# New York State Athletic Training Committee Meeting Agenda June 20, 2025 10:00 AM

## 1411 Broadway 10<sup>th</sup> floor NYC and NYSED remote sites

<u>Committee Members Present</u>: Trevor Cramer, Courtney Gray, Michael Powers, Douglas Straley, and Medicine Board liaison Dr. Ramanathan Raju.

Members Absent: Robert O'Malley

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

No Guests Present.

Mr. Powers called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

### **Review of Minutes from October 24, 2024:**

A small edit was requested to change language of "Athletic Board Team" to "Athletic Training Committee". With this edit, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 10/24/2024 meeting minutes.

#### **Executive Secretary Report—Update from the Office of Professions:**

<u>Update on Regulations for New Practice Act</u>: At their March meeting, the NYSED Board of Regents approved amendments to the regulations to reflect the changes under the new licensure practice act.

§52.27 Describes specific terms for the school curriculum. The new language removes these specific requirements and stipulates that all new licensure qualifying athletic training educational programs must meet national BOC accreditation standards to be registered in NYS.

§79 Defines the requirements for licensure such as acceptable education and examination. There is an exception to the education requirement for certain applicants who completed their education prior to July 2022, and did not attend an accredited program. This is intended to ensure that qualified legacy athletic trainers who completed an education before the national accreditation was implemented can still be licensed here.

The continuing education requirement under this section will go into effect in 2028.

A2643-A Legislation Regarding Athletic Trainers Licensed in Another State or Country: Legislation allowing athletic trainers licensed in another state or country to practice in New York without a NY license has passed both the house and the senate. The Governor has until the end of the year to approve or veto this legislation. There is already a federal law that allows ATs licensed in one state to practice in another, however the federal law does not include internationally licensed ATs like this new law does. This will allow trainers from Canada to travel into New York State along with their teams.

NYSED was not directly involved in the creation of this bill—while we do provide technical support to the legislature, has not supported or opposed this bill. NYSED did express concern that the language of the law should be consistent with the new licensure practice act.

Athletic Trainers and Corporate Practice: The NYSED Board Office for the Athletic Training Committee has received numerous inquiries regarding the ability of athletic trainers to establish their own corporate practice. An athletic trainer cannot practice independently and would need to be supervised by a physician. The Business Corporation law and other related laws would prohibit them from hiring their own supervisor or paying their own supervisor through a contract.

### **Guidelines for Implementation:**

Written Protocols Between Physicians and Athletic Trainers: The new law states that a physician and an athletic trainer must have a written protocol in place for supervision and practice. The protocol must be mutually negotiated and agreed upon between both parties and reviewed once a year. The onus would be on the licensees to determine what the protocol consists of. In response to questions from the public regarding what a written protocol should contain, the Committee is considering drafting general guidance. This guidance would re-state in everyday terms what is required by law.

A protocol should describe the "nature and scope of athletic training services". The Committee would need to consider what this means. The document could be generic in terms of athletic training scope, but it could be more specific to include an employer's company policy and standing orders for emergency situations. It would be considered best practice for the protocol to be reviewed by the employer's legal counsel.

There are specific requirements for athletic trainers in the secondary school setting under the public education (P-12) law. The Committee will collaborate with NYSED's P-12 office to ensure that the guidance falls in line with these requirements.

<u>Licensure for Those Currently Certified</u>: Everyone who is currently certified in NYS as an athletic trainer will automatically have their certification transferred into a license. There will be no requirement for these individuals to submit a new application to become licensed. There will also be no new parchments mailed out until the time of the licensee's next registration renewal. Athletic trainers renewing their registrations will be required to submit proof of completion of

the <u>Mandated Training Related to Child Abuse</u> and <u>Mandated Training Related to Infection</u> Control.

An email and follow up will go out from NYSED to all certified athletic trainers notifying them of the changes and requirements, including licensure, scope of practice changes, new allowable practice locations, information concerning the protocol for physician supervision, and other parameters. September 1, 2025, was suggested as a good time to send out first notification email.

NYSED will also work with the Committee to create an FAQ page for Athletic Training, and update the license requirements page on the Office of Professions website.

<u>Continuing Education for Athletic Trainers</u>: The new continuing education requirements will go into effect in 2028. However, licensees will be exempt from this requirement during their initial 3-year registration period. This provides the Committee with some time to prepare guidance and procedures for implementation.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Fitzgerald Education Program Assistant 2