

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joni Kalis, P.T., Vice President
Merlin Gossman, Secretary
Donna Borden, P.T., Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Helene Fearon, P.T., President

OTHERS PRESENT: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director
Carol Lopez, Licensing Administrator

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Joni Kalis, P.T., Board Vice President, at 9:00 a.m.

SUBSTANTIVE REVIEWS OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Note: The agenda was reordered as follows

2. Substantive Review of and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Assistant Certification:

Richard J. Eggert *	Michelle Goodrich	Barbara S. Long
Beth M. Robinson		

** Invited for interview*

Ms. Kalis introduced the agenda item, read the names of the applicants for the record, and noted that the files were administratively complete. She indicated that the application of Mr. Eggert would be considered separately following his application interview. Ms. Borden moved all applicants be granted certification with the exception of Mr. Eggert. Mr. Gossman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Board initiated the interview with Mr. Eggerts via telephone in an effort to collect additional information concerning his three year absence from working as a physical therapist assistant. In response to the Board's questions, Mr. Eggert indicated that he had not completed any continuing education courses or activities since he left the field three years ago. He stated that his previous employer had offered to provide some financial assistance toward the cost of continuing education courses, but that this support was limited and it was a challenge for him to pay the remainder of the costs which often included travel. Since working as a flight attendant, his schedule had not permitted him to take any courses. Mr. Eggert stated that he was fortunate to have worked for some excellent physical therapists while he was licensed and working in California, and he felt that he had gained a great deal of knowledge from them and they were great mentors to him. He advised the Board that funding issues in 1999 with his employer resulted in his scheduled hours gradually being

reduced to the point where he was forced to pursue another means of employment. Mr. Eggert's goal at that time was to work for Southwest Airlines only until such time that he felt he could return to work as a physical therapist assistant when employment prospects improved. In response to the Board's questions, Mr. Eggert indicated that he intends to return to full-time work in Arizona; his previous experience is mostly in skilled nursing facilities, but he is willing to work wherever he is needed. Mr. Eggert stated that he is drawn to work in the field of physical therapy because he receives gratification from helping people. The Board concluded the interview, and discussed whether offering Mr. Eggert a Consent Agreement could address concerns relative to Mr. Eggert not working as a physical therapist assistant for the previous three years. Ms. Kalis moved certification be granted to Mr. Eggert. Mr. Gossman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of two to one.

1. Substantive Review and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure:

Jeremy C. Berger	Amy L. Boyd	Damian J. Chieppa
John P. Falcus II	Joseph L. Fisher	James R. Gallion
Heidi E. Giroux*	Judith A. Horrocks	Benjamin H. Johnson
Barbra J. Kilker	Travis W. Manners	Kevin D. Mitchell
Andrew Nardell	Patricia A. New-Jenkins	Holly D. Palmer
Andrea L. Passig	Stephanie A. Petrycki	Maria D. Robinson
Kelle V. Snyder	Laura E. Tietjen	

** Invited for interview*

Ms. Kalis read the names of the applicants for the record, and noted that the files were administratively complete. She indicated that Ms. Giroux's application would be considered separately following the scheduled interview. The Board noted that Mr. Nardell indicated he was charged with a felony DWI in the State of North Carolina in September of 2000; Ms. Lopez verified that the documentation submitted in connection with the charge indicated that it was dismissed. The application of Ms. Robinson was discussed, noting that she had neglected to arrange for verification of her expired Colorado physical therapist license as her Federation score report indicated she was previously licensed in that jurisdiction. The Board also discussed the application of Mr. Falcus; this applicant had initially filed the application 11 months prior, and as a traveling physical therapist he had acquired several additional licenses in the interim – 24 licenses in all. Board staff reported to the Board that Ms. Dawn Walton Lee, Assistant Attorney General, had advised that a request for substantive information in the form of the additional verifications of licensure must be made of Mr. Falcus. The Board must notify the applicant that because new information relative to the application was forthcoming, it is incumbent upon the applicant to provide that information. Ms. Kalis moved licensure be granted to the listed applicants with the exceptions of Mr. Falcus, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Giroux, with licensure granted to Mr. Falcus and Ms. Robinson upon receipt of the missing documents unless those verifications indicate any Board actions. Ms. Borden seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Board initiated the interview of Ms. Giroux via telephone. In response to the Board's questions, Ms. Giroux indicated that she last worked as a physical therapist in Oklahoma in 1999. She is currently caring for her four children aged one through eight. At the time she submitted her application for licensure to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy, she held a lapsed license in Kansas. Ms. Giroux completed her continuing education requirement for her Kansas license in order to reinstate it. She advised the Board that she intends to return to practice when her youngest children are school-aged. Ms. Giroux indicated that she would be comfortable returning to an orthopedic practice setting, but would rule out working in pediatrics or in a neurology setting. She also assured the Board that during her years of physical therapy practice she had acquired a significant amount of

manual therapy training. The Board concluded the interview, and Ms. Kalis moved licensure be granted to Ms. Giroux. Ms. Borden seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Substantive Review of and Possible Action on the Following Applications for Physical Therapist Licensure (Foreign Educated, Graduates of Programs Not Accredited by CAPTE)
Ethelwolda Angeles

Ms. Kalis introduced the agenda item and noted that the application for Ms. Angeles was administratively complete. The Board noted that her credential evaluation indicated that she had met the minimum number of general and professional education credits required by Board rule. Ms. Borden moved Ms. Angeles' education be found substantially equivalent to that of a graduate from a U.S. accredited program. Mr. Gossman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Board next reviewed the Interim Period Evaluation Form prepared by a former physical therapist supervisor of Ms. Angeles. Comments were made concerning the completeness of the form and the positive comments that were made by the supervisor concerning Ms. Angeles' clinical skills. Ms. Kalis moved licensure be granted to Ms. Angeles. Ms. Borden seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Amado Ariola

Ms. Kalis introduced the agenda item and noted that the application for Mr. Ariola was administratively complete. The Board discussed the credential evaluation prepared by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) and discussed that pursuant to A.A.C. R4-24-106(A)(2), the evaluation was erroneously prepared using the fourth edition of the Coursework Evaluation Tool, as the third edition is referenced in the rule. The Board directed staff to notify both Mr. Ariola and Susan Lindeblad, P.T., Executive Director of FCCPT of the error, and to notify Mr. Ariola that a decision on his application will not be made until a corrected evaluation report is issued by FCCPT.

Michela Bagnarol

Ms. Kalis introduced the agenda item and noted that the application for Ms. Bagnarol was administratively complete. The Board noted that the applicant had completed general education coursework at Glendale Community College and at Rio Salado Community College to address her 35 hours of general educational deficiencies; her credential evaluation report prepared by FCCPT indicated she previously earned 23 hours of general education and more than 88 hours of professional education. Ms. Borden moved Ms. Bagnarol's education be found substantially equivalent and that she be allowed to sit for the national physical therapy examination. Ms. Kalis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Review of Request for Accommodation for National Physical Therapist Examination:

Pamela M. Shultz

Ms. Kalis introduced the agenda item, and the Board reviewed and discussed the documentation submitted by Ms. Shultz relative to the accommodations that were granted to her by Northern Arizona University (NAU) where she completed her doctorate of physical therapy degree. Ms. Schultz indicated in her request to the Board that due to her dyslexia and associated eye strain, she was requesting time-and-a-half or double-time with which to take the examination, and a paper and pencil examination. The Board discussed the fact that while documentation had been submitted indicating the accommodations that NAU had granted, there was no information to indicate upon what basis (i.e. examinations or assessments) those accommodations were granted. Ms. Kalis moved Board staff invite Ms. Shultz to an interview before the Board in connection with her request, and that the applicant be directed to submit copies of the information that qualified her for the accommodations at NAU. Mr. Gossman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Prepared by,

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
Executive Director

Approved by,

Merle Gossman
Secretary