

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON**  
**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**  
*Minutes of the April 9, 2007 Board Meeting*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

**Members Present:** Cheryl Walters, Ruth Dodge, Norleen Fleming, Nancy Steeves.

**Members Absent:** Judith Flaker

**Others Present:** Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Judith Peters, Assistant Attorney General.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Action on January 29, 2007 minutes.**

A motion to approve the January 29, 2007 minutes was made by Nancy Steeves. The motion was seconded by Ruth Dodge.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 recusal – Norleen Fleming)**

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Complaint Items**

**2006-SPE-2764**

After a review and discussion, a motion was made by Cheryl Walters and seconded by Ruth Dodge to table the compliance document pending receipt of additional information regarding the course attended to be received by the board no later than 30 days from the date of the letter. Specifically, the board requires a course description/outline of the ESOL course that the licensee had attended or the licensee will need to show proof of an additional 3 hours of continuing education.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 recusal – Nancy Steeves)**

**2005-SPE-2022**

After a review and discussion, a motion was made by Norleen Fleming and seconded by Cheryl Walters to table this complaint pending receipt of the signed amended consent agreement.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 recusal – Ruth Dodge)**

## **B. Review of CEU Audits**

Jean McWilliams

After a review and discussion of the continuing education activity, a motion was made by Nancy Steeves and seconded by Ruth Dodge to accept the ceu documents as submitted. A letter will be sent to the licensee indicating that she passed the ceu audit.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

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

Ruth Dodge made a motion to approve 27 CEU pre-approval requests and deny 1 CEU pre-approval request. Nancy Steeves seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

## **D. Review of Jane Bennett's updated CFY plan**

After a review and discussion of the updated plan, the board voted to approve Ms. Bennett's updated CFY plan. Board staff will send an approval letter to the licensee.

Need vote:

## **E. Correspondence**

Cindy Bernstein

Ms. Bernstein sent a request to the board for clarification regarding a course she had attended for purposes of fulfilling the ceu requirements. Specifically, Ms. Bernstein's question was whether or not a special education course would be acceptable .

After a review and discussion of the coursework, the board voted to send the licensee a letter indicating that the course was neither professionally or clinically relevant for the purpose of meeting the continuing education activity.

Need vote:

MSLHA

The board reviewed correspondence sent to the association on behalf of the BESPAs board.

## **F. Election of Officers**

Chairman

Norleen Fleming made a motion to re-elect Cheryl Walters as chairman, Ruth Dodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 recusal – Cheryl Walters)**

Complaint Officer

Nancy Steeves made a motion to re-elect Ruth Dodge as complaint officer, Norleen Fleming seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3 in favor (1 recusal – Ruth Dodge)**

**G. Other Business**

**Administrator's Report:**

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with a financial update, as well as an update on the proposed board merger legislation.

**ADJOURN**

Nancy Steeves made a motion to adjourn at 2:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ruth Dodge.

**Vote: 4 in favor**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2007, 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 Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk, at 624-8626.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk