

## **Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

August 6, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Kim Speakman, Chair  
Andrea Brooks  
Tobi Zavala  
Denauvo Robinson, out at 2:15  
Brian Carnahan  
Tony Onorato

### **Committee Members Absent**

Carol Staben Burroughs

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

Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC  
Lynn Linde, ACA  
Matt Grayson, AASCB in at 1:07  
Dr. Beverly Smith

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

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CSG Staff Present**

Isabel Eliassen

### **CAMS Staff Present**

Greg Searls  
Julie Winsor  
Michelle Lynch

### **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:** M. Collazo made a motion to adopt the agenda. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### Review and Adoption of Minutes

- July Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
  - K. Speakman asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes.
  - K. Speakman noted an incomplete sentence that needed to be corrected.
  - **Motion:** Dr. Robinson made the motion to adopt the corrected minutes. Vice-Chair Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Ex-Officio Updates

- NBCC – Working on reenvisioning their fellowship program. Looking to have the symposium associated with the fellowship to focus on legislation and leadership.
- ACA – Search committee has been appointed to find a new CEO.
- AASCB – Working on fall workshop for board members and administrators in September. A couple of interns are starting next month. Conference committee has met to start planning 2026 in Orlando.
- AMHCA – Gearing up for fall summit and September webinar.

### Data System Update

- I. Eliassen shared that the development of Compact Connect is on track. Now their focus is on supporting states through the onboarding process.

### Trademark and Licensing Updates

- N. Kalfas explained that Trademark filed by CSG on our behalf, and that CSG is responsible for enforcing the trademark.
- N. Kalfas shared that a draft of the member services agreement is in progress. The member services agreement will fully define CSG's responsibilities regarding trademark and what it means to utilize it correctly. It will also commemorate other points of understanding, such as the fact that we received the license to use the trademark for free for all of our purposes.

### Committee Appointments

- Executive Director Searls shared that M. Morgan is interested in joining the Finance Committee.
- **Motion:** Vice Chair Brooks made a motion to approve the appointment of M. Morgan to the Finance Committee. T. Onorato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Finance Committee Updates**

- B. Carnahan shared that there are no major issues or concerns. He approved a CAMs invoice for June and is having ongoing discussions about documentation with ACA.

### **Performance Measures**

- Since the discussion on performance measure is considered a personnel matter, the committee requested a closed session. N. Kalfas certified the closed session as the committee's parliamentarian.
- **Motion:** Dr. Robinson made a motion to move to a closed session. B. Carnahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Closed session started at 1:25 and ended at 2:05
- **Motion:** Vice Chair Brooks made the motion to approve performance measures as discussed in closed session. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chapter 4 Rules Update**

- Vice Chair Brooks presented revisions made to the Chapter 4 Data Set rule in response to questions raised during the public comment period and a request made by the Compliance Committee.
- At the Compliance Committee meeting, Chair Speakman permitted the Compliance Committee to pass their suggestions on to the Rules Committee before the Executive Committee due to timing concerns. Chair Speakman requested ratification of this action.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan made the motion to ratify Chair Speakman's action. T. Onorato seconded. All approved, motion carried.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan made the motion to approve the revisions made to Chapter 4. T. Zavala seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

### **Executive Director Update**

- **Go live update:** Director Searls informed the committee that the next step and his current focus is to have states ready to test the system with their data. None are ready so far.
- Director Searls reported that emails, calls, and website visits are all up 20% or more.

### **Questions and Comments**

- Chair Speakman invited questions and comments from those in attendance. No questions or comments were raised by the other commissioners or the public.

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions and having completed all of the agenda items, K. Speakman declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. ET.

