

## Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

November 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Jamie Doming (joined at 1:07)  
Andrea Brooks  
Kim Speakman  
Latofia Parker  
Brian Carnahan  
Denauvo Robinson

### **Committee Members Absent**

Ashleigh Irving

### **Ex-Officio Committee Members Present**

Beverly Smith, AMHCA  
Lynn Linde, ACA  
Matt Grayson, AASCB

### **Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent**

Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CCC Staff Present**

Greg Searls  
Veronica Given

### **CSG Staff Present**

Isabel Eliassen

### **CAMS Staff Present**

Adam Parfitt

### **Public Members Present**

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

- A. Brooks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- G. Searls called the roll. A quorum was established with five (L. Parker, A. Brooks, D. Robinson, B. Carnahan, & K. Speakman) of seven voting members present during roll call. J. Doming joined after roll call at 1:07 p.m.

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

- A. Brooks reviewed the agenda and asked if there was a discussion about the agenda.
- G. Searls indicated that the agenda needs to be revised to add a discussion and vote about funding his travel for official Compact business as the Executive Director.
- A. Brooks called for a motion to adopt the agenda with revisions.
- **Motion:** D. Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda with revisions. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### Review and Adoption Minutes

- A. Brooks reviewed the minutes and asked if any changes were needed.
- Hearing none, A. Brooks called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** K. Speakman made a motion to adopt the minutes B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### Database and Website Build Updates

- The data system has been named Compact Connect. All updates on the data system, including milestones, demos, and eventually videos and training modules are accessible on the Compact Connect website, which can be found at <https://compactconnect.org/>
- I. Eliassen provided an update on the progress of the practitioner dashboard pages, including the feature to prevent multiple purchases of the same privilege. She also mentioned that the data system is ready for the commissions to set up their authorized.net accounts so they can start processing payments. Lastly, she requested that commissioners continue spreading the word to their states about passing rules or laws regarding privilege fees and jurisprudence requirements.

### Implementing Fees for Privileges

- The committee members discussed the implementation of fees in various states.
- G. Searls mentioned that Ohio is the only state, as of date, to send him a proposed fee of \$25 pending approval by their general assembly.
- N. Kalfas noted that several states are moving forward with setting fees to issue privileges, while others are waiting to see the process that other states are using to get a fee structure passed in their respective states.
- N. Kalfas agreed to work with G. Searls to draft a document with suggested language that member states could use to assist them with implementing the fee process in their respective states. needed to process the privilege. The conversation ended with Nahale stating that the majority of states can implement the fee through rulemaking.

### MOU with AASCB

- G. Searls discussed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Compact and the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) for presentations, webinars, and accommodations.
- As outlined in the MOU, AASCB agrees to:
  - Receive quarterly updates via CCC webinars.
  - Provide CCC a platform to present at the AASCB Annual Conference.
  - Waive the AASCB Affiliate Membership fee for CCC until it becomes self-sustaining.
  - Potentially offer travel assistance for CCC if its Annual Business Meeting is not held alongside the AASCB Annual Conference.
- As outlined in the MOU, CCC agrees to:
  - Provide quarterly updates through webinars.
  - Present at the AASCB Annual Conference.

- The agreement lasts one year and can be extended or terminated by mutual consent.
- J. Doming asked for a motion to approve the MOU.
- **Motion:** L. Parker made the motion to approve the MOU. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### CSG/ACA Follow-up

- J. Doming mentioned the follow-up discussion on a personnel matter, which required a special executive session meeting that eventually went into a closed session on October 23, 2024.
- J. Doming reported that she and L. Parker have met with Adam Parfitt (CAMS), Lynn Linde (ACA), and Dan Lodgson (CSG)
- J. Doming said the group would enter a closed session to discuss the personnel matter further.
- N. Kalfas stated the committee has the authority to enter closed sessions based on Rule 9.E.b and d of the Counseling Compact Commission.
- J. Doming requested that G. Searls only allow members who were available in the previous closed session into the closed session breakout room. Anyone who had a conflict of interest was not allowed in the breakout room.

### Vote to Enter Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

- **Motion:** J. Doming called for a motion to enter into a closed session.
- A. Brooks motioned to enter a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. D. Robinson seconded the motion. G. Searls called for a vote to enter into closed session. All committee members present voted in favor of entering a closed session. The motion passed and the committee entered the closed session at 1:30 p.m. ET.

### Vote to Re-Enter Open Session

- J. Doming called for a motion to enter back into open session.
- **Motion:** K. Speakman motioned to enter back into open session. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor of entering back into open session. The motion passed and the committee re-entered the open session at 2:11 p.m. ET.

### Discuss Ongoing Collaboration and Governance

- J. Doming thanked all stakeholders for their work on the Counseling Compact. She emphasized the importance of collaboration among all partners, particularly in lobbying and legislation, and proposed a meeting between various stakeholders to discuss roles and governance as the Compact becomes established and efforts are made to expand the Compact in non-member states.
- J. Doming requested that A. Parfitt schedule a meeting between G. Searls, L. Linde, and D. Logsdon for the purpose of outlining clearer professional boundaries among stakeholders.
- J. Doming requested that the Executive Committee be given an update on the meeting at the next Executive Committee meeting in December.

### Executive Director Update

- G. Searls provided an update on his activities, including hiring Veronica Given, the new project coordinator for the Counseling Compact Commission.

- G. Searls provided an update on the number of emails, calls, and website inquiries he has received in the past month. He reported that since the last meeting, he has presented at the Wyoming Counseling Association and Idaho Counseling Association conferences.
- As discussed in the revisions of the agenda, Greg provided an update on his travel and requested that the committee approve his travel requests to attend meetings related to official Counseling Compact business.
- J. Doming called for a motion to approve the executive director's report with the approval of the travel requests.
- Motion: K. Speakman made the motion to approve the executive director's report and travel requests. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Questions and Comments**

- J. Doming asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions, and having completed all the agenda items, J. Doming declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m. EST.