



Athletic Trainers Council Meeting Agenda
February 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order (Time): _____

A. Council Members Present – Roll Call:

- i. Briana Burgette, A.T.
- ii. Andrew Hurla, A.T.
- iii. Lynsey Payne, A.T.
- iv. Mark Balderston, D.C.
- v. Luis Salazar, M.D.

Quorum present: Yes/No

B. Staff Present:

C. Others:

II. Approval of Agenda:

A. Additions

B. Deletions

III. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2025, AT Council meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Practice Protocol draft form from KATS. For reference see text of K.S.A. 65-6906(d) and K.A.R. 100-69-9 at end of the Agenda.

B. Regulations for Kansas Continuing Education versus/matching national requirements. For reference see text of K.S.A. 65-6905 and K.A.R. 100-69-10 at end of the Agenda.

C. Regulations to implement 2025 Legislation. See text at end of the Agenda.

Discussion by AT Council re: input received from peers, KATS, the public, and otherwise regarding changes and/or content of regulations in response to 2025 Legislative changes to the AT Practice act.

The AT Council's input is advisory to the KSBHA. All final decisions re: amending a regulation are made by the KSBHA. Neither the AT Council nor the KSBHA can expand AT regulations beyond the language and authorization of the statutes passed by the Kansas Legislature.

V. **Old Business:**
A. Licensing update

VI. **Application/Disciplinary Review. No**

VII. **2026 Meeting Date(s) - (Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.):**

May 6, 2026

August 19, 2026

November 18, 2026

VIII. **Text of Selected Current AT Statutes and Regulations**

Practice Protocols

K.S.A. 65-6906(d) As a condition of performing the functions and duties of an athletic trainer in this state, each licensed athletic trainer shall file a practice protocol with the board. The practice protocol shall be signed by each person licensed by the board to practice the healing arts who will delegate to the athletic trainer acts which constitute athletic training and shall contain such information as required by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

K.A.R. 100-69-9. Practice protocols. (a) As a condition of providing services as an athletic trainer in this state that constitute the practice of the healing arts, each athletic trainer licensed by the board shall file a practice protocol with the board on a form issued by the board. **(b) Each practice protocol shall contain the following information:**

- (1) The name, license number, signature, and date of signature of any person licensed to practice the healing arts who will delegate to the athletic trainer any professional responsibilities that constitute the practice of the healing arts;
- (2) a description of the functions and procedures delegated to the athletic trainer that constitute the practice of the healing arts;
- (3) a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts specifying those acts that have been delegated to the athletic trainer in the absence or unavailability of the licensee; and
- (4) a statement that the board will be provided with any changes or amendments to the practice protocol within 10 days after any changes or amendments have been made.

Continuing Education

K.S.A. 65-6905. The rules and regulations shall include standards for approval of an educational course of study and clinical experience, continuing education criteria, practice protocols, criteria for licensure procedures for the examination of applicants, and for professional conduct and discipline

- K.A.R. 100-69-10. License renewal; continuing education.** (a) As a condition of renewal, each licensed athletic trainer shall submit, in addition to the annual application for renewal of licensure, evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 20 hours of continuing education within the preceding year and proof of continuous certification in emergency cardiac care procedures including administration of an automated external defibrillator (AED) through a nationally recognized provider approved by the board. Each course approved by the board of certification for the athletic trainer shall meet this requirement.
- (1) Acceptable providers of certification in emergency cardiac care (ECC) procedures shall be those adhering to the most current international guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care.
- (2) Online ECC courses shall not be accepted, unless the provider confirms in writing that the skills were demonstrated and tested in person by a qualified instructor.
- (3) Instructor certifications shall not be accepted, unless the provider confirms in writing that the instructors are required to maintain and successfully demonstrate provider skills to renew instructor status.
- (b) Any licensee who suffered an illness or injury during the 12-month period before the expiration date of the license that made it impossible or extremely difficult to reasonably obtain the required continuing education hours may be granted an extension of not more than six months, in order to complete the continuing education requirements.
- (c) Each athletic trainer initially licensed within one year of the expiration date of the license shall be exempt from the continuing education required by subsection (a) for that first renewal period.
- (d) All continuing education shall be related to the field of athletic training and shall be presented by providers approved by the board. In order to qualify as board-approved, the continuing education shall be delivered by an approved provider or shall be intended for an audience of credentialed health care providers. The content shall be at least entry-level and shall pertain to one of the current domains of athletic training practice identified by the board. The current domains of athletic training practice identified by the board of certification of athletic trainers shall meet this requirement.
- (e) One hour shall be 60 minutes of continuing education meeting the requirements of subsection (f).
- (f) The categories of continuing education experiences shall be the following:
- (1) Category A. The number of hours for all category A continuing education experiences shall be granted upon receipt of documented evidence of attendance or documented evidence of satisfactory completion issued by a national, state, or local organization meeting the requirements of subsections (a) and (d). Category A continuing education experiences shall include the following:
- (A) Symposium. "Symposium" shall mean a conference of more than a single session organized for the purpose of discussing a specific subject from various viewpoints and by various speakers.
- (B) Seminar. "Seminar" shall mean directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest.
- (C) Workshop. "Workshop" shall mean a series of meetings designed for intensive study, work, or discussion in a specific field of interest.
- (D) Conference. "Conference" shall mean a formal meeting of a number of people for a discussion in a specific field of interest.
- (E) Home study course. "Home study course" shall mean an online webinar course designed for advanced study in a specific field of interest.
- (2) Category B. Category B continuing education experiences shall include the following:
- (A) Scholarly presentations. The number of hours granted for scholarly presentations shall be the following:

(i) 10 hours for a speaker at a clinical symposium where the primary audience is allied health care professionals; and

(ii) five hours for a speaker at a seminar, workshop, or conference where the primary audience is allied health care professionals.

(B) Publication activities. The number of hours granted for writing a professional publication shall be the following:

(i) Five hours to author an article in a nonrefereed journal;

(ii) 15 hours to author an article in a refereed journal;

(iii) 10 hours to coauthor an article in a refereed journal;

(iv) 20 hours to author a published textbook;

(v) 10 hours to coauthor a published textbook;

(vi) five hours for being a contributing author of a published textbook;

(vii) 10 hours to author a refereed or peer-reviewed poster presentation; and

(viii) five hours to coauthor a poster presentation.

(3) Category C. Category C continuing education experiences shall consist of postcertification education. The number of hours assigned to category C continuing education experiences shall be 10 hours for each credit hour for postcertification education. The content shall be related to one of the domains of athletic training.

(4) Category D. Category D continuing education experiences shall consist of miscellaneous activities, which shall include evidence-based practice. The number of hours granted upon receipt of documented evidence of satisfactory completion for category D continuing education experiences shall be the following:

(A) One hour shall be granted for each hour of attendance at continuing education program activities that are not approved by the board for category A or category B, but that are related to specific athletic training and sports medicine topics.

(B) One hour shall be granted for each hour of listening to unapproved continuing education programs or other multimedia products related to one of the domains of athletic training. No more than five hours per renewal period shall be allowed.

(g) No credit shall be granted for making any repeated presentations of the same subject matter.

(h) No credit shall be granted for reiteration of material or information obtained from attendance at a continuing education program.

(i) To provide evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education, the following shall be submitted to the board:

(1) Documented evidence of attendance at category A and category D activities;

(2) proof of participation in category B activities, which shall include a copy of any professional publication or documentation of any presentation;

(3) receipt and verification of completion of approved self-instruction from home study courses;

(4) a copy of each transcript or grade report for category C activities; and

(5) personal verification of listening to or viewing continuing education program videotapes, audiotapes, or other multimedia products, as described in paragraph (f)(4)(B).

2025 Legislative Changes to AT Practice Act

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CHAPTER 6

SENATE BILL No. 175

AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to healthcare professions; updating the definition of athletic trainer; providing for an exception for those licensed in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country to practice in Kansas; amending K.S.A. 65-6902, 65-6906 and 65-6907 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6902. As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

(b) "Athletic training" means the practice of injury prevention, physical evaluation, emergency care and referral or physical reconditioning relating to athletic activity, *including, but not limited to, sports participation, exercise, fitness training, strength and conditioning work, recreational physical activities and competitive athletics. "Athletic training" encompasses wellness promotion, risk management, immediate or emergency care, examination, assessment and therapeutic intervention or rehabilitation of athletic injury and illness. Athletic training also means making clinical decisions to determine if consultation or referrals are necessary, healthcare administration, professional responsibility, performance of athletic training research and educating and consulting with the public regarding safe participation in athletic activities and proper training methods.*

(c) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-6906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6906.

(a) Applications for licensure as an athletic trainer shall be made ~~in writing to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.~~ Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall not be refundable. Each application shall contain such information necessary to enable the board to judge the qualifications of the applicant for licensure.

(b) The applicant is entitled to licensure as an athletic trainer if the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth under K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto, pays the licensure fee established by the board and has not committed an act ~~which~~ *that* constitutes ground for denial of licensure.

(c) The board may issue a license as an athletic trainer without examination to an applicant:

(1) Who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of being licensed, registered or certified in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country and of having passed an examination in athletic training before a similarly lawfully authorized examining board in athletic training

of another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country if the standards for the examination and for licensure, registration or certification in athletic training in such other state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country are determined by the board to be at least equivalent to those of this state; or

(2) who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of having been engaged in the practice of athletic training in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country and passed an examination in athletic training by the national athletic trainers' association board of certification, inc. or other recognized national voluntary credentialing body, which examination the board finds is at least equivalent to the examination approved by the board under K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto, and who is certified by the national athletic trainers' association board of certification, inc. or other recognized national voluntary credentialing body, which certification the board finds was issued based on standards at least equivalent to the standards for licensure as an athletic trainer in this state; and

(3) who, at the time of making such application has not been subject to discipline or does not have a disciplinary action pending resulting from the practice of athletic training in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country; and

(4) who, at the time of making such application, pays to the board a fee as prescribed, no part of which shall be returned.

(d) As a condition of performing the functions and duties of an athletic trainer in this state, each licensed athletic trainer shall file a practice protocol with the board. The practice protocol shall be signed by each person licensed by the board to practice the healing arts who will delegate to the athletic trainer acts which constitute athletic training and shall contain such information as required by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(e) The board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer who meets the requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer as required by K.S.A. 65-6907, and amendments thereto, or who meets all the requirements for licensure except examination and who pays to the board the temporary permit fee as required under K.S.A. 65-6910, and amendments thereto. Such temporary permit shall expire six months from the date of issue or on the date that the board approves or denies the application for licensure, whichever occurs first. No more than one such temporary permit shall be granted to any one person.

(f) *An individual who accompanies an athletic team or organization from another state or jurisdiction and provides the services of an athletic trainer in Kansas is exempt from the licensure requirements of the Kansas athletic trainers licensure act, provided that the person is:*

- (1) *Licensed and able to practice as an athletic trainer in another state, District of Columbia, territory or foreign country; and*
- (2) *limited to providing the services of an athletic trainer to members of the athletic team or organization that traveled to Kansas.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-6907 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6907. An applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall give proof that the applicant has:

- (a) ~~Received a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a major course of study in an athletic training curriculum~~*Graduated after successful completion of the curriculum requirements of an accredited athletic training education program at an accredited college or university approved by the board; and*
- (b) passed an examination in athletic training approved by the board.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-6902, 65-6906 and 65-6907 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved March 21, 2025.

IX. Adjourn Meeting (Time):