

Meeting of  
THE STATE COMMITTEE  
FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING  
Friday, January 19, 2024  
1411 Broadway and NYSED Remote Conferencing Sites

Mr. Boese called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM .

Introductions and Roster:

Committee Members Present: Trevor Cramer, Courtney Gray, Robert O'Malley, Michael Powers and Douglas Straley.

Members Absent: Medicine Board liaison Dr. Ramanathan Raju.

NYSED Staff Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Michelle Pawlowski, Education Credentials Specialist 2; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Guests Present: Stephanie Maes, and Kelly Murphy from the NYSED Professions Connections Unit.

Motion is made, seconded, and passed to approve the 1/11/2023 meeting minutes.

Executive Secretary Report – Update From OP:

It has been a little over a year since the last committee meeting. The committee did have an ad hoc meeting in May 2023 to discuss the new licensure bill, 219-A. Governor Hochul has since signed 219-A into law. This new law makes Athletic Training a licensed profession, and makes athletic trainers mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or maltreatment. The committee will need to discuss potential regulation to implement the new law. They will also be looking at ways to implement new requirements like continuing education coursework.

Review of New Practice Act—Next Steps:

Practice Act 219-A has been signed into law by Governor Hochul. Technical changes were necessary to ensure that concussion management protocols remain in place. The Governor and Legislature have agreed to passing a chapter amendment amending section 8531(4) after the Athletic Training committee and the Education Department expressed concern to the legislature. This legislation will become effective December 2025, and continuing education requirements will go into effect in 2027. The committee's goal is to have a first draft of potential regulations by this spring.

The new law will expand the list of sites where an athletic trainer can practice, including dance organizations, military facilities, fire training and police training academies.

The new law will require a written collaboration agreement as a component of physician supervision. The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) recommends having a written agreement in their practice guidance.

With the new law physicians are limited to supervising a maximum of 4 athletic trainers in any setting outside of a secondary school (there is no limit on how many athletic trainers a physician can supervise in a secondary school).

Individuals must be licensed to practice Athletic Training and call themselves an “athletic trainer”. In addition to the current requirements for certification in NYS, applicants will need to complete the Mandated Training Related to Child Abuse, and will also be subject to Moral Character standards. Individuals currently certified “shall be licensed ...without meeting any additional requirements”.

Athletic trainers will be required to complete 45 credit hours of continuing education every 3-year registration period. Providers of continuing education must be approved by the New York State Education Department. The committee will need to establish criteria and standards for these providers. The Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer (BOC) currently requires 50 credit hours to be completed every two years to maintain certification. The committee would like to create as much overlap as possible so licensees can utilize their completed coursework for both requirements.

No more than 15 of those 45 credits can be completed as “self-study” coursework. These are online classes where a student may watch a video or click through a slideshow and do not interact with an instructor.

A new Limited Permit will also become available for applicants who meet all requirements for licensure except the licensing examination. The permit will be for 1 year and can be extended for another year at the discretion of the department.

#### Presentation: Paths to the Professions:

Kelly Murphy and Stephanie Maes visit from the NYSED Professions Connections Unit to give a presentation on the Paths to the Professions website. The Professions Connections Unit serves as a liaison between NYSED and licensed professionals, working together with students, educators, and other agencies. Paths to the Professions is intended to raise awareness on the career paths within licensed professions. They are looking for feedback from the committee members to ensure that the information on their website is accurate.

The “Explore Careers” page lists all the professions with links to individual pages. Each page has a general description of the profession, an informational video, salary information, job locations, interests/abilities the profession would appeal to, and professional skills needed to succeed in said profession. Each profession also has a “Print Profile” which is an informational flyer that can be displayed on a wall in a school. Each Print Profile has a QR code that leads directly to the Office of Professions website.

Executive Session:

Executive session commences at 11:36 AM.

The committee reviewed Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) pertaining to Athletics for two different high schools. An EAP is a written document that states what is to be done in an emergency situation with the purpose of eliminating mistakes or oversights when time is a critical factor. The committee provided feedback on scope of practice issues.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Fitzgerald

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