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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 Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday March 25, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Karen Wilk, Chairperson of the Board**, called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

BARBARA J. BEHRENS, P.T.A.	Present
DAVID BERTONE, P.T.	Excused
JEAN BICKAL, ESQ	Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T.	Present
NANCY KIRSCH, P.T.	Present
CINDY MOORE, P.T.	Excused
SUSAN M. QUICK	Excused
BETH SARFATY, P.T.	Present
KAREN WILK, P.T.	Present

Also present were: **John Hugelmeyer, Deputy Attorney General; Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director**

Members of the public: Cathy Chin, representative of Select Medical; Brian Mason, PT, representative of the APTA-NJ; Daniel Klim, Executive Director of the APTA-NJ; Vincent Buttaci, Esq.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2013 Board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education Course Reviewers' Recommendations

Nancy Kirsch recused herself as she is employed by Rutgers.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the course reviewers at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, formerly the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), for continuing education courses submitted by sponsors for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the course reviewer's recommendations as presented. The 166 approved courses will be posted on the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' website. Thirty one courses were denied, as they did not meet all the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Election of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend the
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Annual Meeting (September 18-20, 2014)

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to elect Barbara J. Behrens as Delegate and Karen Wilk as Alternate Delegate to attend the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual meeting held on September 18-20, 2014. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Letter from Deloria Chambers
RE: Test of English as a Foreign Language

Ms. Chambers asked the Board to accept her TOEFL scores. Ms. Chambers provided the Board with information concerning her background which included her extensive experience as an English instructor.

A motion was made by Barbara J. Behrens and seconded by Beth Sarfaty to accept Ms. Chambers TOEFL scores based on the information that Ms. Chambers provided. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Letter from Ami Jani
RE: Test of English as a Foreign Language

Ms. Jani asked the Board for a waiver of the Test of English as a Foreign Language as she is licensed in Pennsylvania and New York.

The Board noted that she did not pass the writing section of the TOEFL.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to not grant Ms. Jani a waiver of the TOEFL. Ms. Jani will be advised that the Board accepted her passing scores in the reading, listening and speaking sections of the TOEFL and she must take and pass the writing section of the TOEFL. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Letter from Sheryl Germain, PT
RE: Wound Care

Ms. Germain inquired whether a physical therapist could swab a wound for a culture.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to advise Ms. Germain that there is nothing in the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners statutes and regulations that would preclude a physical therapist from swabbing a wound for a culture. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Revised Jurisprudence Education and Examination
RE: Continuing Education Course

The Board reviewed a draft document prepared by Nancy Kirsch to advise the public that the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is now accepting proposals to develop, design and launch a jurisprudence learning assessment that will be case-based and designed to be 90 minutes long.

After the Board made corrections to the document, a motion was made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the document prepared by Nancy Kirsch. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- A. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report

The Board reviewed the National Physical Therapy Examination Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report and considered it informational.

- B. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
February 2014 News Brief

The Board reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy February 2014 News Brief and considered it informational.

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

1. Two matters filed with the Board, which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or disciplinary actions.
2. Seven matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Firdaus Siddiki
2. Russel Ramil
3. Mark Laureano
4. Louie Ann Picawalo
5. Dipti Kedar Wani
6. Kinjal Marakana

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Ami M. Jani

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Tadeo
Executive Director