Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

January 22, 2026, 12 p.m. ET
Zoom

Committee Members Present - Voting
Angie Smith, Chair
Milagros Collazo
Denise Hutchins
Ashleigh Irving, joined at 12:32
Gloria Lindsey

Committee Members Absent – Voting
Keith Warren
LeeAnn Mordecai
Tony Alden

Committee Members Present- Non-Voting
Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Committee Members Absent- Nonvoting
Tony Onorato

Ex Officio Members Present
Lynn Linde

Legal Counsel Present
Nahale Kalfas

CC Staff Present
Greg Searls, Executive Director
Michelle Lynch, Program Coordinator

Members of the public were present.

Welcome & Call to Order

- Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

- Director Searls called the roll. 4 committee members were present as noted above. A quorum was established with 5 of 8 voting committee members present at 12:32 ET, when A. Irving joined.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Smith reviewed the agenda. No changes were proposed.
- **Motion**: G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. A. Irving seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- Chair Smith invited a review of the minutes from the previous meeting. No changes were proposed.
- **Motion**: M. Collazo made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. G. Lindsey seconded the motion. Four approvals, one abstention from D. Hutchins, as she was not yet a committee member. The motion carried.

Committee Changes

- Chair Smith informed the committee that Dr. Brooks is no longer on the Rules committee because her term as delegate expired and she was not reappointed. A. Smith is now chair.
- Director Searls added that there are two new rules committee members, Denise Hutchins (KY) and Tony Alden (IA).

Vice Chair

- Due to time constraints, Chair Smith decided to move this agenda item to the next meeting.

Rules Report

- Chair Smith explained that the Rules Committee report for the annual report has been approved by the executive committee and is available for them to review. Former Chair Dr. Brooks wrote most of the report, as she was the chair during the report period.

Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to Home State License

- The committee reviewed the draft Rule on Conversion of Privilege to Home State License. Director Searls noted that the timeframe for a practitioner to complete the necessary steps to convert their Privilege to Practice a home state license had been increased from 30 to 60 days since the committee last reviewed the rule.
- Minor formatting and wording edits were made to the rule during the discussion. Upon completion of the edits, Chair Smith called for a vote to approve the rule.
- **Motion:** M. Collazo made the motion to approve the Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to a Home State License. G. Lindsey seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Consistent Credentialing

- The Committee reviewed the draft Rule on Consistent Credentialing.

- The Committee discussed the intent of the rule, which is to enhance public protection by requiring compact participants to utilize a Privilege to Practice (PTP) designation, and to help alleviate insurance coverage issues by more clearly defining PTP.
- **Motion:** D. Hutchins made a motion to approve the Rule on Consistent Credentialing, authorizing any non-substantive edits to formatting and wording to Director Searls. M. Collazo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

February Meeting Scheduling

- Chair Smith explained that the next regular meeting would fall on the day after the annual business meeting. Since Compact staff and committee members may be traveling that day, the committee discussed alternative meeting dates for February.
- All committee members present agreed they are available to attend a one-hour rules committee meeting on Thursday, February 19th at 12 p.m. ET

Public Comment

- A member of the public, E. Groh, asked a few clarifying questions about when the credentials would be used and posed whether the formatting of the credentials could be challenging for states.
- Chair Smith invited any further questions and comments from those in attendance. No comments from the public or the committee.

Adjourn

- Hearing no objections, Chair Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. ET