

Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training

Conference Call Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

Attendees:

Board Members: Ron Carroll, Terry DeWitt, Michael Neal, Natalie Trotter and Chris Turnage

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Karen Wallace

Board Staff: Nancy Worthen and Angelynn Hardcastle

Others Present: Becky Crenshaw, ArPTA

Call to Order

Ron Carroll, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Old Business

2015 Declaratory Order

The Board discussed the 2015 Declaratory Order at a previous meeting and it was tabled for Karen Wallace to research further.

In 2015 the Board issued the declaratory order after being asked for interpretation of part of the statute. The order was drafted by the Board attorney from the Attorney General's office and approved by the Board. The declaratory order states that it is not a violation of the Practice Act for an athletic trainer to practice in a hospital or outpatient clinic under the direction of a physician licensed in the state of Arkansas.

In 2017 changes to the Athletic Training Board Practice Act were presented. During this process the Arkansas Physical Therapy Association learned of the declaratory order and expressed concerns to the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy. The Physical Therapy Board believes the order goes against the statute and is opposed to the order.

Karen Wallace has discussed the order with supervisors at the Attorney General's Office and all agree that direct supervision by a physical therapist is required by statute. She advised the board to withdraw the order or not enforce it and also advised that they can try to make Practice Act changes in the future through the legislative process. Karen suggested that the board discuss this issue with their liaison at the Governor's Office before making a final decision.

The Board determined the issue will be discussed with the Governor's Office liaison at a future meeting.

Motion: Chris Turnage

2nd: Michael Neal

Vote: 5-0

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director