



Occupational Therapy Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

Committee Members Present:

Teri Black
Ann Cosby
Adrienne Price
Michael Sobowale

Committee Members Absent:

Vanessa Beauchamp
Nate Brown
Claire Covert-ByBee

Legal Counsel Present:

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

CSG Staff Present:

Carl Sims, CSG

Members of the Public Present

Madison Mulherin
Ariel Wallace

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Welcome/Call to Order

- T. Black called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. ET

Roll Call

- C. Sims called the roll. Vanessa Beauchamp, Nate Brown, and Claire Covert-ByBee were absent.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- T. Black reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** A. Cosby moved that the committee adopt the agenda. A. Price seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Discussion of Interim Chair Role and Nomination and Election for Chair

- T. Black called on N. Kalfas for explanation.
- N. Kalfas explained that in keeping with best practices, and to avoid any appearance of undue influence, the chair of the Rules Committee should not be a member of the Executive Committee, and therefore T. Black would serve only as interim chair. The Rules Committee can suggest a chair to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee can take that recommendation into consideration when appointing.
- A. Price nominated M. Sobowale to serve as chair. M. Sobowale accepted the nomination.
- T. Black called for other nominations.
- Seeing no other nominations, T. Black called for motion to submit M. Sobowale's name to the Executive Committee for its consideration for the position of Rules Committee Chair.
- **Motion:** A. Price made the requested motion. A. Cosby seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
- M. Sobowale thanked the Rules Committee for their trust.

Review of Role of Rules Committee, Review of Sample Language for Proposed Rule on Definitions, and Explanation of Rulemaking Process

- T. Black called on N. Kalfas to discuss the agenda item.
- N. Kalfas reminded the group to disclose potential conflicts if they arise in the course of committee work. She additionally reminded the group that the compact supersedes conflicting state law but not state constitutions.
- N. Kalfas overviewed the rulemaking process as outlined in the compact legislation and the Rule on Rulemaking. The process for creating bylaws and FAQs was also discussed.

Questions and Public Comments

- T. Black asked if each state would have to individually promulgate the rules promulgated by the commission. N. Kalfas confirmed they would not.
- T. Black called for other questions. No delegates or members of the public had additional questions.
- N. Kalfas requested the presence of M. Sobowale at the November Executive Committee for the discussion of his appointment as Rules Committee Chair. M. Sobowale stated that he planned to attend.
- A. Cosby asked if committee members could sit in on other committees. N. Kalfas stated that attending other committee meetings was encouraged if possible. N. Kalfas provided additional information about how to register for other committee meetings.
- M. Sobowale asked if it would be possible to have an individual on the committee to take minutes. N. Kalfas indicated that it would be possible if the committee so chose.

Meeting Closure

- T. Black asked if there were any final questions or announcements.
- Hearing none, T. Black called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** M. Sobowale motioned to adjourn. A. Price seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- T. Black stated the meeting was adjourned.