

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Minutes of the August 18, 2005 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Norleen Fleming, Ruth Dodge, and Judith Flaker.

Members Absent: Nancy Steeves.

Others Present: Colleen Eugley, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Amy Mills, Assistant Attorney General.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action on July 7, 2005 minutes.

Motion to approve July 7, 2005 minutes was made by Ruth Dodge. The motion was seconded by Judy Flaker.

Vote: 4 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Complaint Items

Review disciplinary consultant request – Richard Nero

Motion to approve Carolyn Bloom, LCSW, as the disciplinary consultant for Richard Nero, made by Cheryl Walters; Norleen Fleming seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor

B. License Application Review

Patricia Morrell, SLP – approved

Marie Anne White, SLP Assistant – pending receipt of transcript and 6 more hours of supervisory training by the supervising SLP, Kim Egberts.

Motion to approve Patricia Morrell's SLP application made by Judy Flaker and seconded by Cheryl Walters.

Vote: 4 in favor

Motion to pend Marie-Anne White's application, which needs to include transcript and six more hours of supervisory training by the supervising SLP, made by Judy Flaker and seconded by Cheryl Walters.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 recused – Ruth Dodge)

C. Action taken on BESPAs activity number applications: The following CEUs were acted upon:

CEU Pre-Approval Requests

8 – approved

Cheryl Walters made a motion to approve eight CEU pre-approval requests; Norleen Fleming seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor

D. Correspondence

Motion to re-offer the consent agreement to Anthony Briscoe with revised dates made by Judy Flaker and seconded by Cheryl Walters.

Vote: 4 in favor

Motion made by Cheryl Walters stating that the Board does not have a present intent to take any action with respect to Anthony Briscoe's registration of Jennifer LaPlante, as submitted by his August 8, 2005 correspondence. Motion seconded by Norleen Fleming.

Vote: 4 in favor

Jessica Marino, SLP, requested an extension of time to complete the required ceu's for the current licensing cycle. Correspondence to the licensee will be drafted by Penny Vaillancourt and approved by Cheryl Walters.

E. Miscellaneous

There was board discussion on whether bachelor level individuals can be hired as speech clinicians in the schools under DOE and whether BESPAs has jurisdiction. It was determined that in a school setting, DOE is likely the appropriate state agency to answer eligibility/qualification questions for certified speech therapists. However, the discussion also resulted in reiterating BESPAs jurisdiction over the eligibility/qualifications of licensed speech-language pathologists in both private and public school settings.

A review of Darcee Pantaz's ceu documentation shows that she has met the 2004 renewal requirement.

Motion to accept the ceu documentation made by Cheryl Walters and seconded by Ruth Dodge.

Vote: 4 in favor

IV. Other Business

Administrator's Report:

The Board reviewed the draft informational letter to licensees clarifying continuing education requirements and the licensing cycle.

The Board reviewed a draft informational letter regarding "An Act Regarding Speech-language Pathology Aides".

Penny Vaillancourt provided the Board a financial update.

Online renewals will be available for licensees in February, 2006. The Board discussed drafting a letter to the Maine Speech-Language-Hearing Association to get the word out to encourage online renewals.

ADJOURN

Judy Flaker made a motion to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Walters.

Vote: 4 in favor

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2005, at 1:00 p.m.

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 Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk, at 624-8626.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk