



## **Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting**

April 25, 2024, 12:00 p.m. ET

Zoom

### **Committee Members Present - Voting**

Nate Brown, Chair

Justin Moore

LeeAnn Mordecai

Tony Onorato

Gloria Lindsey

### **Committee Members Present – Non-Voting**

Dr. Andrea Brooks

Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Angie Smith

### **Committee Members Absent**

Lindsey Courtney

Ashleigh Irving

### **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 12:03 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- G. Searls called the roll. Five committee members were present. One committee member was absent. A quorum was established with 5 of 6 voting committee members present.

### **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

- **Motion:** T. Onorato made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. L. Mordecai 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:** T. Onorato made a motion to adopt the minutes. L. Mordecai seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried. J. Moore abstained.

### **Discussion of Rule on Legacy Licenses**

- Chair Brown introduced the draft language created by the chair, counsel, and staff based on the discussion during the April meeting.
- The basis of the rule is to include those that were licensed under different standards that have since changed, but they have been practicing as a professional counselor and are free from disciplinary actions.
- N. Kalfas explained this only covers the requirements for education, experience, and examination. Those seeking a privilege would still need to meet the other requirements for compact eligibility including the background check.
- Discussion included exactly what the rule was trying to allow. A. Smith reminded the committee that the states the ability to do initial licensure processes and the language of the compact is for current requirements. It was questioned and determined that a definition of legacy license was not needed to be added in the definition section.
- Additional references for requirements were added to the language. Several drafts of the language were made and edited by the committee.
- J. Moore made a motion to approve the rule language and send it to the Executive Committee. T. Onorato seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Discussion of Rule on Experience Requirement**

#### **Discussion of Bylaw Change to allow Temporary Representatives to vote on Committees**

- J. Moore made a motion to table the discussion on the Rule on Experience and possible bylaw changes due to the lack of time remaining in the meeting. T. Onorato seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Questions and Comments**

- A. Brooks clarified that the agenda included a discussion on changing the bylaws to allow temporary representative delegates to vote. Director Searls said it was a portion of the agenda that was tabled until the June meeting.
- Chair Brown thanked the committee for their hard work and informed the committee that this would be his last meeting. He has accepted a new job in the state of Colorado

and the compacts would no longer be a part of his workload. Staff and committee members thanked Nate for his dedication and leadership to the committee.

**Public Comment**

- Chair Brown asked for public comment.
- No one asked to provide comment.

**Adjourn**

- Having no further agenda items and hearing no objections, N. Brown reminded the committee that there would not be a meeting in May and declared the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m. ET.