

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
January 14, 2019
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Sarah Nielsen, at 1:00 pm.

Present

Board Members - Sarah Nielsen, Janet Salzwedel, Carol Olson, Angie Neigum, and Kari Idso.
Others – Jacinda Simmons; Sandra DePountis, Legal Counsel

Legislative Update

HB1253 – This proposed bill states that any person, without application, could petition the Board if a past conviction would prevent them from getting a license. If the Board would agree to license the person and then later get additional information about convictions, the Board would not be able to deny the license. The Board is concerned that the person may not have full disclosure about past convictions. The Board wishes to remain neutral on this bill.

SB2126 – This proposed bill states that anyone licensed for 7 or more years in another jurisdiction, including states and foreign countries, can automatically get a licensed to practice in the state, regardless of education, exam, past convictions, etc.

A motion was made that Board opposes the bill and Olson will testify the Board’s opposition that the license by reciprocity is working well and not delaying licensure.

(Salzwedel/Neigum/unanimous)

[Olson]

SB2127 – This proposed bill states that a military dependent licensed in another state would be able to practice in the state for up to 24 months without any Board oversight including abiding by Code of Ethics. The Board feels there is no need for this for OT licensure as it is working well and not causing delays.

A motion was made that Board opposes the bill and Olson will testify the Board’s opposition that the license by reciprocity is working well and not delaying licensure.

(Nielsen/Salzwedel/unanimous)

[Olson]

Fargo Police Investigation

Mark Peterson – The investigator with the Fargo Police says they do not plan to file any charges. Legal counsel said this would be hard to pursue without a formal complaint or response from the woman. The Board could reach out to the woman or her family to see if they would file a complaint.

A motion was made to have Legal Counsel follow up with the State’s Attorney before next meeting. (Salzwedel/Olson/unanimous)

[Legal Counsel]

[Neigum absent]

Minutes

11/19/2018- A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Olson/Salzwedel/carried) [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

Financial Report

For the eighteen months ending December 31, 2018, everything is in line with the budget.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. (Idso/Nielsen/carried) [Neigum absent]

CD Update – Per the instructions of the Board from the last meeting, \$100,000 was moved into a 36-month CD and \$50,000 was moved into a 12-month CD. Both CDs will gain 2.1% interest.

Online Jurisprudence Exam Update

Salzwedel and the Board office have been working with Melissa from Albertson Consulting on the Jurisprudence exam and renewal. For the next renewal, continuing education will now be approved by the Board office before being renewed. Salzwedel proposed no longer having the 80% passing score required for the exam because the exam will now have references to the section that the answer is in and to show the right/wrong answers. Salzwedel said the Board’s main goal of the exam is not to require them to pass but to know where to look for information and become familiar with the laws and rules. In the answer options, “All of the above” will be changed to “all answers are correct” since the answers are in random order in the online exam. True and False questions will be changed to multiple choice. The Board agreed to this.

Salzwedel will develop questions and send out to the Board. Table to next agenda.

[Salzwedel and Bd. Office]

2020-2022 Renewal Notice

Olson and Salzwedel will send their rewording of the renewal notice to the Board office for the next meeting. The mailed and online notices should be consistent. **[Olson & Salzwedel]**

AOTA Conference

Nielsen and Olson plan to attend. Board members attending should make their own travel plans and send expense forms to the Board office for reimbursement.

A motion was made to pay travel, hotel, and meal expenses for Board members who attend the conference. (Salzwedel/Idso/carried) [Neigum absent]

Board Appointments

No new appointments yet. There was no response to inquires from Board office and Legal Counsel. Salzwedel will contact the Governor’s office to see if anyone has applied.

Next Meeting Date

The Board will meet again in sometime in May.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Sarah Nielsen,
Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons
Administrative Assistant**