

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2005**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Nancy Kirsch, Chairperson 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:

BARBARA BEHRENS, P.T.A. Present
JEAN M. BICKAL, ESQ. Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T. Present
JEFFREY ERICKSON, P.T. Present
BARRY INGLETT, P.T. Present
NANCY R. KIRSCH, P.T. Present
IVETTE P. MARTINEZ Excused
SUSAN M. QUICK Present
GARY SAVANDER, P.T. Present
KAREN E. WILK, P.T. Present

Also present were: Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Lora Sellmeyer, Assistant to the Executive Director. Members of the public: Kenneth Mailly, PT; Kathy Mairella, PT APTA-NJ; Patty Brick, PT, Director of Practice APTA-NJ

PUBLIC COMMENT:

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Barbara Behrens, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2005 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II . OLD BUSINESS:

A. CORPORATE PRACTICE

The Board considered this matter informational.

B. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst, is now responsible for handling the rules and regulations for the Board. The rules and regulations are currently being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law.

III. INFORMATIONAL:

A. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN BOARD AGENDA OCTOBER 19, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

B. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

C. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD MINUTES JULY 13, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

D. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN AGENDA DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION OCTOBER 19, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

E. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN MINUTES DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION AUGUST 10, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

F. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN MINUTES DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION JULY 13, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

G. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL - PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

H. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JULY 21, 2005

The Board considered this matter informational.

I. APTANJ- EXCERPTS FROM THE JERSEY JARGON

The Board considered this matter informational.

IV . APPEARANCES:

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

1. IRINA GREENCHTEIN

Irina Greenchtein appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms.Greenchtein is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in Israel and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Greenchtein is licensed in New York.

Upon a motion made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Gary Savander the Board voted to grant Ms. Greenchtein a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional as well as her undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and she demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. HYUNAE LEE

Hyunae Lee appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms. Lee is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in South Korea and in the United States. She received her undergraduate education in Korean and professional education in the English language. Ms. Lee is licensed in New York.

Upon a motion made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Gary Savander the Board voted to grant Ms. Lee a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional education was conducted in the English language and she demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FSBPT ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

The Board reviewed the FSBPT ADA accommodations. The Board assigned this matter to the Education committee to create a policy. The policy will be presented at the November 22, 2005 Board meeting for review and consideration.

B. THE NEW TOEFL TEST AND STANDARDS

The Board reviewed the new TOEFL standards and FSBPT's recommendations. The Board assigned this matter to the Education committee. This matter will be reviewed at the November 22, 2005 Board meeting.

C. CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVAL TEXAS STYLE

The Board referred this matter to the Education committee for their review and recommendations and will consider this at a future meeting.

D. INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM ANGELITA GONZALES, PT

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Angelita M. Gonzales, PT regarding the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS). The Board will advise Ms. Gonzales that this matter is not within the Board's jurisdiction. Ms. Gonzales should contact the New Jersey Division of Health and Senior Services regarding her inquiry.

E. PHOTOCOPYING LICENSES

The Board discussed a growing concern over whether a physical therapist's or physical therapist assistant's license could be photocopied to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:39A-3.5 (a and b); display of notice of licensure. The Board will review this regulation during sunseting. The Board reiterated the current rule stating that original licenses must be displayed at all places of practice. A photocopy is not acceptable.

F. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST EXAMINERS WEBSITE

The Board is in the process of updating its website. This will be organized by Karen Wilk and Jean Bickal.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Rudyard Saldajeno
2. Michelle Malalang
3. Jane So
4. Desiree Monzon
5. Marivic Pizarra
6. Doristina Ortega pending the receipt of transcript and TOEFL
7. Ruel Tandog- pending the receipt of transcript
8. Wilma Maniti
9. Cheryl Flores Galindez
10. Jenny Golde Giron
11. Bemboy Vendiola
12. Cirujales Teodoro
13. Bella Helena Bengson
14. Anna Lissa Fuentes

15. Arlene Castro

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Alfonso Rodriguez
2. Brinda Panchal
3. Bobby Mathew

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Gary Savander, 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 investigations and/or actions.
2. Two matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director