

**Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

September 2, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET

**Committee Members Present**

Kim Speakman, Chair  
Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Vice Chair  
Brian Carnahan  
Tony Onorato  
Tobi Zavala  
Laura Shaughnessy

**Committee Members Absent**

Carol Staben Burroughs

**Ex-Officio Committee Members Present**

Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC  
Matt Grayson, AASCB  
Dr. Linn Linde, ACA

**Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent**

Joe Sapp, AMHCA

**Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

**CSG and InspiringApps Staff Present****CAMS Staff Present**

Greg Searls  
Michelle Lynch  
Jodie Markey

**Members of the Public Were Present****Welcome & Call to Order**

- Chair Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. ET.

**Roll Call**

- Director Searls conducted the roll call. Absences were as listed above. A quorum was established with 6 of 7 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:** Dr. Robinson (Vice Chair) made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. T. Onorato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Chair Speakman invited members to share any edits to the August meeting minutes. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve.
- **Motion:** L. Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the August minutes. Treasurer Carnahan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ex-Officio Updates**

- **Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC:** As of September 1, the Policy Advocacy and Research Center (PARC) has a new Executive Director. She also noted an expansion of the Foundation's work focused on fellowships and scholarships.
- **Matt Grayson, AASCB:** AASCB's strategic planning and bylaw revision processes are nearly complete. He noted an increased focus on research, with interns beginning soon, and shared that the second installment of the *From Gavel to Greatness* series will be available soon.
- **Joe Sapp, AMHCA:** Not present
- **Dr. Lynn Linde, ACA:** The Code of Ethics has been completed and will go before the Board in the coming weeks. They also noted that they continue to monitor the Brokamp case and its appeal.

### **Trademark and Licensing Updates**

- Legal Counsel Kalfas explained that there are no new updates on Trademark and licensing. She noted that the Member Services Agreement, now known as the Collaborative Software Agreement, is currently under review by CSG's legal team.

### **Committee Needs & Outreach**

- Chair Speakman reported that the Communications Committee held its inaugural meeting and noted that it will likely be a very active committee.
- The Committee briefly discussed a rule currently under development that would require delegates to serve on a committee.

### **Finance Committee Update**

- Treasurer Carnahan reported that the Finance Committee updated the budget to reflect \$250,000 in support from ACA and \$150,000 from NBCC, as discussed at the previous Executive Committee meeting. He noted that any excess revenue would be allocated to the reserve account. He also noted that the revised budget would be presented for a vote at the Full Commission meeting later that day.

### **Executive Director Performance Review- Closed Session**

- Legal Counsel Kalfas advised that Section 9.E.2, subsections (b), (d), and (f) provide the authority for the Committee to enter closed session for discussion of the Executive Director's performance review.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Carnahan made the motion to enter closed session. Dr. Robinson (Vice Chair) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Committee entered closed session at 1:18 p.m. ET and returned to open session at 1:55 p.m. ET.
- **Motion:** T. Onorato made the motion to accept the recommendation discussed in closed session. L. Shaughnessy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Director Report/ Go Live Updates**

- Director Searls reported that 2,650 Compact privileges have been issued. He noted that Wyoming and Tennessee recently launched, with 100 privileges issued following their launch.

### **Questions and Comments**

- **None**

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions and having completed all the agenda items, Chair Speakman declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m. ET.