

**Before the Ohio
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

Athletic Trainers Section

Ryan Goughnour
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IN RE:

The eligibility of **Ryan Goughnour, AT004253**, to retain his license as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Ohio

Case No: **AT-25-001**

Issue Date: **January 29, 2025**

ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came for consideration before the Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board this 29th day of January 2025.

Pursuant to section 4755.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, upon recommendation of Athletic Trainer Section's Enforcement Review Panel and pursuant to their determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that sufficient evidence exists that Ryan Goughnour AT, has violated Ohio Rev. Code § 4755.64(A)(2), (4), & (5) as alleged in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing that is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein; and,

Pursuant to their further determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that Ryan Goughnour's continued practice as an athletic trainer poses an immediate threat to the public;

The following Order is hereby entered on to the Journal of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board for the 29th day of November 2025:

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the license of Ryan Goughnour, AT, to practice Athletic Training in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Ryan Goughnour, AT, shall immediately cease the practice of Athletic Trainer in the State of Ohio.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

By Order of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board:
Athletic Trainers Section



Melissa Anthony
Executive Director

Sent via email with RMail tracking

cc: Justin Radic, Senior Assistant Attorney General
V. Alex Miller, Assistant Attorney General

CERTIFICATION

The State of Ohio,
County of Franklin, SS

I, the undersigned Executive Director for the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the original Entry of Order of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, Athletic Trainers Section entered on its journal, on the 29th day of January 2025.



Melissa Anthony, Executive Director



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Notice of Summary Suspension and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

Introduction and Jurisdiction

The Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board has determined that evidence exists indicating that you have violated Ohio Rev. Code § 4755.64(A)(2), (4), and (5) and has further determined that your continued practice poses an immediate threat to the public pursuant to section 4755.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, as set forth below:

Section 4755.64(A)(2), (4), and (5) of the Ohio Revised Code states:

(A) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the athletic trainers section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board may suspend, revoke, or, except as provided in division (B) of this section, refuse to issue or renew an athletic trainers license, or reprimand, fine, or place a licensee on probation, for any of the following:

- (2) Violation of sections 4755.61 to 4755.65 of the Revised Code or any order issued or rule adopted thereunder;
- (4) Negligence or gross misconduct in the practice of athletic training;
- (5) Violating the standards of ethical conduct in the practice of athletic training as adopted by the athletic trainers section under section 4755.61 of the Revised Code;

Ohio Administrative Code rule 4755:3-2-01 include:

(A) Athletic trainers shall respect the rights, welfare and dignity of all persons.

- (3) Athletic trainers shall be committed to providing competent care consistent with both the requirements and limitations of their profession.
- (7) Athletic trainers shall not engage in conduct that constitutes harassment or verbal or physical abuse of, or unlawful discrimination against, patients, students, and/or colleagues

(B) Athletic trainers shall comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of athletic training.

- (1) Athletic trainers shall comply with the laws and rules of the state of Ohio and any applicable local and federal laws governing the practice of athletic training.

(E) Athletic trainers shall not exploit persons served professionally.

(4) Athletic trainers shall not have a romantic or dating relationship or engage in any sexual activity, including sexual conduct or sexual contact, with any patient, or engage in any conduct that may reasonably be interpreted by the patient to be sexual, whether consensual or nonconsensual, while a practitioner/ patient relationship exists. In the case of minors, the practitioner/ patient relationship extends to the minor's parent or guardian.

(b) An athletic trainer shall not engage in a conversation with a patient that is sexually explicit or tacitly imply sexually implicit intentions during the athletic training plan of care. This includes verbal behavior that is sexually demeaning to the patient or may be reasonably interpreted by the patient as sexually demeaning.

Section 4755.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code states:

On receipt of a complaint that a person licensed by the athletic trainers section has committed any of the prohibited actions listed in division (A) of this section, the section may immediately suspend the license of a licensed athletic trainer prior to holding a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if it determines, based on the complaint, that the licensee poses an immediate threat to the public. The section may review the allegations and vote on the suspension by telephone conference call. If the section votes to suspend a license under this division, the section shall serve a written order of summary suspension to the licensed athletic trainer in accordance with sections 119.05 and 119.07 of the Revised Code. If the individual whose license is suspended fails to make a timely request for an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the section shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's license. Notwithstanding section 119.12 of the Revised Code, a court of common pleas shall not grant a suspension of the section's order of summary suspension pending the determination of an appeal filed under that section. Any order of summary suspension issued under this division shall remain in effect, unless reversed on appeal, until a final adjudication order issued by the section pursuant to division (A) of this section becomes effective. The section shall issue its final adjudication order regarding an order of summary suspension issued under this division not later

than ninety days after completion of its hearing. Failure to issue the order within ninety days shall result in immediate dissolution of the suspension order, but shall not invalidate any subsequent, final adjudication order.

Therefore, pursuant to section 4755.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Athletic Trainers Section has determined that based upon the complaint against you, you pose an immediate threat to the public. You are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your license to practice as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice athletic training in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119 and section 4755.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Athletic Trainers Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (hereinafter, "**Board**") intends to determine whether or not to suspend or revoke your Athletic Trainers license, or reprimand, fine, or place you on probation for the following reason:

Count 1

On or about the month of October 2024, while working as an athletic trainer for University School located at 2785 SOM Center Road, Hunting Valley, Ohio 44022, and under contract through University Hospitals, **Goughnour** engaged in conduct that was sexual in nature. Specifically, **Goughnour** sent a picture of his exposed penis through electronic means to a student at University School. Said conduct constitutes a violation of the Ohio Revised Code sections 4755.64 (A)(2), (A)(4), & (A)(5), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4755:3-2-01(A)(3), (7), (B)(1), & (E)(4)(b).

Hearing Procedures

Pursuant to sections 4755.64(E) and 119.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, you have the right to request a hearing on these charges, if your written request for a hearing is received by the Board office, located at 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice. Further, you are advised that you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by an attorney, or by such other representative who is permitted to practice before the agency. At the hearing, you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you. Also, in lieu of personally appearing, you may present your positions, arguments or contentions in writing.

If you do not timely request such a hearing, the Board, upon consideration of the charges cited, shall enter a final order permanently revoking the individual's license.

Please be advised that under section 4755.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, a person sanctioned under section 4755.11, 4755.47, 4755.482, or 4755.64 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee in the amount of the actual cost of the administrative hearing (if one is requested and held) including the cost of the court reporter, the hearing officer, transcripts, and any witness fees for lodging and travel, as determined by the appropriate Section of the Board. The fee shall be collected by the appropriate Section.

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