

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Public Session Minutes

May 27, 2003

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Barry Inglett, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

MARY B. BROWNE, P.T.	Present
BARRY INGLETT, P.T.	Present
NANCY R. KIRSCH, P.T.	Present
DENNISE KRENCICKI, P.T.	Present
GARY SAVANDER, P.T.	Present
JOHN WARD, P.T.	Present
KAREN E. WILK, P.T.	Present

Also present were: Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Chanita R. Lucky, Assistant to the Executive Director; Kathy Mairella, President-APTA-NJ; Kenneth Maily, APTA-NJ

The Board wished to thank Lee Ann Guenther for her services as a Board member and wish her well in all her future endeavors and welcomes Mary Browne to the Board and her first Board meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2003 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2003 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NEW JERSEY REGISTER REVIEW-CHAIRMAN INGLETT

Chairman Inglett advised the Board that there was nothing pertaining to physical therapy in the May 9, 2003 New Jersey Register that was not already listed on the agenda.

B. STANDARDS FOR REFERRAL

The Board reviewed and made changes to the Standards for Referral.

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Dennise Krencicki, the Board voted to amend the Standards for Referral and resend them to the Executive Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. CORRESPONDENCE FROM JUDY OILER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-APTA-NJ RE: RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL-BASED PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Board considered this matter informational.

D. SENATE BILL NO 660

Permits only licensed chiropractors to perform spinal adjustment to correct vertebral subluxations

The Board reviewed Senate Bill Number 660, which permits only licensed chiropractors to perform spinal adjustments for vertebral subluxations.

The Board is opposed to the bill as written. Joint mobilization is part of basic entry level Physical Therapy education. The revised statutory language signed by the Governor on February 13, 2003 includes "joint mobilization" in the definition of physical therapy and physical therapy practice. Joint mobilization includes manipulations. The Board believes Physical Therapists should be included as providers of manipulation in the language of the bill.

E. DRAFT OF AMENDMENTS AND NEW RULES

The Board will hold discussion on this matter at the June 24, 2003 Board meeting.

III. INFORMATIONAL:

A. NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL-SESSION DAY REPORT-MAY 8, 2003 RE: NOMINATIONS CONSENT

The Board considers this matter informational.

B. CORRESPONDENCE FROM EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE RE: TOEFL TESTING

The Board considered this matter informational.

C. NJ STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD MINUTES-MARCH 12, 2003

The Board considered this matter informational.

D. NJ STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD AGENDA-MAY 14, 2003

The Board considered this matter informational.

E. NJ STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-MARCH 5, 2003

The Board considered this matter informational.

F. NJ STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-MARCH 12, 2003

The Board considered this matter informational.

**G. NJ STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING
CONCLUSION-MAY 14, 2003**

The Board considered this matter informational.

**H. DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL-
PROPOSED READOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS: N.J.A.C. 13:44K-PROPOSED NEW RULE:
N.J.A.C. 13:44K-8.5**

The Board considered this matter informational.

**I. DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS-STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE-NOTICE
REGARDING POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TESTING**

The Board considered this matter informational.

**J. THE PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVISOR-OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND SUPERVISION**

The Board considered this matter informational.

K. CORRESPONDENCE FROM DR. SCOTT NADLER

Dr. Nadler submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. The Board expressed its thanks to Dr. Nadler for his service to the Board.

APPEARANCES:

T.O.E.F.L. WAIVERS:

1. Mr. Roy Bebdebel

Mr. Bebdebel did not appear for the TOEFL Waiver.

2. Mr. Jaffa Dadoun

Jaffa Dadoun appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure.

Mr. Dadoun is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in Israel and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Mr. Dadoun has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Mr. Dadoun a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Ms. Maria P. Espinosa

Maria Espinosa appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-trained individuals applying for licensure.

Ms. Espinosa is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Espinosa has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Ms. Espinosa a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and she demonstrated proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Mr. Raoul Roaquin

Raoul Roaquin appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-trained individuals applying for licensure.

Mr. Roaquin is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Philippines and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Mr. Roaquin took the TOEFL examination twenty years ago and received a passing score (TOEFL does not report scores beyond a two year time period) Mr. Roaquin has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Mr. Roaquin a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language, he received a passing score on the TOEFL examination and he demonstrated proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. INQUIRY FROM LYNN BARRAL, P.T. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-THE CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER RE: SCHOOL BASED PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Board considered the correspondence from Ms. Barral, a physical therapist employed in the school system. Ms. Barral wrote the Board regarding the new statute concerning direct access and how it impacts physical therapy within the school system. The Board will advise Ms. Barral that no prescription for physical therapy is currently required (except for reimbursement purposes in the case of those injured in an automobile accident). The Board is working to address physical therapy issues within the school system.

B. DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS-STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE-NOTICE REGARDING PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING

The Board reviewed the Board of Respiratory Care's notice regarding pulmonary function testing and will send a comment to the Board of Respiratory Care and ask them to clarify whether physical therapists are precluded from providing pulmonary function testing.

C. INQUIRY FROM LAURA L. GRIBBIN, ESQ-FRIER & LEVITT, LLC RE: EMPLOYMENT OF THERAPIST BY CHIROPRACTORS

The Board will hold discussion on this matter at the June 24, 2003 Board meeting.

D. INQUIRY FROM RICHARD READ, P.T. RE: EMG/NCV

The Board will hold discussion on this matter at the June 24, 2003 Board meeting.

E. CORRESPONDENCE FROM RICHARD P. FRISCIA, P.T. OCS, ATC RE: PHYSICAL THERAPY STATUTES

The Board will hold discussion on this matter at the June 24, 2003 Board meeting.

F. INQUIRY FROM SHERRI HEWITT, P.T.

The Board will hold discussion on this matter at the June 24, 2003 Board meeting.

G. INQUIRY FROM JOSEPHINE SIENKIEWICZ RE: P.T. TAKING VERBAL ORDERS FOR MEDICATIONS

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Sienkiewicz, a physical therapist, who wrote to the Board to inquire whether it is permissible for physical therapists to accept verbal orders for medication changes in patient charts. The Board will inform the therapist that it is inappropriate to receive verbal orders and if any changes do occur and are received in written format, it is the therapist's responsibility to update the patient's record regarding the medication.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED B Y THE BOARD:

1. Renato O. Acuna-PT-Exam Only
2. Blenda S. Abul-PT-Exam Only
3. Daisy J. Bance-PT-Exam Only
4. Liwliwa A. Barile-PT-Exam Only
5. Charlie J. Celadina II-PT-Exam Only
6. Pamela F. Espinosa-PT-Exam Only
7. Phillip J. Gatchalian-PT-Exam Only
8. Raquel T. Josue-PT-Exam Only
9. Ralph M. Korzec-PT-Exam Only
10. Alfie S. Marquez-PT-Exam Only
11. Naomi L. Mangaser-PT-Exam Only
12. Maria L Niangar-PT-Exam Only
13. Sharon N. Tan-PT-Exam Only
14. Cayetano M. Tuason III-Exam Only
15. Geraldine C. Tubon-Exam Only
16. Daryelle Dela Cruz Racimo-PT-Exam Only
17. Elmar Jasper Garcia-PT-Exam Only

18. Queenie Ocamp Minguez-PT-Endorsement/LA/NY

19. Candice Baluyot-PT-Endorsement/NY

20. Soyoung Choi-PT-Endorsement/NY

21. Jaffa Dadoun-PT-Endorsement/CA

22. Eungsang Lee-PT-Endorsement/NY

23. Raoul Roaquin-PT-Endorsement/GA/NC

24. Michelle R. Roncal-PT-Endorsement/IN

25. Iris A. Sleep-PT-Endorsement/FL/IA

26. Heinrick Sy Tan-PT-Endorsement/NY

27. Manolita De Jesus Tupaz-PT-Endorsement/FL/NY

28. William Rabasto Uy-PT-Endorsement/NY/SC

29. Pamela Espinosa-PT-Exam Only

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Rey Marquez-PT-Endorsement/NY-Requires Law Exam

2. Queenie Ocampo Minguez-PT-Endorsement/LA/NY-Requires verification of licensure from LA and Law Exam

3. Varsha M. Pohuja-PT-Endorsement/MI/IN/CO/NY-Missing educational credits

4. Philip Wai-Kong Chan-PT-Endorsement/NY/IL-Missing educational credits

5. Christina Vidad-Requires Law Exam

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to adjourn Public Session and to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations or violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Five complaints or matters filed with the Board which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigation and/or actions.

2. Ten matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director
