

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND
AUDIOLOGY**

Minutes of the March 15, 2004 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Chairperson; James Barclay, Norleen Fleming, Nancy Steeves and Ruth Dodge

Members Absent: Judith Flaker, James Barclay left at 3:00

Others Present: Jessica Doody, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Administrator; and Kate Silsby, Assistant Attorney General

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action on February 9, 2004 minutes.

Nancy Steeves moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ruth Dodge.

Vote: 5 - in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Complaint Officer's Report

SP-021-Review of Draft Consent Agreement

An amendment was made to the Consent Agreement to show that the supervisor will submit reports every three months starting from the date that the consent agreement is executed. Members of the board did not hold a vote.

B. Action to be taken on License Applications:

Renewals with no extension & no reporting forms: Warning, \$250.00 per violation, complete CEU requirements within 6 months of date of consent agreement.

Reciprocity: No applications

C. Action taken on BESPAs activity number applications:

The following CEUs were acted upon:

Late BESPAs & Reporting Forms

18 Requests-approved

4 Requests-denied

Extension Requests

4 Requests-tabled for next meeting

BESPA Appeals

2 granted

1 denied

1 pended

Reporting Forms-Extension Granted

7 granted

2 denied

BESPA Requests – Extension Granted

13 granted

1 pended

1 denied

CEU Pre-Approval Requests

Brain Injury Association of Maine – 13 requests approved, 6 requests denied
Remaining requests were tabled for the April 12th meeting.

D. Review of CEU Consent Agreements

13 Consent Agreements were executed by Cheryl Walters and Carolyn Sislby.

E. Correspondence

F. L.D. 1908

Penny Vaillancourt informed the board that this legislation, as drafted, would exempt certain licensure requirements in a Hearing Aid Dealer & Fitter licensure application, if the applicant is licensed as a Maine audiologist. The legislation proposes to exempt the following requirements: obtain a trainee permit, sit for the required examinations, and require a business to hire a dealer & fitter who has been licensed for at least two years. She will report back to the board with final legislative action.

G. Miscellaneous

IV. Other Business

Administrator's Report:

Penny Vaillancourt reported that the department will send out an advisory notification to all new applicants regarding the new federal requirement that immigrants/non-immigrants must obtain a Health Care Worker Certification by July 26, 2004, and will post the contact information on the department's website.

Effective July 1, 2004, all of OLR's health-related boards that are responsible for reporting to Healthcare Integrity Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) will require an applicant to submit a self-query report from HIPDB as part of the application process to obtain prior disciplinary action taken in another state/jurisdiction.

ADJOURN

Norleen Fleming made a motion to adjourn at 5:08 p.m., seconded by Ruth Dodge. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Vote: 5 - in favor 0 – opposed

All regular meetings are open to members of the public for observation, but not for participation. Public hearings for rule making are open for public comment. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Jessica Doody at 624-8674.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica S. Doody, Board Clerk