

**New York State Athletic Training Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2026
10:00 PM**

**1411 Broadway
10th floor
NYC
and NYSED remote sites**

Committee Members Present: Trevor Cramer, Courtney Gray, Robert O'Malley, Michael Powers, and Douglas Straley, Medicine Board liaison Dr. Ramanathan Raju.

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

Guests Present: Deanna Errico from NYSATA

Mr. Powers called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Review of Minutes from March 5th, 2026:

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the meeting minutes from March 5, 2026.

Executive Secretary Report—Update from the Office of Professions:

Board Positions Open:

We still have an opening for a public member and as of this date we have no applications. Public member is a user of the services and not an athletic trainer. In October, Michael Powers will be at the end of his second term and cycling off of the Athletic Training Board. We will then have an open position on the Board at that time.

AT license annual report:

Reviewed licenses issued the past 5 calendar years according to geographic locations.

OTC Medications Follow-up:

A license AT needs to stay within the scope of practice and cannot dispense over the counter medications. There is nothing within the new law that changes this.

Athletic training programs clinical hours and “students” not in approved programs:

Students must be matriculated into a graduate AT program in order to be considered athletic training students and be able to perform skills within the scope of practice under the Practice Act. Undergraduate level students should not be practicing clinical skills. Athletic Trainers in NYS need to be aware that undergraduate students should not be performing any skills on a patient beyond your basic CPR or first aid type things. They should not be taping patients at all.

New Practice Act Implementation questions:

Managing concussions/neurological injury-Concern on how the law may be interpreted. The answer that was given to School Health is that if it is within the physician protocol, then it would be within the scope of the AT. Stephen later clarified and sent a statement to the committee stating *our counsels have determined that the AT may work with an individual cleared by another physician (not the AT's supervisor) if such arrangement is part of the AT-supervising physician protocol. Thus, such ATs would be well-advised to assure that their working protocol accommodates these anticipated arrangements as long as the physician and AT agree to such terms.*

Numerical limitations for physician supervision- Legislature is considering increasing from 4 to 6 AT that a physician can supervise. Legislation is specific as to who can supervise. It must be a physician even if their medical director is a Nurse Practitioner.

It is the Athletic Trainer's responsibility to follow the protocol between their supervising physician and themselves.

Frequently asked questions:

- Am I grandfathered in? When an athletic trainer renews their certification, they are grandfathered in and will receive the license
- Can the protocol be with a physician in another state? The Protocol must be with a NY State licensed physician
- How do I find a physician? See NYSATA for information and example protocols

Mental Health screening. AT can oversee self-administered screening test and then refer to Mental Health if needed. Mental health should evaluate students.

Look Ahead for Implementation of State Required CE:

We will come up with a sample form to present to the Board members at the next meeting before sending the final version to OP Web.

CE may come from cross over professions like EMS training, Massage Therapy. Providers will need to be approved AT providers of CE with SED.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, October 9, 2026 @11:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am

Respectfully Submitted,

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