

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

*Minutes of March 20, 2000 Board Meeting
(Amended by Jackie Thibodeau per board April 24, 2000 board meeting request)*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michael Towey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Towey, Chairperson; Nancy Steeves; Cheryl Walters; and Judith Flaker

Members Absent: Richard Sawyer and Katherine Girardin

Others Present: Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General; Jeffrey Frankel, Staff Attorney; Elaine Thibodeau, Administrator; and David Butler, Interim Board Clerk.

BUSINESS

Action on February 28, 2000 minutes.

Michael Towey moved to table the minutes. Seconded by Nancy Steeves. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Action taken on license applications

Nancy Steeves moved to accept the following applications as recommended. Seconded by Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

CEUs Reporting

Marjorie Ruth Childs	approved
Joan C. Folker	pending
Carolyn Hussey Gaiero	approved
Karen Sjostrom Hedger	pending
Carla Phair Jolicoeur	approved
Robin Kroc	approved
ulie Marean	denied
Aimee Joy Miller	approved
Virginia G. Russell Mujica	approved
Theresa Stockhausen-Gauthier	approved

Category I Applications

Nicole Anderson	approved
Nancy Boyington	approved
Miriam W. Carter	approved
Johanne Fahey	approved
Maxene Feintuch	approved
Jane Hodges	approved
Donna P. Madore	one approved, one denied
Kristie Miner	denied
Clara Ross	approved
Marsha Siviski	both approved
Rita B. Theriault	approved
Diane Warming	denied

First Time Licenses/Upgrades

Susan G. Bilslend	approved
Dana R. Fiske	approved
Theresa Gooldrup	pending
Lisa Grant	pending
Lucia Reardon	approved
Georgette L. Stone	approved
Isabella Leith Warlick	pending

Review of proposed rules

Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General, and Jeff Frankel, Staff Attorney, were present for the discussion of the Draft Rules, and Jeff Frankel described the reasoning behind the changes he had proposed. Cheryl Walters and Nancy Steeves recommended minor changes to the Draft Rules; the board **elected to defer its decision to adopt this draft as its proposal**. The board will review the material and perhaps adopt the rules at the April meeting.

Miscellaneous

Michael Towey moved that the Board have the opportunity to approve “significant and unusual” training as a new Continuing Education category, **to be known as** “Related Professional Training,” and that Jeff Frankel and Robert Perkins prepare a new draft of the rules with this language for review at the April meeting. Seconded by Nancy Steeves. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Cheryl Walters **volunteered** to attend the NCSB (National Council of State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology) Fall Conference in San Diego, California, October 19-21, 2000. **Nominated by Nancy Steeves**. Seconded by Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Cheryl Walters proposed keeping an ongoing list of Continuing Education applications which were denied, in order to improve efficiency and consistency of board approvals.

Discussion regarding speech assistants and short-term practicum

Michael Towey aired with the rest of the board complaints from people reluctant to **travel** long distances to attend necessary training at practicum sites.

Michael Towey stated that practicum should not combine employer and trainer/education roles due to the conflict of interest between those roles. A proposal to audit suspicious practicum programs was rejected due to Robert Perkins' statement that the vague language in the rules would make auditing those programs very difficult. Michael Towey expressed concern that **monetary considerations might create an incentive for employers to hire speech assistants who have not been sufficiently trained to perform the duties assigned to them.** No **immediate** determination was made as to how best to deal with this problem.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY

Elaine Thibodeau **described** the board's current **financial status**, **mentioning that** state policy requires boards to be self-supporting.

Michael Towey inquired how the Assistant Attorney General's salary affects the budget. Robert Perkins described the differences between private practice billing hours and monies earned working for the board.

Elaine Thibodeau **updated the board on the status of LD 2558** ("**An Act to Improve the Regulation of Occupations and Professions**") and discussions **ensued**. Michael Towey expressed concern that, in general, too many judgement issues maybe left to the Board Clerks who often do not have the experience and training in the professional subject-area to deal with **the issues and questions that some applications may pose.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, in a motion by Michael Towey, seconded by Cheryl Walters, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Butler
Interim Board Clerk

