

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2006**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on October 24, 2006, at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 6th 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 10:15 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., Robert C. Manfredi, Jr., C.P.O.
Heikki Uustal, M.D. and Brooke T. Artesi, L.O. CPED.

ABSENT - Board Member: Dana Baptista, C.P., (Chair)

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 MILDRED E. CARLASCIO AND SECONDED BY HEIKKI UUSTAL, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS AMENDED.

The vote was unanimous

I. REPORTS

Division of Law Billing

The Board reviewed the final detailed budget report for the fiscal year 2006 received from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL.

II. Richard Bettini

The Board reviewed a copy of the result to the most recent motion for reconsideration to the Board's decision filed by Mr. Bettini on September 25, 2006 to the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division. On October 5, 2006 motion was denied by the Superior Court of New Jersey.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL.

III. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OIG Advisory Opinion No. 06-16

Submitted by Deputy Attorney General Michelle Weiner, the Board reviewed a request for an advisory opinion regarding a proposed arrangement for a durable medical equipment("DME") manufacturer to provide advertising

assistance and reimbursement consulting services to some of its customers.

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THIS MATERIAL AS INFORMATIONAL.

IN ADDITION, DAG WEINER OFFERED TO PROVIDE ANY FUTURE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE RELATED TO NEW PROPOSALS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDERSON WILL CONTACT THE LEGISLATION DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON ANY NEW FEDERAL LAW PROPOSALS ON ("DME") THAT MAY PERTAIN TO THE BOARD.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board, upon a motion made by Robert C. Manfredi Jr. And seconded by Dr. Heikki Uustal, 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 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director