

Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

March 28, 2024, 12:00 p.m. ET

Zoom

Committee Members Present

Nate Brown, Chair
Ashleigh Irving
Dr. Denauvo Robinson
Angie Smith
LeeAnn Mordecai
Tony Onorato
Lindsey Courtney

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Andrea Brooks

Executive Committee Members Present

Lynn Linde
Dr. Beverly Smith

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CC Staff Present

Greg Searls

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

Welcome & Call to Order

- N. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- G. Searls called the roll. Seven committee members were present. One committee member was absent. A quorum was established with 7 of 8 committee members.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion:** A. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. T. Onorato 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 made a motion to adopt the minutes with the stated corrections to the time of L. Courtney. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried. L. Courtney abstained.

Discussion of Rule on Legacy Licenses

- Chair Brown introduced the topic of Legacy Licenses. The concern is over the 60-hour requirement, yet there are still many people licensed in states that only have the 48-hour degree as it was the standard when they were licensed.
- Chair Brown indicated his major concern for this committee is a cutoff date for when the 48-hour degree will be compact eligible.
- Chair Brown asked Director Searls to consider issuing guidance to states that have not passed legislation to refrain from putting in their own date as the compact rule would supersede the state law.
- Director Searls advised that there is also a state with legislation pending that allows for the license to be issued with a 48-hour degree and have time to complete the remaining hours to have 60 credit hours.
- Dr. Linde explained the rationale behind the drafting committee of the compact language.
- Chair Brown suggested the date should be established as the date the compact became law in an individual state.
- T. Onorato asked for clarification on the reasoning for the date to understand the need for the date. It was clarified that it is to keep those that did not have the option to obtain the 60-hour degree from being able to participate in the compact when they probably have been practicing at the required level for many years.
- If the date of the passing of the compact in a state is used, each state will have its own date.
- N. Kalfas asked for clarification if it would be the adopted date or the effective date of the legislation.
- Chair Brown asked Director Searls and Counsel Kalfas to draft language for this rule with the date for legacy licensing based upon the effective date for the committee to consider during the next meeting.

Discussion of Rule on Experience Requirement

- This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion of Rule on Conversion from Privilege to Home State License

- This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Questions and Comments

- No questions were asked by the commissioners in attendance.

Public Comment

- Chair Brown asked for public comment.
- Dr. Adams asked about conversion of licensure related to the effective date being discussed. Chair Brown clarified that it would be related to the home state license only. A. Smith asked if an idea would be used to determine the home state and it will be one of the options for determining home state.
- L. Schwartz asked if the compact regulates who the supervisor could be during supervised experience. It was clarified that the compact does not address it and it is left up the state.
- Due to scheduling conflicts a meeting will not be held in May.

Adjourn

- Having no further agenda items and hearing no objections, N. Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. ET.