



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Athletic Trainers Section

April 18, 2022

3:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Trevor Bates, AT, Chair
Benjamin Burkam MD, Secretary
Hollie Kozak, AT
Gary Lake, AT
Jeff Sczpanski, AT

Members Absent

None

Legal Counsel

Lindsay Miller

Staff Present

Melissa Anthony, Executive Director
Aariann Felix, Executive Assistant
David Day, Paralegal
Jeffery Duvall, Supervisor, Enforcement Division
Jaklyn Shucofsky, Investigator

Guests

Jason Nutter, AT

Call to Order

Trevor Bates, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM. Dr. Ben Burkam was not present at the start of the meeting.

Enforcement

Trevor Bates invited Mr. Jason Nutter to explain why he believed why his license restriction to treat only patients over age 18 should be lifted.

Jason Nutter explained that it has been over 10 years since he has actively practiced Athletic Training, but he has kept up with his continuing education credits and kept his license active. He also explained that he has taken the steps to remedy his actions such as counseling and seeking advice from those within his church and other colleagues. He felt that because of these actions, he has the tools to prevent this situation from occurring again. Jason Nutter thanked the AT Section for their time and consideration and stated he would be happy to answer any of their questions.

The AT section asked Jason Nutter questions pertaining to what kind of athletic training employment he has had since 2016 and what Mr. Nutter has learned from this experience. Jason Nutter explained he has had no employment related to athletic training and that he learned not to fully immerse himself at his place of employment. Jason Nutter also stated that he applied to positions involving athletic training but was not hired due to his license restriction.

Jeff Sczpanski stated that he saw within Jason Nutter's counseling notes that he has coached for sporting events as well as refereeing. Jeff Sczpanski asked Jason Nutter to elaborate on those activities. Jason Nutter stated that he coached for his daughter's softball team for a year and is currently a State of Ohio licensed referee for multiple sports.

Jeff Sczpanski moved that the AT section go into executive session to discuss reinstatement from previous disciplinary actions. Gary Lake seconded the motion.

Trevor Bates - yes
Benjamin Burkam – not present
Hollie Kozak - yes
Gary Lake - yes
Jeff Sczpanski - yes

Motion passed. The AT Section went into executive session at 3:19 pm. Hollie Kozak was not present for the

executive session.

The AT Section reconvened at 4:30 PM. At this time, Ben Burkam also joined the meeting.

Hollie Kozak motioned to remove the restrictions placed on Jason Nutter's license based on his progress. Gary Lake seconded. The AT section moved to an open discussion about the motion. Members of the AT Section stated that this was a difficult decision for them. Hollie Kozak mentioned that Jason Nutter has followed through with all of the requests that the Board has asked of him, and that the board has documentation regarding the counseling Jason Nutter has completed. Trevor Bates stated that he was expecting more of Jason Nutter's initial statement at the beginning of the meeting. He was hoping and expecting Jason Nutter to have more responsibility or regret within his initial statement as the Board's responsibility is to protect the public. Jeff Sczpanski said he agreed with both Hollie Kozak and Trevor Bates, and added he felt that Jason Nutter still being around minors while referring was concerning to him. Gary Lake said that while he understands Jeff's concerns, he feels that the limitation was only concerning practicing around minors, and felt that since another incident has not happened, he did not see Jason Nutter as a public concern. Ben Burkam agreed with Hollie Kozak that with all of the documentation provided he did not believe that Jason Nutter would be a threat to the public and that the Board should weigh heavily the advice of his multiple mental health professionals that they had no concerns about his threat to the public.

Trevor Bates invited Jason Nutter to make closing comments. Mr. Nutter said that he takes full responsibility for his actions and apologizes to the minor and his previous employer. He felt that his actions were an embarrassment. Mr. Nutter went on to say that he went through a background check in order to coach and referee. The organizations he was involved with knew what had happened.

Trevor Bates called a vote for all of those in favor of Hollie Kozak's motion as stated. Roll call:

Trevor Bates- No
Benjamin Burkam-Yes
Hollie Kozak- Yes
Gary Lake- Yes
Jeff Sczpanski- No

The motion is passed, and the Board will move forward to remove the restrictions on Mr. Nutter's license.

New Business

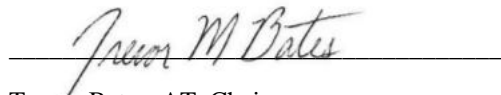
Trevor Bates and Ben Burkam left the meeting. The AT section discussed their presentation for the OATA conference.

Adjournment

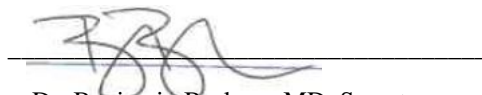
There being no further business and no objections, Jeff Sczpanski adjourned the meeting at 5:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

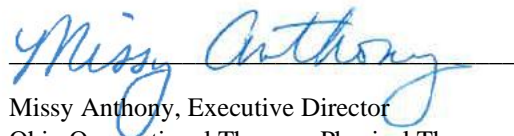
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