

Counseling Compact Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Brian Carnahan, Chair
Dr. Susan Meyerle
Tom Black
Foley Nash
Dr. Latofia Parker
Kim Speakman (non-voting)

Committee Members Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake
Dr. Lynn Linde

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CCC Staff Present

Greg Searls

Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by B. Carnahan at 1:03 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- G. Searls conducted roll call. A quorum was established with 5 voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Carnahan presented the agenda and requested a motion for adoption.

Motion: Tom Black moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Dr. Latofia Parker seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- Chair Carnahan reviewed the draft minutes of the previous meeting and called for a motion to adopt.

Motion: Tom Black moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Dr. Susan Meyerle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Discussion for FY26 and FY27:

- Chair Carnahan introduced the proposed budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, noting that the projections are aspirational due to the Commission's current lack of independent revenue.
- Director Searls explained the rationale for presenting a two-year budget despite the Commission operating on a single-year cycle. Since 31 of 38 member states operate on a two-year licensure cycle, revenue fluctuations are anticipated between alternating fiscal years.
- Each budget line item was reviewed and discussed.
- Kim Speakman highlighted the anticipated need for an additional staff member beyond the part-time project coordinator in FY27. Director Searls agreed, indicating that staffing needs will increase as the Compact grows. Legal Counsel Kalfas confirmed that similar trends have occurred in other compacts, particularly in the area of customer service.
- Committee members recommended adjustments to specific budget areas based on the discussion.
- Director Searls was asked to obtain additional quotes for board management software for comparison purposes.
- The Committee will recommend that future Annual Business Meetings be held in conjunction with other conferences to reduce costs.
- The Committee committed to developing a prioritized list of state conferences for staff attendance and exhibit participation.
- Concerns were raised regarding the projected budget deficit in FY27. The Committee discussed various strategies for addressing this imbalance, with acknowledgment that revenue and expenses are likely to vary significantly between fiscal years.

Questions and Comments

- No questions or comments were received.

Adjournment

- With no further business, Chair Carnahan adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. ET.