



## **Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

April 1, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Kim Speakman, Chair  
Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Vice Chair  
Brian Carnahan  
Tony Onorato  
Tobi Zavala  
Carol Staben Burroughs, out at 1:52 p.m.

### **Committee Members Absent**

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

Dr. Lynn Linde, ACA  
Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC  
Matt Grayson, AASCB  
Shannon Thompson, AMHCA

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

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CSG and InspiringApps Staff Present**

### **CAMS Staff Present**

Greg Searls  
Michelle Lynch

### **Members of the Public Were Present**

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

- Chair Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- Director Searls conducted the roll call. Absences were as listed above. A quorum was established with 6 of 6 voting members present.

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

- Chair Speakman reviewed the agenda and asked if there was any discussion. Director Searls explained that the topic of his traveling to Georgia can be removed. Chair Speakman called for a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Carnahan made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. T. Onorato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Review and Adoption of Minutes**

- Chair Speakman invited members to share any edits to the March meeting minutes. Hearing none, Chair Speakman called for a motion to adopt the minutes for the March meeting.
- **Motion:** C. Staben Burroughs made the motion to approve the March minutes. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ex-Officio Updates**

- **NBCC (Dr. Dotson-Blake):** Moving forward with planning the regulatory summit, which is in June in Michigan. Excited to be at the ACA conference next week.
- **ACA (Dr. Linde):** Conference is next week. The governing board will meet that week as well. She reminded Director Searls that the contract with ACA expires at the end of June and that they need to meet to firm up the next contract. She also discussed the comments received so far on the Code of Conduct.
- **AASCB (M. Grayson):** The new board has been announced. Working on the Fall workshop and finalizing the location for AASCB 2027.
- **AMHCA (S. Thompson):** Awards, elections, and conference preparation are their focus.

### **Go Live Update- Director Searls**

- Director Searls explained that there are several states that are expected to launch within the first half of the year. Several states are still working on passing rules. 741 privileges have been issued so far.

### **Trademark and Licensing Updates**

- Legal Counsel Kalfas explained that CSG is still reviewing the Member Services Agreement and the Governance Document.

### **Finance Committee Updates**

- Treasurer Carnahan shared that there was a finance committee meeting in March. All invoices and transactions were as expected.
- The finance committee also reviewed a CompactConnect report that shows retained revenue versus what is forwarded to states.

### **Communications and Marketing Committee**

- Chair Speakman explained that the communications committee needs to be stood up. There is only one member currently. Director Searls shared what the communications committee's charge is in the bylaws.
- The committee discussed how to handle situations requiring an immediate communication response. Legal Counsel Kalfas advised that the Executive Committee, Chair, and Compact staff would be responsible for addressing urgent communication issues. The Chair may act as needed, with the Executive Committee ratifying those actions afterward.

### **Committee Needs & Outreach**

- Communications committee- needs 7-9 members
- Elections- needs 5-7 more members
- Finance- needs 3-5 more members
- The committee discussed approaches to recruiting for the committees.
- Legal Counsel Kalfas encouraged the committee to consider expanding the scope of potential committee members to staff of state boards, ex officio staff, etc.
- Chair Speakman discussed drafting a letter to send out outlining the committees and who can serve.

### **Executive Director Update**

- Executive Director Searls reported that staff are compiling survey results from the Annual Business Meeting, with a full report expected next month.
- He noted that the Rules Committee held a three-hour meeting, during which four rules and one policy were drafted. These rules will be up for executive committee review after the public comment period for the other rules ends.
- He also shared that he will be traveling next week to attend the ACA conference, where he will present with Dr. Linde, with minimal additional travel planned for the remainder of the year.

### **Questions and Comments**

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

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions and having completed all the agenda items, Chair Speakman declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. ET