



## **Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting**

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

Zoom

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

Dr. Andrea Brooks, Interim Chair

Justin Moore

Tony Onorato

Gloria Lindsey (joined late)

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

Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Angie Smith

### **Committee Members Absent**

LeeAnn Mordecai

Ashleigh Irving

### **Executive Committee Members Present**

Lynn Linde

Matt Grayson

Dr. Kylie Dotson Blake

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CC Staff Present**

Greg Searls

**Several members of the public were also present.**

### **Welcome & Call to Order**

- A. Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- G. Searls called the roll. Three committee members were present. One committee member was absent. A quorum was established with 3 of 5 voting committee members present.

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

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

### **Review and Adoption of the Minutes**

- A. Brooks 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. J. Moore seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Discussion of Chair:**

- Director Searls reminded the committee of Nate Brown's resignation due to a job change. In light of that, the Executive Committee has named A. Brooks as the Interim Chair to allow the committee to meet and send back a recommendation for a permanent chair. Any of the voting members can serve as the chair and if Dr. Brooks was recommended by the committee to be named as the permanent chair, the Executive Committee could do so with an exception under the bylaws since she does serve on the Executive Committee as well. A. Brooks said she would serve if it was the desire of the committee but wanted the committee to discuss the matter and she would support another member being chosen as chair.  
J. Moore made a motion to request a waiver from the Executive Committee and recommend A. Brooks be named as Chair of the Rules Committee. T. Onorato seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried. A. Brooks inquired if she could vote in the matter and it was determined that she could.

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

- Director Searls provided some background information on why this Rule needed to be created by the committee. Inter-Chair Brooks clarified that all member states do already require supervised experience to gain licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor though the number of hours and how supervision is provided varies from state to state. Dr. Linde provided insight that the intent of the drafting team was for the compact to accept the requirements of the states currently accept and not raise it to possibly exclude anyone already licensed nor to lower it below the current standard. The committee believes the lowest number of hours currently required to be 1,500 hours. The committee discussed defining "supervised post-graduate experience." Further discussion centered around if the hours needed to be clinical and what defines clinical. Director Searls shared some draft language that he updated as discussions were occurring. The committee revised the draft and after further discussion drafted all new language. Definitions created under this rule would only apply to the rule in which they created under. Director Searls was asked to research to see if there were any states lower than 1,500 hours. The Committee will take this up again in the September Meeting.

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

- The current Bylaws require 7 to 9 voting members on each committee and the only eligible voting members are the delegates. Those elected to the Executive Committee are not eligible to serve as voting member on a committee without an exemption from the Executive Committee. The Commission has grown to more committees requiring people to serve on multiple committees. Some delegates have not volunteered to serve on a committee and it was asked if they were required to and there is no such requirement. States that have active delegates are those that often have alternates that want to be very active as well. J. Moore suggested limiting the number of alternates on a committee. It was also suggested by counsel to avoid having the delegate and alternate serve on the same committee. Director Searls shared with the committee the expectations letter that is shared with the states as they become members. Part of the letter requests their participation in committee work. A. Brooks suggested sending the letter of expectations with the Code of Conduct each year to try and encourage participation. This item was tabled for the September meeting.

### **Questions and Comments**

- Director Searls suggested a longer meeting of the Rule Committee. He will work with the Chair to try and get a date set.

### **Public Comment**

- Chair Brooks asked for public comment.
- Eric Groh asked if the compact required anything specific for supervised experience. Counsel Kalfas clarified that the language allows the commission to set requirements and that is why it was being discussed at this meeting. He asked if the commission was required to adopt a rule and while it is not required, the language suggests it should and could be considered negligent if they did not.

### **Adjourn**

- Having no further agenda items and hearing no objections, A. Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. ET.