

Counseling Compact Full Commission Meeting September 2026

Meeting Minutes

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

Held Virtually via Zoom

Delegates Present

Tobi Zavala, Arizona
Daniel Scheaffer, Arkansas
Lori DePalma, Connecticut
Alison Warren, Delaware
LaTrice Herndon, District of Columbia
Ashleigh Irving, Florida
Angie Smith, Georgia
Martin Justice, Indiana
Tony Alden, Iowa
Laura Shaughnessy, Kansas
Denise Hutchins, Kentucky
Jamie S. Doming, Louisiana
Joanne Grant, Maine
Samantha Strehlo, Minnesota
Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Mississippi
Mindy Jorgensen, Montana
Dr. Susan Meyerle, Nebraska
Joelle McNutt, Nevada
Ashley Czechowicz, New Hampshire
Milagros Collazo, New Jersey
Dr. Denauvo Robinson, North Carolina
Jessica Danielson, North Dakota
Brian Carnahan, Ohio
Dr. Johnie Fredman, Oklahoma
Dr. Markesha Miller, South Carolina
Jennifer Stalley, South Dakota
Kimberly Speakman, Tennessee
Brian Pedersen, Utah
Dr. Gerard Lawson, Virginia
Lana Crawford, Washington
Tony Onorato, West Virginia

Delegates Absent

Dr. Sherionda Crawford, Alabama
Reina Sbarbaro-Gordon, Colorado
Dr. Lisa Connors, Maryland
Gloria Lindsey, Missouri
Michael Bibeault, Rhode Island
Angela Auer, Vermont
Dr. Tim Strait, Wisconsin
Carlos Gomez, Wyoming

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present

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

Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent

Joe Sapp, AMHCA

CAMS Staff Present

Greg Searls, Executive Director
Michelle Lynch

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Speakman called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. ET

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Executive Director Greg Searls conducted a roll call. Absences are as listed above. 31 of the 39 jurisdictions were present. A quorum was present.

Agenda

- Chair Speakman reviewed the agenda and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- **Motion:** Dr. Fredman made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion carried with 29 of 31 delegates voting in favor; 2 delegates did not cast votes.

Minutes

- Chair Speakman reviewed the February full commission minutes and asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
- **Motion:** Dr. Miller made the motion to approve the February full commission meeting minutes as presented. L. Shaughnessy seconded the motion. The motion carried with 29 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

Regarding Chapter 8 (conversion)

- The Commission reviewed the rule. J. Doming requested that “CompactConnect” be changed to “data system” to be consistent with other rules.
- Legal Counsel Kalfas explained that this would not be considered a substantive change, so the rule will not need to go back out to public comment.
- Rules Committee Chair Smith informed the Commission that the Rules Committee heard Delegate Doming’s request and agreed that the wording should be updated.

- **Motion:** Dr. Lawson made the motion to approve the rule with the proposed changes. Dr. Fredman seconded the motion. The motion carried with 29 affirmative votes. 1 delegate voted no and 1 delegate did not cast a vote.

Chapter 9 and 10

- Rules Committee Chair Smith reviewed the rules.
- A. Irving noted an inconsistency in the rule regarding the effective date. The introductory language stated the rule would become effective 30 days after Full Commission approval, while Section 10.0 stated it would become effective upon passage by the Commission.
- Legal Counsel Kalfas clarified that updating the language for consistency would not constitute a substantive change to the rule.
- No amendments were proposed.
- **Motion:** D. Hutchins made the motion to approve the rules. Rules Committee Chair Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with 31 votes in favor.

Budget Changes

- Treasurer Carnahan explained that during a review of the budget and funding agreements, the Finance Committee determined that the full funding commitments from both funding partners had not been included. Specifically, ACA's contribution did not reflect the full amount committed.
- Treasurer Carnahan noted the proposed budget amendment increases ACA's contribution and establishes a reserve fund, as recommended and approved by the Finance Committee.
- **Motion:** Secretary Zavala made a motion to approve the revised budget. T. Onorato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with 31 votes in favor.

Full Commission Meeting in November Discussion

- The Commission discussed whether to hold an additional full Commission meeting in November because there are several rules currently in public comment or wait until the annual business meeting in February.
- Chair Speakman and Rules Committee Chair Smith both supported meeting in November if enough rules are approved by the Rules and Executive Committees in time.
- Executive Director Greg Searls will circulate a Doodle poll for a possible November date. The meeting will be called only if sufficient participation is confirmed; otherwise, the rules will be moved to the February meeting.

Delegate, Alternate, and Ex-Officio Questions and Comments

- None

Public Questions and Comments

- None

Executive Director Update

- Executive Director Searls shared recent statistics:
 - ~48% of licensees with privileges hold more than one state; 3 hold 7 of 8 states, 2 hold all 8.
 - ~130 privileges not yet renewed vs. ~120 renewed.
 - Pennsylvania is the 40th participating state (law not yet in effect; non-voting today).

Adjournment

- Seeing no further questions, Chair Speakman declared adjournment of the meeting at 2:45 p.m. ET