

**New York State Athletic Training Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2025  
10:30 AM**

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

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 Gibbons, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Guests Present: Karin Spencer from NYSATA, Karen Hollowood and Andrea Vink from the NYSED Office of Student Support Services.

Mr. Powers called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

**Review of Minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 6/20/2025 meeting minutes.

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

New Committee Membership Requirements: After the new practice act goes into effect on 12/22/2025, the committee will need to recruit two new members. One must be a licensed physician who holds a specialty board certification in either orthopedic surgery, primary care, family practice, sports medicine, or neurology, and one must be a public member that is a consumer of the profession.

Update on Regulations for New Practice Act: The regulations to reflect the changes under the new licensure practice act have been enacted. No changes to the regulations were made after public comment, as the only comments received were for issues outside the jurisdiction of the State Education Department.

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 for traveling to distinct athletic events has passed both the house and the senate. The Governor would now either veto or sign the bill into law.

Inquiry Regarding the Ability of Athletic Trainers to Administer Medications: The NYSED Board Office for the Athletic Training Committee has received multiple inquiries regarding the ability of athletic trainers to administer medications. This would not fall under their scope of practice under both the current regulation, as well as the new practice act that will go into effect this year.

**Presentation from NYSATA concerning their efforts to date in response to the new practice act:**

Karin Spencer from NYSATA provided the Committee with an update on how NYSATA is working to inform the public of the new changes under the new practice act. Their organization has sent out newsletters and hosted town hall meetings on the issue. Another town hall meeting may be held in the fall as a refresher before the new law is passed.

NYSATA worked together with Committee member Robert O'Malley to send out an email blast to athletic trainers certified through the BOC. There was concern that individuals may be practicing in NY but not currently certified here, and these individuals would otherwise miss any notifications from NYSED regarding the new requirements.

NYSATA is currently in the process of drafting a message to athletic training education programs so they can inform students of the licensing requirements.

**Guidelines for Implementation:**

An email blast 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.

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.

**Medication Management in Schools Guidance Document:**

The Athletic Training Committee and the NYSED Office of Student Support Services will collaborate on reviewing and updating the current guidance to reflect the new practice law. This guidance was last updated in 2022.

Clarification was requested on who would be considered a "licensed professional" according to this document, as athletic trainers may not understand whether they fall into this category. Under this guidance document, a licensed professional is defined as an individual licensed through the Office of the Professions who is able to administer medications under their scope of practice. This would not include athletic trainers, as administering medication does not fall under an AT's scope of practice.

Administering medications does not include assisting someone with taking the medication themselves. For example, an athletic trainer could hand a student an albuterol inhaler, but they could not place the inhaler in the child's mouth or press down on the button to administer the medication.

The Committee recommended revising the guidance to explicitly outline the role of an athletic trainer in these situations of medication management in a school setting.

Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2025, at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Fitzgerald  
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