

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Minutes of June 18, 2001 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson; Richard Sawyer, Nancy Steeves and Kathryn Girardin.

Members Absent: Judith Flaker

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

BUSINESS

Action on May 21, 2001 minutes.

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

Action taken on license applications

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

SLP Temporary Applicants:

Cindi Boyington	Approved
Kate Joncas	Approved-Pending
Charlene Southwick	Approved
Heather Staudt	Approved-Pending
Jaclyn Vatcher	Approved

SLP Permanent Applicants

Betty Schopmeyer	Approved-Pending
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Audiologist Permanent Applicants

Anna McNease-Lewis	Approved
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Audiologist Temporary Applicants:

None

Speech Minutes

Speech-Language Pathology Aide registration applicants:

None

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant applicants:

Courtney Castonguay Approved

Action taken on CPE applications

Kathryn Girardin moved to act on the 21 CPE applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board as follows: 20 approved, 1 pended and 0 denied. Seconded by: Nancy Steeves. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

Correspondence

None

Review/Create forms for new rules

The application for CPE approved activity number and the reporting form for CPE activities were reviewed; changes will be made and the revised forms will be presented at the next board meeting for finalization. Due to the rule changes, the CPE mailing will occur earlier than usual this year (by August 1st) and will be accompanied by a letter that will explain the rule changes. The “auditing” will occur after licensees have submitted their CPE packages. The audit selection will be done by a selection file in the ARM licensing system.

Miscellaneous

Nancy Steeves made a motion to send Cheryl Walters to the NCSB Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on October 18-20, 2001. Seconded by: Kathryn Girardin. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

CHAIRPERSON’S LOG

Cheryl discussed with the board a phone call that she received from a licensee. The licensee was attempting to assist an acquaintance with an issue she is having with her son receiving inadequate services from a person calling themselves a speech assistant working in the school where he attends. The person is not licensed with the board. The AAG’s advised that the person having the issue should contact the board or the AAG’s office so that we can get a clearer picture of the issue.

ADMINISTRATORS’ COMMENTARY

Elaine

- distributed the memo from OLR regarding the HIPDB and the process of reporting disciplinary actions.
- discussed the proposed OL&R rule for the handling of late renewals, which will be the subject of a July 13th rulemaking hearing. Currently, boards differ in their treatment of individuals who continue to practice within 90 days after the expiration of their licenses; this rule would increase the uniform late fee from \$10 to \$50, but preclude other sanctions from being imposed by this office (although lapsed licensees would remain ineligible for reimbursement from third-party payors).
- advised that Chapter 285 / “A An Act to Allow Boards of Professions to Grant Hardship Waivers” -- designed to benefit persons having difficulty completing continuing education requirements because of extenuating circumstances -- had been enacted; at some point, either an “across-the-board” rule or board-specific rules will be needed to create a means to implement it.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau

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Board Clerk