

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

March 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Andrea Brooks
Kim Speakman
Latofia Parker
Brian Carnahan
Ashleigh Irving

Committee Members Absent

Jamie Doming
Denauvo Robinson

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present

Beverly Smith, AMHCA
Matt Grayson, AASCB
Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC

Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent

Lynn Linde, ACA

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CCC Staff Present

Greg Searls
Veronica Gibb

CSG Staff Present

I. Eliassen

Inspiring Apps Staff Present

Brad

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 of seven voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Brooks reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to adopt the agenda with a waiver of notice due to the agenda being posted beyond the seven-day requirement because the agenda was edited to include voting items related to the Executive Director's travel and discussion about the Annual Business Meeting.
- A. Brooks called for a motion to adopt the agenda with the waiver of the seven-day notice period.

- **Motion:** B. Carnahan made a motion to adopt the agenda. L. Parker 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 there was a discussion about the minutes.
- A. Brooks called for a motion to adopt the minutes
- **Motion:** K. Speakman made a motion to adopt the minutes. L. Parker seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Inspiring Apps Demonstration with Q&A

- I. Eliassen and Brad from Inspiring Apps provided a demonstration of the Compact Connect database system.
- Brad highlighted the recent milestone of onboarding people from various states and expressed pride in the product while remaining open to feedback. He reported that some states have started the onboarding process and have been able to give feedback, enhancing the functionality of the system.
- Isabel reported that she meets daily with the Inspiring Apps team and weekly with the Executive Directors from the three commissions to prioritize features of the data system. She reported that there are bi-weekly sprint reviews, as part of the agile process, in which G. Searls, and various representatives from the commissions and other interested parties attend to review demos of features that have developed during the sprint timeline.
- I. Eliassen and Brad both reaffirmed that the system is expected to launch in August or September 2025.
- Inspiring Apps hosted a CompactConnect Webinar for member states on February 26, 2025. Several member state representatives were on the call and were able to see demonstrations and ask questions about the data system.
- I. Eliassen demonstrated the login process for the system for various user types. She also mentioned that a public lookup option will be accessible from the login page. Isabel then showed the search page, explaining that it will change to remove the social security number search and add a privilege ID search.
- She demonstrated how to view user details, including licenses and privileges, and how to upload data. Isabel also explained the process for adding, deleting, or changing user permissions, and how to access multiple compacts.
- Due to the timing of the meeting and to ensure all agenda items were discussed, A. Brooks requested that additional questions or comments about the data system be sent to the Executive Director.

Report on ACA and CSG Meeting

- A. Brooks reported on the meeting held between ACA, CSG, Chair Doming. The report suggested opportunities for increased collaboration and communication between the three organizations. As part of the increased communication, the representatives agreed that it would be beneficial for the Ex-Officio representatives to provide an update about their organizations during the monthly executive committee meeting.

Ex-Officio Update

- AMHCA-B. Smith gave an update for AMHCA. She reported that AMHCA is planning its annual conference for June 24-27, 2025, in Las Vegas, NV. AMHCA has also launched its election process for the year. B. Smith encouraged attendance at the AMHCA conference.
- AASCB-M. Grayson gave an update for AASCB. He thanked delegates who attended the AASCB conference in Myrtle Beach in February. He reported that AASCB is in the planning stage for the 2026

conference to be held in Orlando, FL. He reported that AASCB is working on several research projects that could be beneficial to its members and is planning several virtual learning opportunities to launch soon.

- NBCC-K. Dotson-Blake gave an update for NBCC. She reported that NBCC decided to cancel its annual Bridging the Gap Symposium in March in Atlanta, GA. As a result of the symposium being canceled, NBCC instead hosted several representatives from the counseling profession to meet and discuss workforce expansion for counselors. K. Dotson-Blake reported that the conversations among the professional groups were productive and initiatives focusing on counselor education, licensing, regulation, and workforce expansion were discussed and will further be explored.
- ACA representative L. Linde was not present for the meeting and no updates from ACA were provided. Nevertheless, it was mentioned that the ACA annual conference is in Orlando, FL on March 27-29. The Executive Director is presenting at the conference.

Executive Director Update

- G. Searls requested funding for flight travel to the Tennessee Counseling Association Conference.
- A. Brooks called for a motion to approve the travel request.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan made the motion to approve the travel request. L. Parker seconded the motion. All committee members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Annual Business Meeting 2026

- As a separate agenda item, G. Searls requested that the executive committee begin making plans for the annual business meeting. He reported that if the commission wants to hold the annual business meeting in conjunction with AASCB in 2026, as they did for 2025, now would be the time to make that decision in order to save costs and work out logistical challenges. He also mentioned the possibility of a full day meeting due to the expected number of items that will be on the agenda. The executive committee will bring the discussion back up in the April meeting.

Questions and Comments

- A. Irving gave some comments about the data system and requested an implementation plan be developed so that member states can have awareness of what they need to be ready to onboard. G. Searls reported that he is in the process of meeting with member states to discuss their specific implementation plans.
- Due to the meeting running over the allotted time, public members were encouraged to email questions or comments to G. Searls and any questions or comments would be addressed at the next executive committee meeting.

Adjourn

- Hearing no further questions, and having completed all the agenda items, A. Brooks declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. ET.