

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

May 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Kim Speakman, Chair
Andrea Brooks
Tobi Zavala
Denauvo Robinson
Brian Carnahan
Carol Staben Burroughs

Committee Members Absent

Jana Johnson

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present

Matt Grayson, AASCB
Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC
Lynn Linde, ACA
Beverly Smith Moore, AMHCA

Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent

N/A

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CSG Staff Present

Isabel Eliassen

CAMS Staff Present

Greg Searls
Julie Windsor

InspiringApps Staff Present

Brad Weber
Stacy Griffin

Public Members Present

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Welcome & Call to Order

- K. Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- Director Searls conducted the roll call. Absences were as listed above. A quorum was established with 5 of 6 voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- K. Speakman reviewed the agenda and asked if changes were needed.
- Hearing none, K. Speakman called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- Motion: C. Staben- Burroughs motioned to adopt the agenda with the waiver. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- April Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - K. Speakman asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes.
 - K. Speakman called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
 - Motion: B. Carnahan motioned to adopt the minutes. C. Staben-Burroughs seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Finance Committee Update

- Preliminary review of the proposed budget for 2026 and 2027
- Determined it was a good strategy to budget for 2 years to make planning more effective and follows other member states in a compact
- In 2026 Website revisions
- In 2026 finishing out the funding of the database system
- In 2027 potentially hiring a part time assistant for customer service
- In 2027 possibly a relatively self-sufficient compact

Members discussed annual states bearing more of the burden than the bi-annual states in regards to compact fees.

Ex-Officio Updates

- NBCC – D. Dotson-Blake shared they were preparing for their upcoming Summit in June in Austin. Also shared, she appreciated meeting Syvonne Carter. They are continuing to adjust to Federal funding changes.
- ACA – L. Linde announced an interim CEO was appointed for at least 6 months, Syvonne Carter.
- AASCB – M. Grayson shared they are working on some programming, just started the renewal process and starting to talk about the 2026 conference in Orlando in February.
- AMHCA – B. Smith-Moore shared they are hard at work preparing for their annual conference in June in Vegas.

Committee Appointments

- Motion: B. Carnahan motioned to adopt M. Miller, compliance committee, J. Johansen, both elections and compliance committee, and K. Warren, rules committee. T. Zavala seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

K. Speakman reminded the committee that we need more volunteers for committees.

Data System Update

- I. Eliassen shared they are working with states to onboard them with real data and they are working on changing up the process. Real onboarding will be held off for about 2 weeks. Also shared, they will be in Georgia at a conference and will have an exhibition table. They are working on their last major feature and that is the adverse action. Launch date still on tract for August.

Working Group Report

- K. Speakman shared that a working group was developed and they prepared a SWOT analysis, presented the information with everyone's else's information as part of the packet.

Motion: D. Robinson motioned to approve the working group report. T. Zavala seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Executive Director Update

- G. Searls provided an update on his recent activities and upcoming engagements. He has been busy traveling for conferences and presentations, including an upcoming event in Savannah. He reported high email and phone calls in both March and April, with the website averaging around 600 hits per day. He discussed various meetings he participates in, including weekly joint commission meetings, sprint reviews, and legislative updates. He also mentioned that he has been conducting state onboarding meetings and attending ASCB hangouts. He noted interviews for the Project Coordinator position are starting today.
- Go Live meetings are focused for the upcoming launch of the compact system in late August or early September. It was discussed the need for research to ensure that the terminology and information presented are clear and consistent across the three compacts. He mentioned he development of instructional videos and FAQ's to help licensees to navigate the system. They are working on customer service strategies and ensuring consistent messaging across all compacts.

Questions and Comments

- K. Speakman asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.
 - E. Groh shared that Georgia's practice act allows them to pull criminal background checks but will not allow them to share it with another entity.

Adjourn

- Hearing no further questions and having completed all of the agenda items, K. Speakman declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. ET.