

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Minutes of April 23, 2001 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson; Judith Flaker, Richard Sawyer and Kathryn Girardin.

Members Absent: Nancy Steeves

Others Present: Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General; Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator and Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk.

BUSINESS

Correspondence

Several letters/emails were received from licensees regarding the change in the maximum number of CPE hours that can be attained through self-study. The new rules limit the number of hours to 10. Some of the letters were inquiring whether the board might consider “grandfathering” hours that were acquired prior to the change since we are in the second half of the renewal cycle. The Board decided to follow the new rules as written without any exceptions. The correspondence will be addressed accordingly.

Review/create forms for new rules

Tabled to next month

Action on March 19, 2001 minutes.

Richard Sawyer moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kathryn Girardin. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Action taken on license applications

Kathryn Girardin moved to act on the following applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board. Seconded by: Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

SLP Temporary Applicants:

None

SLP Permanent Applicants

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aide registration applicants:

None

Speech minutes

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant applicants:

Deborah Crocker	Denied
Jennifer Currier	Pended
Danielle Shay	Approved

Action taken on CPE applications

Richard Sawyer moved to act on the 57 CPE applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board as follows: 34 approved, 0 pended and 23 denied. Seconded by: Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Miscellaneous

None

CHAIRPERSON'S LOG

There have been phone calls from several people (new graduates) inquiring how to document proof of the appropriate degree in time for their applications to be reviewed at the May meeting. They are stating that it takes the colleges 6-8 weeks to provide an official transcript that states that the degree was conferred. The Board discussed this issue at length and did consider accepting a letter from the Dean's office verifying that the degree was conferred along with an official transcript showing the coursework as proof of the appropriate degree. However, the Board did decide that they would not make any exceptions and to proceed as outlined in the rules. The Board will only accept an official transcript that states the degree was conferred as proof of the appropriate degree.

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine:

- ❖ Provided a legislative update to the board on LD #1595 "An Act to Increase the Number of Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists to serve Maine Schools". There was a hearing on April 3rd and no work session has been scheduled yet.
- ❖ Stated that the non-redaction of complaints policy went into effect on April 15, 2001.
- ❖ Provided an update on the board member conference that is scheduled for June 14, 2001 at the Augusta Civic Center. She also gave a preview of the agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau
Board Clerk