



Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

February 19, 2026, 12 p.m. ET

Zoom

Committee Members Present - Voting

Angie Smith, Chair

Denise Hutchins

Ashleigh Irving, joined at 12:07 p.m.

Gloria Lindsey

Kimberly Sallis (In for LeeAnn Mordecai)

Tony Alden

Denise Hutchins

Committee Members Absent – Voting

Keith Warren

Milagros Collazo

Committee Members Present- Non-Voting

Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Tony Onorato

Committee Members Absent- Nonvoting

Ex Officio Members Present

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 12:01 p.m. ET

Roll Call

- Director Searls called the roll. Committee members were present as noted above. A quorum was established with 6 of 8 voting committee members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Smith reviewed the agenda. Chair Smith stated that the agenda needs to be amended to include a discussion about scheduling a half-day meeting.
- **Motion:** D Hutchins made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. T. Alden 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:** G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the January meeting minutes as presented. D. Hutchins seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Vice Chair

- The committee discussed whether to select a vice chair since the committee is not full (8 of 9 seats filled)
- Concerns were raised regarding inconsistent attendance by some Rules Committee members. The committee discussed how to address attendance, including determining whether members intend to continue serving and ways to improve participation moving forward.
- The committee discussed a potential bylaw revision to outline attendance expectations. Legal Counsel Kalfas advised that a bylaw revision would be the appropriate course of action. The committee agreed to forward a request to the Executive Committee to charge the Rules Committee with drafting proposed bylaw revisions.
- The committee decided to move forward with selecting a vice chair. T. Alden volunteered for nomination.
- **Motion:** T. Alden moved to forward his nomination to the Executive Committee for approval. G. Lindsey seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

Experience Rule*

- The committee reviewed the draft Supervision Experience Rule, focusing on the qualitative version.
- Dr. Linde (ACA) gave a historical overview of the legislation. explaining that the supervision language was intentionally drafted to accommodate varying state requirements and was not intended to impose a uniform quantitative standard. She noted that there is limited research supporting a direct link between a specific number of supervision hours and counseling efficacy.

- The committee made several changes to the rule draft, expanding the definitions section and updating the language throughout for clarity.
- Upon further discussion, the committee made some wording changes.
- Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the rule for executive committee consideration.
- D. Hutchins made the motion to approve the Experience rule for executive committee consideration. A. Irving seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation of Military Status*

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

Half-Day Meeting Discussion

Chair Smith explained the need for a half-day meeting to make progress on several rules. The committee discussed extending the next regular meeting 10-1 ET

Public Comment

- A member of the public, E. Groh, shared that he liked the draft supervision and will not need to offer any comment during the public comment period.
- Megan Morgan asked a clarifying question regarding the supervision language in the proposed rule, specifically the phrase, “The member state shall define and require a formal supervision process...,” noting potential confusion as to whether a state must promulgate a rule defining a “supervised program” or simply have such a program in place.
- Following discussion, the committee decided to revisit making non-substantive wording changes of "shall define" in the experience rule change after public comment, if needed for clarity, using synonyms such as: Explain, expound, interpret, elucidate, explicate, describe, determine, establish, fix, specify, designate, decide, or stipulate.

Adjourn

- Hearing no objections, Chair Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. ET