

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
March 20, 2007
(Union Conference Room, 3rd Floor)
10:00 A.M.**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on March 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 Haberman, C.P.O., (Vice-Chair) at 10:40 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
Recording secretary, Maria Ormeno-Bertorelli

MINUTES - THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY DR. HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY MILDRED E. CARLASCIO, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2007 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED.

The vote was unanimous

The amendments for February 20, 2007 minutes were as follows:

Board's comment to Bill A 3827 to read: "

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)

I. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:39A

The Board reviewed a copy of the publication of the readopted with amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:39A for the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, which appeared in the January 16, 2007 issue of the NJ Register.

The Board, upon motion made by Dr. Uustal and seconded by Brooke Artesi request that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-4.1 and 4.2 ; the language to be revised to include Prosthetist-Orthotist, Orthotist and Prosthetist.. This language should also include in general Prosthetists and Orthotists with respect to patients who require an appliance.

Deputy Attorney General Michelle Weiner to seek guidance regarding the above request regarding inclusion and/or comments after adoption and/or publication.

2. State Board of Medical Examiners - Notice of Final Action on Petition for Rulemaking Professional Practice Structure - N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.16

The Board reviewed a copy of the publication of the Notice of Final Action on Petition for Rulemaking Professional Practice Structure N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.16 for the State Board of Medical Examiners, which appeared in the December 18, 2006 issue of the NJ Register.

The Board considered this material as informational.

3. State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Proposed New Rule N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.15 - Permissible Practice Structure The Board reviewed and commented on proposed new rule N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.15 - Permissible Practice Structure, for the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, which appeared in the February 5, 2007 issue of the NJ Register. Comments must be submitted by April 6, 2007.

The Board upon motion made by Brooke Artesi and seconded by Mildred Carlascio, requests to revise the permissible practice structure, to include the Orthotics & Prosthetics Board of Examiners.

II. REPORTS

1. FISCAL YEAR 2007 Budget report (1st Half)

The Board's reviewed and considered the Fiscal year 2007 Budget report (1st Half), received from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer.

The Board upon motion by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Brooke Artesi, would like to invite budget officer, Darlene Kane to their next scheduled meeting to discuss/explain the account status being Very Tight and a possible fee increase.

III. APPLICATIONS REVIEW

The Board reviewed and approved the following applications for licensure:

Orthotists - Prosthetists (Limited license to the ankle and below)

Balakleyevskiy Ilya
Price, Clark .

At 11:20 A.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Mildred Carlascio and seconded by Brooke Artesi, 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 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director