

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
 Division of Professional Regulation  
 Illinois Occupational Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

**Minutes of Open Session**

**Meeting Date:** August 27, 2021

**Location:** Meeting conducted virtually due to disaster declaration.

**Call to Order:** 10:34 a.m.

**Adjournment:** 11:11 a.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Catherine Killian, Chair  
 Elizabeth Wittbrodt, Vice-Chair (joined a few minutes late)  
 Kimberly Langley, Member  
 Geralyn Lopatin, Member

**Board Members Unavailable:** Kathryn Eberhardt, Member

**Division Staff Participating:** Janel Haretoun, Office of General Counsel  
 Robert Gerton, Board Liaison

**Public Guests:** Maureen Mulhall, Illinois Occupational Therapy Association

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Catherine Killian called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. And took roll Board members participating in the meeting.	
<b>MINUTES ACCEPTANCE</b>	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the February 21, 2020 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded (Langley/Lopatin) to accept the minutes. Killian – Yes Lopatin – Yes Langley– Yes Motion carried.

<p><b>DRY NEEDLING RULES</b></p>	<p>Illinois Occupational Therapy Association is developing a Rules draft pertaining to Dry Needling that they intend to ask the Department to consider. Counsel Haretoun asked the Board if they wanted to help the Department develop Dry Needling Rules or if they wanted to review ILOTA's draft as a first step. The Consensus of the Board was to review ILOTA's draft as a first step.</p>	
<p><b>REFERRALS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b></p>	<p>The Board discussed the language of the Act (225 ILCS 75/3.1) pertaining to Referrals. The Board is concerned that the requirement for referrals may limit certain populations' access to OT services such as a community clinic intended to serve uninsured or homeless individuals who are less likely to visit a physician for a referral.</p>	
<p><b>LEGISLATION UPDATE</b></p>	<p>Maureen Mulhall of ILOTA provided a report on legislation of interest to ILOTA and to the profession.</p>	
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>		<p>At 11:11: a.m. the meeting adjourned.</p>