

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
January 23, 2020
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Sarah Nielsen, at 3:30 pm.

Present

Board Members – Sarah Nielsen, Kari Idso, Carol Olson, and Janae Hughes.
Others – Jacinda Simmons; Sandra DePountis, Legal Counsel; and Kristi Maddock.

{Angie Neigum absent}

Election of Officers

A motion was made to nominate Nielsen as Chair. (Olson/Hughes/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

A motion was made to nominate Olson as Vice Chair. (Nielsen/Idso/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

Minutes

6/25/2019 - A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Olson/Idso/carried) [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

09/16/2019 - A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Idso/Olson/carried) [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

10/29/2019 Administrative Rules Committee - A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Olson/Nielsen/carried) [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

Financial Report

Everything is in line with the budget. Renewals, the Board's main source of revenue, will begin in April 2020.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. (Hughes/Idso/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent] **[Bd. Office]**

APT, Inc. Contract

Legal Counsel reviewed contract and it states that the end date of the contract is "coterminous with state contract" meaning it automatically renewed with the state contract in December

2019. The Board does not need to do anything further to continue with APT, Inc. managing the Board.

A motion was made to continue with APT, Inc. managing the Board. (Idso/Olson/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent]

Administrative Rules Draft

The Board had no questions or concerns about the draft. The Administrative Rules Committee will continue to work on the draft. **[Admin. Rules Comm.]**

Loan Repayment Program – Legal Counsel will look into what the ND Board of Addiction Counselor does with their loan repayment program and who introduced the bill to do that.

[Legal Counsel]

Limit on Caseload – Kristi Maddock spoke to the Board in support of limiting caseloads for OTs citing better care for the patient and less overload therapists. Legal counsel states limiting an OT's caseload would require a law change. Legal Counsel and Nielsen states it is covered in the AOTA Code of Ethics that the Board abides by. Legal Counsel said it would get pushback with the legislators. The Board questioned if limiting an OT's caseload protects the public or the licensee? Legal counsel will review if there are any caseload laws for the physical therapy, speech therapy, and physician professions. The Board will also review it at the national level with AOTA. Tabled to next meeting.

[Legal Counsel]

Military Spouse Initial License Fee Waiver

AOTA Code of Ethics

List of Approved Licensees

A motion was made that the Board approves and ratifies the attached list of issued licenses. (Idso/Hughes/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent]

NBCOT Update

The Board wishes to decline the request from Barb Williams at NBCOT to present to the Board until after the NBCOT conference and licensure compact discussion.

Nielsen will attend the NBCOT conference in May in Atlanta, GA. NBCOT pays for all expenses.

AOTA Update

AOTA Webinar on Interstate Compacts – The Board is following AOTA guidelines for licensure compacts. There will be more information and discussion at the NBCOT and AOTA meetings. The Board will discuss further at a future meeting.

AOTA Forum 3/27/2020 in Boston - Olson may attend the conference.

A motion was made that to reimburse Olson for expenses incurred to attend the conference. (Nielsen/Idso/carried) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Olson (y), Hughes (y)] [Neigum absent]

Board Appointments

Neigum has been reappointed to the Board for another term.

Next Meeting Date

The Board will meet again in early spring. The Administrative Rules committee will meet in the next few weeks.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Sarah Nielsen,
Board Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons
Administrative Assistant
NDBOTP Office**

NDBOTP Licensee List - Issued 9/16/2019-1/10/2020					
Last Name	First Name	License Number	License Type	Issue Date	Expiration Date
Allis	Dorene	973	Occupational Therapist	9/16/2019	6/30/2020
Ames	Leah	1748	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/14/2019	6/30/2020
Athman	Evan	Limited Permit	Occupational Therapist Limited Permit	1/10/2020	5/10/2020
Bresnahan	Kennedy	1752	Occupational Therapist	11/4/2019	6/30/2020
Broeren	Elazea	1751	Occupational Therapist Assistant Limited Permit	11/4/2019	6/30/2020
Busch	Laurel	1761	Occupational Therapist	12/5/2019	6/30/2020
Combs	Ashley	1760	Occupational Therapist	12/4/2019	6/30/2020
Damus	Fanny	1746	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/27/2019	6/30/2020
Earll	Kaylee	1762	Occupational Therapist	12/9/2019	6/30/2020
Freeberg	Amy	1749	Occupational Therapist	10/21/2019	6/30/2020
Graff	Madeline	1747	Occupational Therapist	10/14/2019	6/30/2020
Graham	Marissa	1754	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/18/2019	6/30/2020
Harder	Brooke	1758	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/21/2019	6/30/2020
Heinen	Teri	Limited Permit	Occupational Therapist Limited Permit	1/6/2020	5/6/2020
Hoffmann	Kelsey	1755	Occupational Therapist	11/18/2019	6/30/2020
Kovsky	Jessica	1744	Occupational Therapist	9/26/2019	6/30/2020
McMurrian	Tyesha	1452	Occupational Therapy Assistant	10/21/2019	6/30/2020
Mete	Ashley	1753	Occupational Therapy Assistant	11/7/2019	6/30/2020
Miles	Michele	1764	Occupational Therapist	1/2/2020	6/30/2022
Nelson	Jenna	1759	Occupational Therapist	12/2/2019	6/30/2020
Olson	Katelyn	Limited Permit	Occupational Therapist Limited Permit	12/30/2019	4/30/2020
Pansegrau	Lydia	1757	Occupational Therapist	11/18/2019	6/30/2020
Pikala	Taylor	1743	Occupational Therapy Assistant	9/26/2019	6/30/2020
Soholt	Ashley	1756	Occupational Therapist	11/18/2019	6/30/2020
Vanasse	Kiah	Limited Permit	Occupational Therapist Limited Permit	1/6/2020	5/6/2020