

Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

January 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET

Zoom

Committee Members Present

Nate Brown, Chair
Dr. Andrea Brooks
Ashleigh Irving
Dr. Denauvo Robinson
Angie Smith

Committee Members Absent

LeeAnn Mordecai
Lindsey Courtney – Joined the meeting at 12:40 p.m. ET
Mary Drotleff
Tony Onorato

Executive Committee Members Present

Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas – Left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. ET

CC Staff Present

Greg Searls

Four members of the public were also present. Other public members joined after the start of the meeting and reached as many as seven.

Welcome & Call to Order

- N. Brown called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- G. Searls called the roll. 5 committee members were present, and 4 committee members were absent. A quorum was established with 5 of 9 committee members.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion:** A. Irving motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. A. Brooks seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- N. Brown reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** A. Smith motioned to adopt the minutes. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Rule on Background Check Notification

- Chair Brown thanked the committee for their continued work and introduced the topic of the criminal background check.
- The committee reviewed the language from ASLP-IC rules. Discussion also occurred around the Physical Therapy Compact.
- A. Brooks raised concerns over states using the information differently so that one state would disqualify the applicant where another state would not. Counsel Kalfas agreed that some guidance from the compact might be appropriate to assist states.
- A. Smith and A. Irving expressed that states should have been preparing to meet the qualifications and a lengthy time to meet the requirement should not be included.
- The committee would like to include the requirement for the background check to be recent. Chair Brown requested Director Searls to draft language using the ASLP-IC template to be used by CCC.
- The discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

Discussion of Additional Rules or Bylaws

- Chair Brown raised the question of how to prove to the home state. Several documents could be considered such as voter registration, deed, lease agreement, driver's license, or utility bill.
- N. Kalfas will provide information from the Nursing Compact for consideration at the next meeting.
- Chair Brown reviewed the information from the Medical Compact that was provided to the members. The rule covered the information that the Counseling Compact is thought to have, but the Compact will not store the documents.
- D. Robinson raised awareness of the fees and asked if the committee should be providing possible guidance to states.

Questions and Comments

Public Comment

- Chair Brown asked for public comment.
- Melonie Davis asked about home state requirements and if the state should be only providing information to the compact of those eligible. North Carolina does not believe that they have the legal authority to check that. Chair Brown would like to confer with Nahale to provide an answer.

Adjourn

- Without further comments and agenda items, N. Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

- **Motion:** D. Robinson motioned to adjourn. A. Smith seconded. All committee members present voted in favor, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. ET.