

**New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners
Athletic Training Advisory Committee
Open Session Minutes
October 25, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Athletic Training Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Monmouth Conference Room 7th Floor. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

The following Advisory Committee Members were present:

William G. Hyncik, Jr., AT
J. Timothy Sensor, AT
Karen Manista, AT
Elisa Camillone, AT

Also in attendance

Carmen Rodriguez, D.A.G.
Francine Widrich, Acting Executive Director
Lolly Merced
Elena Parlati

I. Ratification of Minutes

A motion was made by J. Timothy Sensor and seconded by Elisa Camillone to accept the September 27, 2010 Open Session Minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

II. New Business

A. Report of newly licensed athletic trainers from September 27, 2010 - October 25, 2010.

The list of newly licensed athletic trainers was submitted for informational purposes.

The Advisory Committee also discussed the renewal process for athletic trainers. The licenses expire January 31, 2011. Since approximately 95% renew on line, the Committee decided that it would be worthwhile to collect the following information from each licensee at the time of renewal: name of supervising physician and name of employer. A link could be created to the Board of Medical Examiners database to ensure that each physician is licensed. The collection of this information can only be collected from those licensees renewing on line, not by paper.

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B. Senate Bill 2106 - Requires development of interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program; requires certain measures to protect student athletes with concussions; and requires continuing education for athletic trainers.

The bill was submitted to the Advisory Committee for informational purposes. The Committee discussed Section 6.a. which refers to the requirement for athletic trainers to complete 24 continuing credits in athletic training education, as a condition for license renewal. Specifically, it deals with a specific number of credits that will be required in instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries, as determined by the Board of Medical Examiners. After some discussion, a motion was made by J. Timothy Sensor and seconded by Karen E. Manista that if this bill becomes law, the Advisory Committee will then start the regulation process and discuss the specific number of credits which should be required in the instruction on topics related to concussions and head injuries. Motion carried.

III. Correspondence review:

Email inquiry from Jonathan Renelle

The Advisory Committee reviewed an email from Jonathan Renelle requesting interpretation of 3rd reprint of Assembly Bill 2743 specifically 3.b. line 3: which states, “a student-athlete who is removed from competition or practice shall not participate in further sports activity until he is evaluated by a physician or other licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions, and receives written clearance form [that] a physician...” Mr. Renelle is asking if “other licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions” can be interpreted as being a licensed athletic trainer. After discussion by the Advisory Committee, it was its decision that this was only a proposed bill; not law. A response should be sent to Mr. Renelle informing him that the removal of an athlete from competition or practice may only be done by a physician.

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by J. Timothy Sensor and seconded by Elisa Camillone to adjourn the Open Session and go into Close Session for the purpose of reviewing confidential matters. Motion carried. Closed Session Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.