

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joni Kalis, P.T., Vice President
Randy Robbins, Member
Mark Cornwall, P.T., Ph.D., Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Helene Fearon, P.T., President
Merle Gossman, Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER – 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Kalis called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

SUBSTANTIVE REVIEWS OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

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

Christin S. Ray

Ms. Kalis read the name of the applicant and received assurance from Board staff that the application was administratively complete. Ms. Kalis moved licensure be granted to Ms. Ray. Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Request for Accommodation to the National Physical Therapy Examination In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
Wesley C. Reuck

Ms. Kalis read the name of the applicants and Board staff noted that Mr. Reuck was participating in the conference call in the event the Board has questions concerning his request. Mr. Reuck introduced himself and explained that he is a disabled veteran of the first Gulf War having sustained injuries while fighting in that conflict. Additionally, he sustained serious injuries in an automobile accident in 1997. He has undergone extensive rehabilitation relating to both incidents which precipitated his interest in becoming a physical therapist. He explained that the accommodation he received while a student at Creighton University consisted of an individual assigned to take notes for him as he was unable to control a writing instrument for long periods of time due to pain and weakness in his right arm. He also received time and a half with which

to take his examinations – both written and computer-based – to accommodate the problems with his arm and also as a result of his back pain. In response to questions concerning whether he experienced any difficulties during his first attempt to pass the NPTE, Mr. Reuck replied that he experienced pain in his back along with pain and fatigue in his arm due to feeling rushed to complete the examination. The Board reviewed the documentation submitted on his behalf from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs describing his physical challenges, and reviewed the information related to his academic accommodations submitted by Creighton University; the members noted that the information appeared complete. Ms. Kalis moved Mr. Reuck be approved to take the NPTE with an accommodation of time-and-a-half, and that he be licensed upon receipt by the Board of a passing score. Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Prepared by,

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
Executive Director

Approved by,

Merle Gossman
Secretary