



## TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**December 18, 2019**

### Board Member(s) Present

Richard Bookwalter (President) San Francisco  
Sharon Pavlovich (Vice President) Loma Linda  
Jeff Ferro – Loma Linda  
Denise Miller – Glendale  
Beata Morcos – Glendale

### Board Staff Present

Heather Martin (Executive Officer) Sacto  
Jody Quesada (Analyst) Sacto  
Reza Pejuhesh (Legal Counsel) Sacto

### **3:00 pm - Board Meeting**

1. Call to order, roll call, establishment of a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m., roll was called, a quorum was established. Laura Hayth was absent.

2. President's Remarks – Informational only; no Board Action to be taken.

President Bookwalter offered every location the opportunity to have any members of the public introduce themselves at will. Sacramento was the only location with a public attendee. He introduced himself as a representative from the Department of Consumer Affairs.

3. Board Member Remarks – Informational only; no Board Action to be taken.

There were no remarks.

### **CONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened in Closed Session at 3:15 p.m.

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:54 p.m.

4. Public Comment session for items not on the agenda.

Ivan Altamura, Capitol Advocacy representing Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) introduced himself and does not have any comments regarding items not on the agenda.

5. Discussion and consideration of position on Assembly Bill 1592 (Bonta), Athletic Trainers.

The Board decided to discuss the 'Oppose Unless Amended' submitted by OTAC on December 13, 2019.

Mr. Altamura recapped the points of opposition unless amended as:

- The Athletic Trainers (ATs) could prohibit a person without proper credentials from holding themselves out as an AT by amending AB 1592 to be a title protection bill.
- The language is overly broad as it pertains to the definition of 'athletic activity.'
- The inclusion of 'illness prevention' is overly broad and the ability of the trainer to use 'commercial products' seems overly broad.
- With respect to the physician supervision requirements the language in the bill may require an AT to diagnose an individual's condition which is outside of the scope and training of an AT.

Mr. Altamura expressed his confusion regarding the handout named "CATA Response to OT Board Concerns" dated October 29, 2019, and in particular the references to OTAC having provided the language that CATA used. Mr. Altamura acknowledged that some of the points could have been the result of a previous iteration of the bill, but he was unable to locate these submissions.

President Bookwalter acknowledged that it is possible that an error could have been made by CATA because he recalled Mike Chisar stating that the process was getting convoluted. Mr. Bookwalter reminded the Board that their position is currently 'Oppose Unless Amended.'

Jeff Ferro expressed his concern that the Board may have been given inaccurate information about OTAC's position on certain language.

Denise Miller stated her support of OTAC's letter of 'Oppose Unless Amended' dated December 13, 2019, because she finds it reliable and accurate.

Vice President Pavlovich asked when an updated version of the bill would be provided.

Executive Officer Heather Martin reported that if the ATs decided to introduce a new bill it would most likely be in early February.

Beata Morcos suggested that further discussion be held over to the February Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.