A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday May 28, 2019. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Barbara J. Behrens, Secretary of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:35 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
NANCY KIRSCH, P.T.          Present
CINDY MOORE, P.T.           Present
BETH SARFATY, P.T.          Excused
RICHARD STONEKING, P.T.     Present
KAREN WILK, P.T.            Present

Also present were: Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General and Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director

Members of the public: Cathy Chin, representative of Select Medical and Jessica Dunn, PT

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2019 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Cindy Moore to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education Course Reviewers’ Recommendations

Nancy Kirsch recused herself as she is employed by Rutgers and did not participate.
The Board reviewed the recommendations of the course reviewers at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, for continuing education courses submitted by sponsors for the Board’s approval. A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to accept the course reviewers’ recommendations as presented. The 73 approved courses will be posted on the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners’ website. Seventeen 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. Requests for Reconsideration of Denied Continuing Education Courses

1. Footprints Physical Therapy Course, “Practical Assessment & Treatment of Torticollis”

Footprints Physical Therapy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Practical Assessment & Treatment of Torticollis” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “Practical Assessment & Treatment of Torticollis” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. International Spine & Pain Institute Course, “Too Hot to Handle”

International Spine & Pain Institute wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Too Hot to Handle” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “Too Hot to Handle” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Ossur Americas wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Physical Therapy Evaluation & Treatment of the Above Knee Amputee” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “Physical Therapy Evaluation & Treatment of the Above Knee Amputee” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Permobil Academy Course, “Custom Seating Continuum: Clinical Considerations for Optimal Outcomes”
Permobil Academy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Custom Seating Continuum: Clinical Considerations for Optimal Outcomes” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Karen Wilk to reaffirm the Board’s denial of this course as it did not meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Permobil Academy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “A Beginner’s Guide to Navigating Complex Rehab Technology: Seating and Positioning” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Karen Wilk to reaffirm the Board’s denial of this course as it did not meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Permobil Academy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “A Beginner’s Guide to Navigating Complex Rehab Technology: Power Mobility” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Karen Wilk to reaffirm the Board’s denial of this course as it did not meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.


Permobil Academy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “A Beginner’s Guide to Navigating Complex Rehab Technology: Manual Mobility” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Karen Wilk to reaffirm the Board’s denial of this course as it did not meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
8. Permobil Academy

Permobil Academy wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “A Beginner’s Guide to Navigating Complex Rehab Technology: An Introduction” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Karen Wilk to reaffirm the Board’s denial of this course as it did not meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

9. Professional Seminars, Ltd
   Course, “Evidence Based Treatment for the Whole Body: Gentle Effective Manual Therapy”

Professional Seminars wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Evidence Based Treatment for the Whole Body: Gentle Effective Manual Therapy” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “Evidence Based Treatment for the Whole Body: Gentle Effective Manual Therapy” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

10. PhysicalTherapy.com
    Course, “PT Management of Soccer Injuries”

PhysicalTherapy.com wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “PT Management of Soccer Injuries” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “PT Management of Soccer Injuries” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

11. Quantum Rehab

Quantum Rehab wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Clinically Speaking – A Practical Guide to Evaluation and Documentation for Power Seat Options” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Karen Wilk to approve the course, “Clinically Speaking – A Practical Guide to Evaluation and Documentation for Power Seat Options” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
12. Motivations
   Course, “#237 Stroke Recovery Toolbox: Evidence Based Clinical Strategies and Assessments”

Motivations wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “#237 Stroke Recovery Toolbox: Evidence Based Clinical Strategies and Assessments” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Richard Stoneking to approve the course, “#237 Stroke Recovery Toolbox: Evidence Based Clinical Strategies and Assessments” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

13. PESI
   Course, “Stabilizing the Core and the SI Joint with Muscle Energy Techniques”

PESI wrote the Board concerning the denial of their course, “Stabilizing the Core and the SI Joint with Muscle Energy Techniques” and provided the Board with additional information.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Richard Stoneking to approve the course, “Stabilizing the Core and the SI Joint with Muscle Energy Techniques” as it now meets the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

C. Inquiry from Pinali Gandhi
   RE: Test of English as a Foreign Language

Ms. Gandhi asked the Board to waive the TOEFL requirement. Ms. Gandhi informed the Board that she is licensed Massachusetts and North Carolina. The Board reviewed Ms. Gandhi’s TOEFL scores.

A motion was made by Richard Stoneking and seconded by Cindy Moore to approve Ms. Gandhi’s request. A vote was taken and Richard Stoneking voted in favor. Barbara J. Behrens, Nancy Kirsch, Cindy Moore, and Karen Wilk voted in opposition. The motion did not pass, therefore, Ms. Gandhi’s request is not approved.

D. Inquiry from Janet Keane, PT
   RE: Ambulation

Ms. Keane inquired if a physical therapist can work with a certified nursing assistant in an ambulation program. Ms. Keane informed the Board that the ambulation program is a free service that is provided to keep patients mobilized so they don’t become deconditioned.
A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk to inform Ms. Keane that based on the information provided, a physical therapist can participate in the ambulation program. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. Inquiry from Joshua Boyce, PT
   RE: Physical Therapy and Oxygen Use

Mr. Boyce inquired if physical therapists in a hospital setting can disconnect and/or connect O2, transport portable O2, or titrate O2 based on the order specified by the physician or licensed independent practitioner.

A motion was made by Karen Wilk and seconded by Cindy Moore to inform Mr. Boyce that although there is nothing in the statues or regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in New Jersey that would preclude a physical therapist from performing these functions under the order of a physician or licensed independent practitioner, the hospital may have rules that address these functions and the physical therapist should abide by those rules as well. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. Inquiry from Cathy Holmgen
   RE: Permissible Business Structures

Ms. Holmgen inquired about the legal necessities of setting up a business.

The Board will inform Ms. Holmgen that she should seek private legal advice with her concerns and questions about opening a business.

G. Inquiry from Gregory Castro, PT
   RE: Scope of Practice

Mr. Castro inquired whether a physical therapist could order diagnostic imaging such as x-rays.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk to inform Mr. Castro that there is nothing in the statutes and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in New Jersey that prohibit a physical therapist from ordering diagnostic imaging. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. INFORMATIONAL

A. Notice from the International Credentialing Associates

The International Credentialing Associates announced that it will be closing on May 31, 2019 and will no longer be conducting educational credential evaluations. The Board considered this notice as informational.
The Board reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) News Flash. The FSBPT has announced that it will be eliminating three services, aPTitude, oPTion and ProCert. The Board considered the News Flash informational.

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

The Board reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report and considered it informational.

Upon a motion made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Richard Stoneking, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss applications and matters involving investigations of violations of the Board’s enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Marilou Ilie
2. Aditi Khare
3. Neha Doshi
4. Mona Atul Tembe
5. Mayuri Panchal
6. Riddhi Desai
7. Priyam Sanghvi
8. Adeena Hudes
9. Payal Pawar

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Sudhir Kapadia Hardika

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Karen Wilk to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Tadeo
Executive Director