

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
January 27, 2025
Special 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, Lori Novak, and Wanda Lauer.

Others – Jacinda Simmons, Administrator; Stephen Hanson, Assistant Attorney General.

{Klancy Tindall absent}

2025 Legislative Session

NDOTA Licensure Compact Bill Update (SB 2146) – The bill has passed the Senate and will move to the House after crossover. Testimony was all positive for the hearing. The compact privilege fee was not added to the bill but could be added next session.

SB 2180 – This bill concerns requiring a public comment period during all Board meetings. The legislators are skeptical so may have some amendments.

HB 1270 – This bill concerns requiring an annual report of the Board and allows complaints to the Governor about a Board or Board member. If passed, the annual report would require a rules change. Complaints can be filed with the Governor about an adverse action that the Board takes against a licensee such as denial of a license or disciplinary actions. The bill doesn't give the Governor authority to reverse the decision but they could remove a Board member.

A motion was made to authorize Hughes to write testimony to oppose House Bill 1270. (Olson/Novak/carried) (Tindall absent) [Roll Call Vote: Hughes (y), Olson (y), Novak (y), Lauer (y)] **[Hughes]**

The Board will need to have a special meeting in the next few days to approve the testimony.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janae Hughes,
Board Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons
Administrator, NDBOTP Office**