

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Washington DC
8:30 a.m. Eastern Time
March 30, 2026

Board

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Katie Scott, MS, ATC, CAE
Tricia Sutherland
Cheryl Campbell - absent
Jessica Porter
Kathy Stucker – absent

Incoming Directors

Lorna Strong, EdD, LAT, ATC
Chris King, LAT, ATC
Michael Moll, MEd, LAT, ATC

Guests

David Gallegos, MA, ATC, Cert. MDT, Presidential Candidate
Rob Marshall, LAT, ATC, Presidential Candidate
Jen Sturtevant, MBA, LAT, ATC, Chair, DEIA Council
Lynne Young, MEd, LAT, ATC, BOC Liaison – absent
Gary Hanna, MS, LAT, ATC, CAATE Liaison
MaryBeth Horodyski, EdD, LAT, ATC, President, NATA Foundation
Brian Conway, BS, AT, ATC, President, BOC
Anne Minton, MBA, CEO, BOC
Ariana Davis Fakeri, MS, LAT, ATC, COPA Performing Arts Panel
Trevor Bates, DHSc, AT, ATC, Chair, EO Task Force
Patrick Glaser, McKinley Associates

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CALL TO ORDER

President Duffy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Eleven of the eleven voting members were present. The requirements for a quorum were met.

OPENING REMARKS

President Duffy welcomed the Board, representatives of the AT Alliance and guests to the call and thanked Venable for hosting the meeting.

PRIDE POINTS

President Duffy opened the floor for the board and guests to share their recent highlights.

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION (BOC) REPORT

Brian Conway, president of the BOC, reported on progress related to the interstate compact, noting that South Dakota and Alabama have already passed the compact legislation, while bills in Kansas and Virginia are currently awaiting the governor’s signature. Additional legislation has been filed in Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Indiana. He reminded the Board that a total of seven states must pass the compact for it to be enacted and recognized District Nine Director-elect King for his contributions to advancing the effort in Alabama.

Conway also shared an update on the Continuing Professional Certification (CPC) program developed in partnership with Pathfinder, indicating that approximately 3,000 individuals have completed the first quarter requirements. He emphasized that the BOC’s primary responsibility is public protection and described the CPC as a tool to help professionals assess their current standing, identify future goals, and effectively utilize continuing education to support their development.

Director Emrich added that New Jersey filed and introduced the AT Compact in assembly and Senate on Tuesday.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION (CAATE) REPORT

Gary Hanna, liaison, reported that the CAATE hosted a town hall on March 24, and a recording is now available on the website. The President’s Award will go to Jim Reedy from St. Luke’s, and the Bob and Lynn Caruthers Service Award will go to Dr. Bill Bennington.

NATA FOUNDATION REPORT

MaryBeth Horodyski, president of the NATA Foundation, announced that Stephanie Rowan has been appointed as the new executive director. She mentioned that Mollie Pillman and Kathy Stucker, the human resources manager, served on the search committee. Additionally, the Foundation is in the process of hiring a development professional, and the job posting will be released soon.

COUNCIL ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT (COPA) – PERFORMING ARTS RESEARCH SURVEY SERVICE REQUEST: DANCE MEDICINE CONCUSSION SURVEY

Ariana Davis Fakeri, a PhD student at Rocky Mountain University in Provo, Utah, presented her research initiative and request to the Board. She is currently seeking participation from athletic trainers to complete a validated survey, which was previously tested through a pilot study. The survey targets athletic trainers working with dancers and focuses on their self-efficacy in the assessment and management of concussions. It also evaluates alignment with the 2024 bridge statement as current best practice. The project is intended to identify educational gaps that may be addressed through formal curricula or continuing education opportunities, as well as to determine what additional resources may be needed. The broader goal is to support more standardized concussion assessment practices to improve patient care within the dancer population. She also noted her personal background as a dancer and her interest in expanding research within the performing arts space.

Katie Scott provided context on the process that led to the request. Fakeri initially connected with the Performing Arts Panel to assist with survey distribution. During the discussion, Joshua Honrado, panel chair, raised the possibility of COPA formally supporting the project to allow for use of the data results, with the intent of identifying gaps and developing resources for distribution within the NHT umbrella.

The primary objective of the project remains data collection in support of Fakeri’s academic work. As a secondary outcome, the COPA Performing Arts Panel anticipates using the findings to inform a manuscript submission to the Journal of Athletic Training (JAT), collaborating with the Education Department on appropriate dissemination methods (e.g., webinar or future convention presentation), and developing practical resources and toolkits for members.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL ON PRACTICE ADVANCEMENT PERFORMING ARTS RESEARCH REQUEST: DANCE MEDICINE CONCUSSION SURVEY (11,8) PASSED (11-0-0)

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Duffy provided an update on the upcoming meetings he will attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appropriate information on the following items were provided to the Board through background materials, e-ballots or previous discussions. With no objections raised, the consent agenda was approved. It included:

- **APPROVE FEBRUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (ALL)**
 - **TO APPROVE THE NATA MISSION, VISION AND VALUES AS PRESENTED.**
- (3,7) PASSED (11-0-0)**

Following a closed session and executive session, President Duffy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:


Scott Galoway, Secretary/Treasurer
NATA Board of Directors