

## **Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

September 3, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Kim Speakman, Chair

Andrea Brooks

Tobi Zavala, in at 1:09 p.m.

Denuvo Robinson

Brian Carnahan

Carol Staben Burroughs, in at 1:02 p.m.

### **Committee Members Absent**

Tony Onorato

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

Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC

Lynn Linde, ACA

Matt Grayson, AASCB

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

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CSG and Inspiring Apps Staff Present**

Isabel Eliassen

Brad Weber

### **CAMS Staff Present**

Greg Searls

Michelle Lynch

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

- K. Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- Director Searls conducted the roll call. Absences were as listed above. A quorum was established with 5 of 7 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:** Vice Chair Brooks 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**

- Chair Speakman asked if members had reviewed the August Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- Chair Speakman noted that the draft minutes reflected a motion by Ms. Collazo, who is not an executive committee member. The committee discussed it and decided that, since the motion was uncontested, members agreed to uphold it.
- **Motion:** Vice Chair Brooks made a motion to adopt the minutes. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Ex-Officio Updates**

- **NBCC** – Survey is out; upcoming ACES conference.
- **ACA** – Updating CEO job description before posting; preparing for conference; transitioning to new governing structure; continuing work on revisions to the Code of Ethics.
- **AASCB** – Preparing for fall workshop and planning winter conference in February.
- **AMHCA** – No representative present.

### **Data System Update**

- I. Eliassen informed the committee that states have begun testing data uploads, with additional testing scheduled in the coming weeks, and planning is underway for future upgrades and fast-follow items.

### **Go Live Update**

- Director Searls shared the following:
  - The system remains on track for an early fall launch. The biggest hurdle now is making sure states are ready and can do a data test in CompactConnect
  - He met with NBCC and ACA to coordinate messaging; both organizations will assist with marketing once CompactConnect is officially launched.
  - He developed step-by-step CompactConnect instructions for practitioners.
- T. Zavala reported on her state's testing experience, noting that the system is functioning well overall, with multi-factor authentication presenting the main challenge.

### **Trademark and Licensing Updates**

- N. Kalfas shared the following:
  - An optional data-sharing agreement was created for states to request.
  - Final revisions to the member agreement are in progress.

- The maintenance agreement for the platform includes \$3 million in cybersecurity protection per Compact.

### **Committee Appointments**

- The committee discussed candidates for the compliance vice chair position. The candidates were: Dr. Tim Strait, Hannah Coyt, and Dr. Markesha Miller
- **Motion:** C. Staben Burroughs made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Markesha Miller to the Compliance Committee. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Finance Committee Updates**

- B. Carnahan stated the finance committee met in August to review year-end Profit and Loss and July financial statements; all items were in line with expectations.
- B. Carnahan informed the committee that ACA, Director Searls, and Julie from CAMS met to clarify documentation requirements for reimbursements.
- The Finance committee will review cybersecurity insurance quotes at its September meeting.

### **Executive Director Update**

- Director Searls noted his primary focus is supporting states with onboarding in preparation for go-live.
- Director Searls shared that he is doing a webinar for NBCC the following day, with over 4,000 registrants, and at CLEAR's Annual Education Conference in Chicago in two weeks.

### **Questions and Comments**

- Chair Speakman invited questions and comments from those in attendance. No members of the committee had anything to add. A member of the public, Beth Fier, thanked the commission for their work.

### **Adjourn**

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