

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

**DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2012**

The meeting of the New Jersey State Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners was held on August 9, 2012, at the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, 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, CPO/LPO, (Chair) at 10:30 AM.

OPENING STATEMENT - Reading of "The Sunshine Law"

PRESENT - Board Members

Louis J. Haberman, CPO/LPO, (Chair)
Heikki Uustal, M.D.
Michael G. Moschella, CPO/LPO, and
Mildred E. Carlascio, LCO, and
Dennis O'Donnell, Public member

ALSO PRESENT:

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo,
and Executive Director Laura L. Anderson.

- I. MINUTES: THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE BY HEIKKI UUSTAL AND SECONDED BY DENNIS O'DONNELL, ACCEPTED THE AUGUST 9, 2012 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

II. LEGISLATION

The Board reviewed the periodic report on current Legislation.

Mildred E. Carlascio brought the Board's attention to Assembly Bill No. 2790 introduced in May 10, 2012. Bill A-2790 expand scope of claims subject to "Health Claims Authorization, processing and Payment Act," and modifies certain claims procedures.

The Board realized the importance of this bill and suggested to keep track and follow closely for any changes. Mildred Carlascio to keep updates.

III CALENDAR YEAR 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board, upon motion made by Heikki Uustal and seconded by Michael G. Moschella voted to accept the proposed meeting schedule for the calendar year 2013 as follows:

**January 17, 2013
March 21, 2013
May 16, 2013**

**July 18, 2013
September 19, 2013
November 21, 2012**

IV. REPORTS

The Fiscal Year 2012 Final Budget Report was reviewed and had questions answered by Darlene Kane.

- V.** As a result of the letter of resignation received from member Brooke Artesi, Heikki Uustal presented a letter of appreciation to be mailed to Ms. Artesi.

The Board, upon the motion of Mildred Carlascio and seconded by Dennis O'Donnell, reviewed and accepted the letter of appreciation prepared by Heikki Uustal. Letter to be signed by Board's President, Louis Haberman.

VI. CONTINUING EDUCATION- PEDORTHISTS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:12B-18 (j) inapplicability of act”

The provisions of the Licensure Act shall not apply to the activities and services of a certified pedorthist; except that this shall not prevent any certified pedorthist from applying for and obtaining a license under the provision of the licensing act, limiting the person’s practice (pedorthist) to the “ankle and below”

Therefore, Pedorthists are not required to satisfy the continuing education requirements that apply to the other professionals affected by this act.

Once a Pedorthist is licensed in New Jersey, they are subject to the Statutes and Regulations governing the profession in this State.

Currently, there are no continuing education requirements for Pedorthists.

At 12:45 A.M., the Board, upon a motion made by Dennis O’Donnell 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 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson
Executive Director

