

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice  
January 28, 2019  
Special Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Sarah Nielsen, at 12:00 pm.

**Present**

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

***{Angie Neigum and Carol Olson absent}***

**Legislative Update**

**SB2126 and SB2127** – These bills propose quicker paths to practicing for foreign practitioners and military dependents. They were both greatly opposed by regulatory boards in the hearing and will likely be killed.

**SB2353** – This bill would propose a completely new section of law and affects all regulatory boards. Some of the details are having 2 public members, paying Board members a \$175 per diem, renewing licenses annually, requiring only 6 hours of continuing education, requires training for new Board members, using state auditor for financial audits, allocating funds in excess of \$250,000. There are some parts of the bill, such as disciplinary actions, that are unclear and not specific to OT practice.

**A motion was made** that Board opposes the bill, Nielsen will write testimony on the Board's opposition, and will email it to the legislative committee if no Board member is able to testify. (Idso/Salzwedel/carried) [Olson & Neigum absent] **[Nielsen]**

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sarah Nielsen,  
Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons  
Administrative Assistant**