in the skills performed by the athletic trainer.



Dr. Tripp stated that if the Board takes on any edit or modification to provide clarity to one point of the education, it will open every other aspect and create additional challenges. Dr. Tripp added the Board accepts continuing education that is approved by the Board of Certification, and that outside of that criteria, it was the opinion of ATAF that it was not necessary for the Board to add additional clarification on this topic.

(TS 00:39:05 Minutes) Dr. Tripp noted that the recently amended Rule 64B33-4.001, F.A.C., regarding scope of practice was not an expansion of skillset by athletic trainers, but rather provides clarity to what is acceptable to the practice as deemed appropriate by supervising physicians. Dr. Schwartzberg commented, noting his agreement with earlier comments made by the Board and by Dr. Tripp.

(TS 00:44:00 Minutes) Mr. McDougal solicited Mr. Jones's opinion on the letter from FSOMA, who noted his agreement with the statements made by Ms. Irving, Chair Riddle, and Dr. Tripp.

(TS 00:48:50 Minutes) Through discussion it was determined by the Board that a written response to the letter from FSOMA was not necessary, however Ms. Irving offered the option to the Board to begin crafting a response letter for the Board members to review so they could then determine if it would be appropriate to send the response.

(TS 00:49:40 Minutes) After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Stevens for Ms. Irving to craft a response letter to be reviewed by the Board to determine if the letter will be sent to FSOMA.
Second: by Mr. Hudson.
Vote: passed unanimously.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 6, 2023 @ 7:30 A.M. EST – Virtual Meeting

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(TS 00:51:05 Minutes) Ms. Riddle opened the floor for public comment. There was no additional public comment made.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:23 A.M. EST

Motion: by Mr. Stevens to adjourn.
Second: by Mr. McDougal.
Vote: passes unanimously.