

Counseling Compact Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Brian Carnahan, Chair
Megan Morgan
Foley Nash
Dr. Susan Meyerle
David Fye

Committee Members Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

Kim Speakman
Matt Grayson

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CCC Staff Present

Greg Searls

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carnahan at 1:01 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Searls conducted roll call. A quorum was established with 5 of 5 voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Carnahan presented the agenda and requested a motion for adoption.
- **Motion:** M. Morgan made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. F. Nash seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- Chair Carnahan reviewed the draft minutes of the previous meeting and called for a motion to adopt.
- **Motion:** Dr. Meyerle made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. F. Nash seconded the motion. The motion carried with four affirmative votes and one abstention.

Review of Finance Documents

- Chair Carnahan reviewed the finance documents and invited questions.
- Director Searls reported that the Commission received an Other Reimbursement from a state for travel expenses associated with a scholarship that ultimately was not needed. He also noted that all expenses related to the Annual Business Meeting have been finalized, and the Commission came in under budget.

ACH for State Fees

- Director Searls explained that, with six states now live in Compact, it is an appropriate time to begin accepting ACH payments from states in addition to checks. He noted that some states prefer ACH payments. This will reduce staff time and delays associated with processing and depositing checks.
- Director Searls shared that the cost to establish ACH payments is \$65 per month, plus \$1 per transaction.
- Director Searls reminded the Committee that the Commission established the \$30 per privilege fee with the expectation that approximately \$5 per privilege would be used to cover transaction fees. Because actual transaction fees have been lower than anticipated, there is sufficient flexibility within the budget to absorb the costs associated with offering ACH payments.
- **Motion:** Dr. Meyerle moved to authorize staff to establish ACH payments for states that wish to use that payment method. F. Nash seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report

- Chair Carnahan reminded the Committee that it will need to submit a Finance Committee report for inclusion in the Commission's Annual Report and invited members to identify key highlights to include.
- Dr. Meyerle recommended highlighting significant financial policies adopted during the year, changes in the Commission's cash flow, and the impact of funding contributions from ACA and NBCC.
- The Committee also discussed including information on the number of Compact privileges issued, the amount of revenue retained by the Commission, and the amount distributed to member states.

- The Committee agreed the report should explain any significant variances between the approved budget and the actuals, including differences driven by the number of privileges issued and payments distributed to member states.

Questions and Comments

- Director Searls provided an update on Compact privilege sales, renewal trends, and the onboarding of additional member states.
- The Committee requested a copy of the FY 2027 Budget for reference.
- The Committee discussed whether future budgets should include a miscellaneous expense line to cover incidental expenditures.
- The Committee also discussed the possibility of developing a policy establishing a spending threshold that would allow the Executive Director to authorize certain expenditures without prior Commission approval.

Adjournment

- With no further business, Chair Carnahan adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.