

**North Dakota State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
April 6, 2026
Special Meeting
Held by virtual means via Zoom.
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Wanda Lauer, Chair.

Present

Board Members – Wanda Lauer, Lori Novak, Taylor Kittelson, and Marissa Loll.

Others – Jacinda Simmons, Administrator; William Woodworth, Assistant Attorney General.

{Kyla Guthmiller absent}

Preparation for Board Task Force Committee Presentation

Loll will present to the Committee. She sent a rough draft of the responses to their sample questions and had the Board review. She asked the Board additional questions for her report.

The Board office will send her the total number of licenses and how many are working in rural areas.
[Bd. Office]

The task force is looking at combining some Boards. Lauer did some research and found that 6 OT Boards in the country are combined with another professional board. In ND, the OT and PT Boards have very different rules and license requirements. Combining the Boards would cause confusion. The PT Board has stated they also want to remain a separate Board.

2026 Board Meeting Dates

April 20, 2026	8 am	Virtual meeting
June 22, 2026	8 am	Virtual meeting
October 19, 2026	8 am	Virtual meeting

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wanda Lauer,
Board Chair**

**Jacinda Simmons
Administrator, NDBOTP Office**