

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
July 15, 2024
Regular Meeting
Held by virtual means via Zoom.
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Janae Hughes.

Present

Board Members – Janae Hughes, Carol Olson, Wanda Lauer, and Lori Novak.

Others – Jacinda Simmons, Administrator; Stephen Hanson, Assistant Attorney General; Nathan Svihovec, ND Labor Commissioner; Carolyn Laird, Research Assistant.

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Occupational License Study

Nathan Svihovec, ND Labor Commissioner and his Research Assistant, Carolyn Laird were present. They were overall satisfied with the Board’s licensure process and the responses from the Board to the study. In general, they clarified the Board’s licensure process, timelines, and CE standards.

The topic of an OT compact was discussed with the Board stating they expected NDOTA to propose legislation and the Board would remain neutral. Svihovec does not expect any legislation regarding umbrella boards or grouping several professions under one large Board. He said there were things that all Boards could be doing to expedite licensure, modernize the process, and reduce licensing timelines. But he didn’t think 3 days from application to licensure was feasible for most Boards and eliminating CE wasn’t favored by most Boards they have met with. He said the next step will be to create a report. It will be sent to each Board to review their specific sections before being finalized.

NBCOT Leadership Training

NBCOT will host their annual Leadership Training in September by virtual means. The email with the session content was sent to Board members on July 8, 2024. Board members may attend whichever sessions they are interested in.

2024 Meeting Dates

October 21, 2024	8:00 am	Zoom meeting
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Supervision plans will be discussed at the October meeting. Emails were sent to those randomly selected for an audit of their OTA supervision plan on July 8, 2024.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janae Hughes,
Board Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons
Administrator, NDBOTP Office**