COUNSELING COMPACT

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

June 3, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present
Kim Speakman, Chair
Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Vice Chair
Brian Carnahan
Tony Onorato
Tobi Zavala (left at 1:40 pm ET)
Carol Staben Burroughs

Committee Members Absent
Laura Shaunessy

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 Absent
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. Hearing none, she called for a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Carnahan made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. C. Staben Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- Chair Speakman invited members to share any edits to the May meeting minutes. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the minutes for the May meeting.
- **Motion:** T. Onorato made the motion to approve the May minutes. Dr. Robinson (Vice Chair) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ex-Officio Updates

- **NBCC (Dr. Dotson-Blake**): CRBS is coming up soon, and the hope is that there will be many states participating. There will be a Counseling Compact Commission update at CRBS by Chair Speakman and Director Searls.
- **ACA (Dr. Linde):** The Governing Board will meet soon to consider the budget, hear a presentation on the Compact, and review the Code of Ethics. This will be the Board's final meeting before the governance structure transitions to a Governing Council on July 1. Support for the Compact will remain strong through the transition.
- **AASCB (Matt Grayson):** Internship application is now open. Working on the fall virtual workshop, which will be on September 25th. Their new board is taking office on July 1.
- **AHMCA (Shannon Thompson):** Conference right around the corner. New board taking office on July 1st. S. Thompson has resigned as treasurer of AHMCA, and this will be her last time serving in that capacity at this meeting.

Trademark and Licensing Updates

- Legal Counsel Kalfas was not available to give an update. Chair Speakman shared that there are no updates on the Trademark and Licensing.
- Chair Speakman shared that several additional licensure compacts have joined CompactConnect, which is expected to help reduce system maintenance costs and fees through shared participation. She noted that one compact is developing a new module that may benefit the Counseling Compact as well.

Finance Committee Updates

- Treasurer Carnahan reported that the Finance Committee met in May and had no major changes or issues to report, as operations continue as usual.
- Treasurer Carnahan noted that the Finance Committee will not meet in June since there are no major issues to consider.

Committee Appointments

- Director Searls explained that David Fye (KY) has requested to join the finance committee. His biography was shared prior to the meeting.
- **Motion:** T. Onorato made the motion to approve David Faye for the Finance Committee. Treasurer Charnahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Needs & Outreach

- Elections- needs 5-7 more members
- Finance- needs 1-3 more members
- Communications- needs 4-6 more members
- Rules and Compliance are full
- The committee discussed developing committee descriptions that include information about responsibilities, expected time commitments, and the number of members needed. Director Searls will draft the descriptions.

Policy/Rule Review

Website and App Review Policy

- Director Searls reviewed the draft Third-Party Website and Application Review Policy and explained that it was developed after the Commission was asked to review a third-party website.
- Director Searls explained that the proposed policy establishes that the Commission will not review or endorse third-party websites or applications but will continue efforts to address misinformation about the Compact when identified.
- **Motion:** C. Staben Burrough made the motion to approve the Third-Party Website and Application Review Policy. Secretary Zavala seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rule on Consistent Credentialling

- Director Searls reported that the Rules Committee made revisions to the Rule based on survey feedback received from stakeholders, noting that nearly half of those surveyed responded.
- Director Searls explained that the revised rule would require counselors to identify their privileges as "Counseling Compact Privilege to Practice" followed by the applicable state abbreviations. He noted that because of the substantive changes, the rule will need to be released for an additional round of public comment.
- **Motion:** Secretary Zavala made the motion to approve the rule for public comment. T. Onorato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SHARE Act Support Letter

- Director Searls explained that the FBI's current requirements for criminal background check authority can create challenges for states implementing the Compact. He noted that the SHARE Act would help simplify that process.
- Director Searls stated that the proposed letter would express the Commission's support for the SHARE Act.
- **Motion:** C. Staben Burroughs made the motion to approve the letter for the SHARE Act support. Dr. Robinson (Vice Chair) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Provider Bridge Discussion

- This topic was tabled until next time because Legal Counsel was not present to lead the discussion.

August Full Commission Meeting Discussion

- The committee discussed dates and scheduled the next full commission meeting for September 2nd at 2 pm ET, immediately following the Executive Committee meeting.

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 1:50 p.m. ET