

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON**

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

*Minutes of April 24, 2000 Board Meeting*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Michael Towey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Members Present:** Michael Towey, Chairperson; Nancy Steeves, Judith Flaker, Cheryl Walters and Kathryn Girardin.

**Members Absent:** Richard Sawyer

**Others Present:** Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General; Jeffrey Frankel, Staff Attorney; Elaine Thibodeau, Administrator; and Diane Bradstreet; Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk.

**BUSINESS**

**Action on March 20, 2000 minutes.**

Nancy Steeves moved to approve the minutes as **amended**. Seconded by Judith Flaker.  
*Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

**Action taken on license applications**

Cheryl Walters moved to accept the following applications as recommended. Seconded by Judith Flaker.  
*Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

**SLP Temporary Extensions:**

None

**SLP Temporary Applicants:**

Andrea Simoneau	Approved
Cheryl Cassidy	Approved

**SLP Permanent Applicants:**

Debra Payne Adams	Approved
Colleen Andrews	Approved

**SLP Permanent Applicants continued:**

Suzanne Yvette Bishop            Approved

**Temporary Audiology Applicants:**

None

**Permanent Audiology Applicants:**

None

**Speech-Language Pathology Aide registration applicants:**

None

**Speech-Language Pathology Assistant applicants:**

None

**Action taken on CPE applications**

Cheryl Walters moved to approve the CPE applications as reviewed and recommended by the Board. Seconded by Judith Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

**Action taken on CPE extension requests:**

No CPE extensions were presented.

**Action to be taken on CPE reporting forms**

No reporting forms were presented.

**Presentation of Complaint**

Complaint # SR014 was presented by Robert Perkins. He summarized the complaint into four issues, and the board's decision on each issue is as follows:

Misrepresentation of rate of pay.

Dismissed-This is an employer/employee issue, not a violation of the code of ethics; therefore, it is not an issue for the board to resolve.

### **Presentation of Complaint continued**

- Allegations of billing/contract issue.

Dismissed-This is also an employer/employee issue not a violation of the code of ethics; therefore, it is not an issue for the board to resolve.

- **Failure to** keep accurate records of plans of care.

The board would like to continue the investigation process, as this may be a violation of the code of ethics. Robert Perkins will attempt to acquire the consultation notes.

- Length of treatment provided is not consistent with the requirements as stated on the IFSPs.

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A motion to table the complaint investigation until the issue of possessing client information without written consent is resolved was made by Nancy Steeves and seconded by Katherine Girardin.

*Vote: Favor -4, Opposed- 0*

### **Review of proposed rules**

**Jeff Frankel presented Rule Draft #8 and his cover memo of March 23, 2000.** Cheryl Walters moved to table the vote to adopt this draft as the board's proposal until the next meeting, in order to give board members sufficient time to consider it. Seconded by Judy Flaker. *Vote: Favor-4 and Opposed-0.*

### **Miscellaneous**

The board discussed correspondence received from Aimee Miller requesting that her license be backdated from the current issue date of March 20, 2000 to February 28, 2000, because she had been unable to bill for services provided from March 1, 2000 through March 20, 2000. While she had submitted the renewal application itself prior to the February deadline, **she had failed to submit evidence of having complied with the continuing education requirement until March 20, 2000, although it had been due on October 31, 1999, and also had failed to request an extension prior to that date, as is required by the rules.** Michael Towey will respond in writing to Ms. Miller, informing her of the board's denial of her request.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTARY**

**Elaine Thibodeau congratulated Michael Towey on his recent election as President of the Maine Speech-language Hearing Association and recommended that Board members consider their availability to succeed him as Chair when he withdraws to assume his new duties in July. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.**

**She also stated that the March budget analysis figures have not yet become available, but she could**

report that the annual membership dues of \$300. had been paid to the National Council of State Boards of Examiners.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau  
Board Clerk