



## **Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

May 6, 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

### **Committee Members Absent**

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

Dr. Lynn Linde, ACA  
Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC

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

Matt Grayson, AASCB  
Shannon Thompson, AMHCA

### **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 1:02 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. Hearing none, she called for a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
- **Motion:** Secretary Zavala made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Treasurer Carnahan 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:** T. Onorato made the motion to approve the April minutes. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ex-Officio Updates**

- **NBCC (Dr. Dotson-Blake):** In Atlanta for this week for “test fest”. 70 SMEs get together to build forms. Examinations are now available in Spanish. PCLC drafted a statement on the current case, Chiles v. Salazar.
- **ACA (Dr. Linde):** Settling in after the conference. ACA’s Governance structure changes on July 1; elections just wrapped up. Over 1,500 public comments have been received on the code of ethics, and they are now under review.

### **Trademark and Licensing Updates**

- Legal Counsel Kalfas explained that work is still being done on the MSA and Governance documents. The plan is for the Joint Compact Directors to begin meeting with CSG to build out the governance document.
- Cosmetology Compact is onboarding in CompactConnect, and three more interstate Compacts are considering CompactConnect.

### **Finance Committee Updates**

- Treasurer Carnahan shared that there were no Finance Committee updates, as the committee did not meet in April and is not scheduled to meet again until next week.
- In the meantime, financial activity has remained routine, with nothing significant to report.

### **Committee Appointments**

- Director Searls informed the committee that there were two requests to join committees. Courtney Bennett and Dr. Lisa Connors have requested to join the communications committee.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Carnahan made the motion to approve both candidates for the Communications committee. Carol Staben Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Needs & Outreach**

- Elections- needs 5-7 more members

- Finance- needs 4-5 more members
- Communications- needs 4-6 more members
- Rules and Compliance are full
- The committee discussed approaches to recruiting for the committees.
- Legal Counsel Kalfas confirmed that ex officio members can serve on committees.

### **Policy/Rule Review**

- Rules Chair Smith reviewed the AI policy, the Rule on Supervised Post Graduate Experience, and the Rule on Conversion of a Privilege to Practice to a Home State License. Both Rules had completed their public comment periods and received no comments. The AI policy does not require a public comment period.
- **Motion:** Carol Staben Burroughs made the motion to approve the AI policy and the two rules. Treasurer Carnahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PCLC Statement Consideration**

- Director Searls explained that the current PCLC statement on the Chiles v. Salazar case was focused on practice rather than regulation. Because the matter fell outside the Commission's scope and jurisdiction, the CCC abstained from voting on the statement's approval.
- Director Searls shared that a committee has since been formed to develop a revised statement that would include regulatory considerations. The revised statement is still under development and may be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.

### **Insurance Issue**

- Back in April, we received notice that the Commission's BNO insurance would not be renewed with the current company.
- Director Searls, with the help of CAMS, had to quickly find a new source of insurance. The new coverage is now in place.
- Legal Counsel Kalfas advised that the Finance Committee would be responsible for ratifying the insurance purchase.

### **Annual Business Meeting Survey Results**

- The committee reviewed a summary of the annual business meeting survey. They noted that overall the results of the survey were positive. The roll-call votes were highlighted as the biggest issue in the meeting. Timing issues for people in earlier time zones were also considered.

### **Director Go live**

- Director Searls reported a significant increase in Compact activity following Louisiana's go-live. Several other states have been in touch to move onboarding forward.
- He noted that platforms such as Talkspace and Headway are not yet accepting Compact privileges due to billing-related issues.
- Director Searls shared that there have been relatively few registration issues, and most can be resolved by Compact staff without involving InspiringApps.
- Director Searls attended the American Counseling Association conference, where the Compact had a presence in the exhibit hall, and he gave CompactConnect demonstrations there.

### **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 1:55 p.m. ET