

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

AUGUST 30, 2006

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Open Session of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology was called to order at 3:00 pm on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Faith Walsh

Patricia Bellini

Constance Gelfuso

Board members not in attendance:

Reverend Michelle Sullivan

Charles Ruhl, MD

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Elizabeth Shelov

Minutes of the meeting held April 26, 2006 were reviewed. On a motion by Faith Walsh, seconded by Patricia Bellini, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Elizabeth Shelov assisted the Board in preparing an initial draft of proposed language to revise the licensing statute to reflect the upcoming changes in educational requirements for licensure as an audiologist. The American Speech and Hearing Association will require a doctorate degree as the qualifying education for certification as an audiologist. In addition, the clinical fellowship year (CFY), currently completed post-masters degree, will become a clinical internship completed as a component of the doctorate degree.

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Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Faith Walsh, seconded by Constance Gelfuso, the Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws as Amended, to review Executive Minutes from April 26, 2006.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of Patricia Bellini, seconded by Faith Walsh, the Board voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

On motion of Faith Walsh, seconded by Constance Gelfuso, the Board voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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