

Counseling Compact **Rules Committee Meeting**

Public Notice Information

November 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m. ET

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Zoom Link:

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Committee Members - Voting

Dr. Andrea Brooks, Chair

Justin Moore (late arrival)

Gloria Lindsey

Tony Onorato

Committee Members Present – Non-Voting

Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Angie Smith

Committee Members – Absent

LeeAnn Mordecai

Ashleigh Irving

Executive Committee Members Present

Matt Grayson

Dr. Beverly Smith

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CC Staff Present

Greg Searls

Veronica Given

Welcome & Call to Order

- Chair A. Brooks called the meeting to order at 09:03 AM ET.

Roll Call

- G. Searls conducted the roll call. Three committee members were present, and two were absent. A quorum was established with three of the five voting committee members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion: G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. T. Onorato seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- Chair A. Brooks reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and inquired if any changes were needed. Hearing no objections, she called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- Motion: T. Onorato made a motion to adopt the minutes. G. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of Rule on Experience Requirement

- The committee discussed the challenge that not all member states specify the number of supervised hours a licensee must complete or the specific nature of that supervision. Due to variations in requirements across states, drafting a uniform rule that ensures compliance by all states has proven difficult. The committee emphasized its responsibility to protect the public, rather than to create best practices.
- It was suggested that the committee explore available data, potentially correlating the number of complaints in the national database with the number of required supervised hours, to help justify setting an appropriate threshold for the rule.
- In the absence of reliable data or studies, it was agreed that the best course of action would be to adopt a rule that the majority of states could support. It was further proposed to solicit stakeholder feedback on the draft rule, similar to how states participated in the commission's previous rule-making process.
- A. Brooks, N. Kalfas, and G. Searls will convene at a later time to refine the language for the proposed rule before putting it out for public comment.
- Motion: A. Brooks made a motion to move forward with gathering additional stakeholder input and to delegate the development of the rule's language for public comment. The motion was seconded by T. Onorato and carried.

Discussion of Election Deadlines

- The committee reviewed proposed changes to the bylaws to improve clarity and consistency in the language, and to remove provisions that are not applicable at this time.
- A discussion followed regarding the specific timing of officer elections. It was decided that an officer's term will begin on April 1 and end on March 31, with elections to be held in February and onboarding to occur in March.

Discussion of Bylaw Change to Allow Temporary Representatives to Vote on Committees

- A proposed revision to the bylaws was discussed, which would allow temporary

representatives, appointed by their home states, to vote on committees. Only those appointed as delegates or temporary representatives by their state will be eligible to vote.

- Furthermore, the same state's delegate and temporary representative shall not serve on the same committee, and delegates will be given preference when filling vacancies for voting members.
- Motion: T. Onorato made a motion to accept the proposed bylaw revision as written. The motion was seconded by G. Lindsey and carried.

Discussion of Fees

- It was noted that member states differ in their ability to accept fees, particularly with regard to credit card or digital payments.
- Motion: T. Onorato made a motion to approve the proposed language in the rule regarding fees as written. G. Lindsey seconded the motion, and it carried.

Discussion of Travel Policy

- The agenda was amended slightly to prioritize discussion of the travel policy.
- The role of the treasurer in reviewing travel requests was discussed. It was agreed that requiring approval from both the chair and the treasurer would serve as an effective checks and balances measure.
- Annual budgets will include line items for travel expenditures, which will be subject to review by the treasurer, executive director, and chair in advance.
- Motion: T. Onorato made a motion to adopt the travel policy as written. G. Lindsey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Draft Rule on Implementation by Member States

- The discussion on the draft rule was moved up in the agenda to allow for more time to address other items later in the meeting.
- Concerns were raised regarding situations where the FBI may be unable to complete a background check due to issues with fingerprint reading.
- After further discussion, the committee determined that creating a specific rule to address this issue would be redundant. It was suggested that any concerns regarding this matter be addressed in the FAQs or handled at a later time if needed.

Questions and Comments

- No questions were raised by members of the public.

Adjournment

- With no further items to address, and hearing no objections, A. Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. ET.