

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice  
January 26, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Held by virtual means only via GoTo Meeting.  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

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

**Present**

Board Members – Sarah Nielsen, Janae Hughes, Angie Neigum, Carol Olson, and Kari Idso.  
Others – Jacinda Simmons; Annique Lockard, Legal Counsel; and Kristen Neville, AOTA.

**Election of Officers**

**A motion was made** to nominate Idso for Chair. (Olson/Hughes/unanimous) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Hughes (y), Neigum (y), Olson (y)]

Nielsen continued to lead the meeting.

**Minutes**

**12/02/2020 Special Board Meeting - A motion was made** to approve the minutes. (Hughes/Idso/unanimous)  
[Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Hughes (y), Neigum (y), Olson (y)] **[Bd. Office]**

**Financial Report**

Revenue and expenses are in line with the budget. Revenue from renewals did go \$18,440 over budget. Interest income also went over budget by \$1403.

The Board's accountant is waiting for the new interest rate for the CD that was rolled over. The Board office will send the statement out when available. **[Bd. Office]**

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

**Licensee Self-Report**

**Isaac George - A motion was made** to send a letter that the Board reviewed his self-report, the Board will wait until his trial and may take further action afterwards, direct he take and submit verification of 6 hours of continuing education in ethics and professional code of conduct above what is already required for licensure by May 1, 2021, and failure to follow Board's requests will be considered by the Board. (Hughes/Olson/unanimous)  
[Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Hughes (y), Neigum (y), Olson (y)] **[Legal Counsel]**

**Administrative Rules Update**

The rules were sent to the Attorney General's office on December 21, 2020, to be reviewed for legality. The Board office has not received a letter yet. Legal Counsel states they are reviewing them and should have the letter this week yet. The rules must be received by Vonette Richter in the Legislative Council office on February 1, 2020. **[Bd. Office]**

**2021 Legislative Session Update**

**OT Licensure Compact Legislation Update** – No bill has been proposed. Filing deadline was yesterday.

**Telehealth Proposed Bill** – This is SB2179 and regards insurance coverage of services. It adds group homes and residential facilities to telehealth and the insurance reimbursement should not be any different. The hearing was held last Monday.

**HB1472** – This bill concerns consumer access to complementary and alternative health care.

Kristen Neville with AOTA said that she has seen similar legislation proposed in other states. It aims to increase access to care for consumers as practitioners of alternative therapies do not have to be licensed to provide care. She does not believe this applies to OT but instead may apply to those offering alternative therapy such as Reiki or vitamin therapy. The bill does not state OT, but a person providing sensory therapy may be able to do so under this bill if they do not call themselves an OT.

**A motion was made** to send a letter to the committee members stating the Boards concerns about who is providing this therapy and how the consumer would be protected. (Olson/Hughes/unanimous) [Roll Call Vote: Nielsen (y), Idso (y), Hughes (y), Neigum (y), Olson (y)] **[Olson]**

**SB2336** – This bill concerns changing licensure compacts that are already in place by repealing all of them and requiring each Board to add compact language to their Administrative Code. It does not directly affect OT but since the Board has been discussing the OT Licensure Compact, Legal Counsel wanted the Board to be aware of it.

**NBCOT/AOTA Update**

Neville states that the April conference will not be held in San Diego due to the pandemic, but it will be held virtually. Those interested in attending the virtual conference should go to the AOTA website to register. She was not sure yet if the NBCOT State Board Leadership conference will be held.

**List of Approved Licensees (11/21/2020-1/11/2021)**

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

**Next Meeting Date**

The Board will meet again as needed for proposed legislation or other business.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sarah Nielsen,  
Board Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons  
Administrative Assistant  
NDBOTP Office**

**NDBOTP Licenses Issued (11/21/2020-1/11/2021):**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>License #</b>	<b>License Type</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Employer Name</b>	<b>Emp City/State</b>
Wolfe	Dayna	1827	OT	12/7/2020	6/30/2022		
Van Cleve	Ariana		OTA Limited Permit	12/28/2020	4/28/2021	Essentia Health	Fargo, ND
Anderson	Melissa	1674	OT	12/22/2020	6/30/2022	QLI	Omaha, NE
Robb	Bradley	1831	OT	12/21/2020	6/30/2022	self	Fall Creek, WI
Hancock	Ana	1830	OT	12/14/2020	6/30/2022	Quality Living Inc	Omaha, NE
Wehe	Kelsey	1828	OT	12/14/2020	6/30/2022		
Gault	Paige	1829	OTA	12/14/2020	6/30/2022	Prairie Therapy	Minot, NE
Drvol	Ann	1826	OT	11/30/2020	6/30/2022	Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare	St. Paul, MN
Fladeland	Hannah		OTA Limited Permit	11/27/2020	3/27/2021	Post-Acute Medical	Fargo, ND
Burks	Hannah	1825	OT	11/23/2020	6/30/2022	Child Development Center	Casper, WY
Irmen	Aaron	1832	OT	1/5/2021	6/30/2022	Aegis Therapies	Watertown, SD
Kemper	Haley	1833	OT	1/5/2021	6/30/2022	Minot Health and Rehab	Minot, ND
Agnew	Lori	755	OT	1/07/2021	6/30/2022		