

**BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING ON EMERGING PROFESSIONS
AUGUST 14, 2008**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The public hearing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. The purpose for the hearing was to receive public comment pursuant to its study into the need to regulate emerging professions to include Central Services/Sterile Processing Technicians, Orthotists, Prosthetists, Podiatrists and Orthopaedic Technicians.
- PRESIDING CHAIRMAN:** David Boehm, L.C.S.W., Ex-Officio Member
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Damien Howell, P.T.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra Ryals, Director
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Justin Crow, Research Assistant
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Virgo, Chair, National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. (NBCOT)
Richard Woodbeck, OTC, NBCOT
Peter Solan, OTC, NBCOT
Melanie Ziel, NBCOT
Gerald Milsky, VOTA
Richard Grossman, VPTA
Trey Davis, VA Farm Bureau
- COURT REPORTER:** Melissa H. Curtis, Capitol Reporting, Inc.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeff Virgo, Peter Solan and Melanie Ziel representing NBCOT presented comment in favor of the need for licensure of orthopaedic technologists. Specifically, they provided data with regard to statistics, educational and examination requirements, school credentialing and potential harm to patients.

A copy of the public hearing transcript is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Hearing adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

David Boehm, Ex-Officio Member

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D. Executive Director