

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on February 20, 2007, at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, NJ. The meeting was convened in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act with previous notification having been sent to the Secretary of State and the following publications: The Record in Bergen County, The Star Ledger, Camden Courier Post, Trenton Times, Aisling Swift Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press, to advise of the scheduling of this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Vice-Chair) at 10:30 A.M.

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

PRESENT - Board Members: Louis J. Haberman, C.P.O., (Vice-Chair)
Mildred E. Carlascio, C.O., Brooke Artesi, L.O. CPED and
Heikki Uustal, M.D.

ABSENT - Board Members: Dana Baptista, C.P. (Chair) and Robert C. Manfredi, Jr.,
C.P.O.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Attorney General, Michelle Weiner
Executive Director, Laura L. Anderson and
Maria Ormeno-Bertorelli, Recording secretary

**MINUTES - THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY DR. HEIKKI UUSTAL AND
SECONDED BY MILDRED E. CARLASCIO, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE
JANUARY 9, 2007 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

The vote was unanimous

I. LEGISLATION

1. PERIODIC REPORT ON LEGISLATION

The Board reviewed a report received from Burt Liebman, Legislation, regarding the history of bills on which the Board was asked to comment during the quarter that ended on December 31, 2006.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL INFORMATIONAL.

II. ASSEMBLY BILLS

Bill A 3827

The Board reviewed, considered and commented on assembly bill A-3827 which was introduced December 14, 2006. This bill expands scope of subject to "Health Claims Authorization, Processing and Payment Act," and modifies certain claim procedures.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY MILDRED CARLASCIO AND SECONDED BY BROOKE ARTESI, VOTED TO SUPPORT THIS BILL ONLY IF "HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS" BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE, LICENSED ORTHOTIST, PROSTHETIST, PROSTHETISTS & ORTHOTISTS, PROSTHETIST - ORTHOTIST ASSISTANTS, PROSTHETIST ASSISTANTS, ORTHOTISTS ASSISTANTS AND PROSTHETIST ORTHOTIST WITH LIMITED LICENSED (CERTIFIED PEDORTHISTS).

Bill A 3899

The Board reviewed, considered and commented on assembly bill A-3899 which was introduced January 9, 2007. This bill clarifies time by which public bodies are required to make minutes available to the public.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY MILDRED CARLASCIO, WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL DUE TO LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES OF HAVING THE RATIFIED MINUTES. THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THE LEGISLATION BE AMENDED TO 30 DAYS AFTER RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES.

Executive Director Anderson indicated that the Board must follow procedures regarding comments on bills introduced by the Legislature. If a Senate and/or Assembly bill is submitted between meeting dates an "Emergency Point Person" was elected to become the liaison between the Board and legislation to facilitate the submission of bills in a timely fashion.

Deputy Attorney General Michelle Wiener to investigate regarding these procedures.

VI. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

The Board reviewed and approved the following applications for licensure:

Kevin M. Loughry	Applicant # 1234983
Ruben D. Barraza	Applicant # 1230556

At 11:30 A.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Dr. Heikki Uustal and seconded by Mildred E. Carlascio, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's regulations. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, that disciplinary action will be taken in a public session immediately after the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director