

## Counseling Compact Elections Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026, 3:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Dr. Hannah Coyt  
Dr. Lisa Connors

### **Committee Members Absent**

### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Kim Speakman

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CCC Staff Present**

Greg Searls  
Michelle Lynch

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

The meeting was called to order by Director Searls at 3:11 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

Director Searls conducted roll call. A quorum was established with 2 of 2 voting members present.

### **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

- Director Searls presented the agenda and requested a motion for adoption with a waiver of the 7-day notice due to the meeting rescheduling
- **Motion:** Dr. Connors made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, waiving the 7-day notice. Dr. Coyt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **2026 Election Review**

- Director Searls explained the purpose and powers of the elections committee per the bylaws, including the timeline for the elections.

- Director Searls shared the PowerPoint for the elections committee presentation that will be used at the annual business meeting.
- Director Searls noted that the following roles are up for election: Treasurer, Member-at-Large, and Vice Chair. He added that the current Treasurer and Member-at-Large are seeking reelection.
- Commission Chair Speakman emphasized the importance of electing a Commission Vice Chair. She asked that, if there are no willing candidates, the Elections Committee work to identify and recruit them.
- The committee discussed potential approaches to recruiting candidates for the Vice Chair position, if it becomes necessary.
- The committee discussed when the call for nominations should go out and decided it would be best to send it out as soon as possible. Director Searls confirmed he would send it out the next day.

### **Chair Discussion**

- Director Searls explained that the elections committee will need to appoint a chair and a vice chair. Dr. Connors volunteered to serve as Chair, and Dr. Coyt agreed to serve as Vice Chair.
- **Motion:** Dr. Connors made the motion to forward the appointment of herself as chair and Dr. Coyt as Vice chair for approval to the Executive Committee. Dr. Coyt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

- The committee discussed scheduling their next meeting and decided on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. ET

### **Questions and Comments**

- Director Searls invited questions or other issues for the committee to consider. No questions were raised, and no members of the public were present to offer comment.

### **Adjournment**

- With no further business, Director Searls adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.