

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
ATHLETIC TRAINER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Brian Perez, ATC, Chair, Jeffrey Wright, PT, ATC, CSCS, Martin Sataloff, ATC, Loren Shipley, ATC, Teri Metcalf McCambridge, MD., FAAP, CAQSM, John Wilckens, MD, Cheryl Lee-Pow, DC, Heather Weesner, OTR/L CLT, Anna Jeffers, Consumer Member, Lydia McCargo-Redd, Consumer Member

ABSENT: Philip Omohundro, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Stacey Darin, Esq., Board Counsel, Matthew Dudzic, Policy Analyst, Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Sataloff and seconded by Mr. Wright, the Committee approved the May 12, 2020 Open Meeting Minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Sunset Legislation

Mr. Dudzic informed the Committee that as a result of the Sunset Evaluation bill, the following statutory changes to ATs were instituted, effective May 8, 2020:

- ATs can begin practicing as soon as Board staff acknowledges receipt of E&T protocol, provided there are no specialized tasks that were not previously approved by the Board;
- ATs now have the ability to terminate E&T protocols. (Previously only the supervising physician had this authority.);
- Procedures established for a designated alternate supervising physician to assume the role of a primary supervising physician following the sudden departure, incapacity or death of a primary supervising physician for up to 15 days;
- The Board now has the authority to terminate E&T protocols;
- ATAC membership is reduced from 11 to 9 members, with one of licensed chiropractor/OT/PT required;
- "Good moral character" is now requirement for renewals/reinstatements (Previously it was only a requirement for initial licensure.);
- The Board now has the authority to issue cease and desist orders for practicing allied health professions without a license;

- Assorted minor changes to language to establish consistency between AT statutes and other allied health statutes.

Senate Bill 732

Mr. Dudzic also informed the Committee that Senate Bill 732, "Athletic Training Revisions," was passed and will become effective on October 1, 2020. The substantive changes include:

- Replacing "athlete" with "athletic individual;"
- Removal of setting requirements. ATs will be permitted to treat athletic individuals in any setting in accordance with E&T protocol.
- Expanded scope of practice expanded includes:
 - Wellness promotion;
 - Examination and determination of a plan of care;
 - Emergency care;
 - Recognition and management of a concussion, including management of progressive return to activity.
- ATs may provide treatment for injuries related to job function for a maximum of 14 days unless they receive an appropriate referral. (This does not apply to preventative care).

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Update to E&T Protocols Processes – Felicia Wright

Ms. Wright informed the Committee that effective May 8, 2020, Athletic Trainers have the ability to begin practicing when the Board has acknowledged receipt of a completed E&T protocol. Ms. Wright also informed the Committee that the E&T protocols will no longer be brought to the Committee for a preliminary approval. She stated that E&T protocols will only be brought to the Committee if the E&T protocol contains specialized tasks or problems that require the Committee's assistance. The Committee request to be provided a list of the names of the Athletic Trainers that Board staff has acknowledged receipt of and approved to begin practicing.

Election of new Committee Chair

On a motion made by Mr. Sataloff and seconded by Mr. Shipley, the Committee unanimously voted to re-elect Brian Perez as Chair of the ATAC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by,

Linda Monroe
Allied Health Analyst