



Occupational Therapy Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Michael Sobowale, Chair
Teri Black
Nate Brown
Ann Cosby
Claire Covert-ByBee

Committee Members Absent:

Vanessa Beauchamp
Adrienne Price

Executive Committee Members Present:

Shaun Conway

Legal Counsel Present:

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

CSG Staff Present:

Isabel Eliassen, CSG

Members of the Public Present:

Lea Weiss
Sandra Rae
Sophie Uehara

Welcome/Call to Order

- M. Sobowale called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. ET and welcomed the attendees. M. Sobowale also reminded the group that the meetings would be 90 minutes starting from this meeting, as the group previously agreed.

Roll Call

- I. Eliassen called the roll. V. Beauchamp and A. Price were absent.
- Public Members introduced themselves.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- M. Sobowale called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** C. Covert-ByBee moved that the committee adopt the agenda. N. Brown seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- M. Sobowale reviewed the minutes and called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting.
- **Motion:** N. Brown moved that the committee adopt the minutes. T. Black seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Rule on Definitions

- M. Sobowale led the group in a discussion of the Rule on Definitions.
- Deactivate:
 - The group discussed whether to include a definition for deactivate.
 - **Motion:** C. Covert-ByBee motioned to remove “deactivate” from the list of definitions to be defined at this time and address concerns via FAQ if needed. N. Brown seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- Minor Infraction:
 - The group discussed that minor infractions were not reportable to the NPDB.
 - N. Kalfas reminded the group that the goal of the rules was to offer states guidance as to how implement the compact, not to create overly restrictive guidelines that hinder states or practitioners.
 - The group discussed the possibility of mirroring NPDB requirements versus the specific reporting requirements the compact may not need. The group also discussed the difficulty of creating a definition that will address all relevant situations in all states and territories.
 - **Motion:** C. Covert-ByBee motioned to remove “minor infraction” from the rule on definitions and instead create a flowchart or similar document which would provide member states with information indicating what current significant investigative information should be reported to the data system. N. Brown seconded the motion. All delegates voted in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Closure

- M. Sobowale asked if there were any final questions or announcements. Hearing none, reminded the group the next meeting would take place February 21. He called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** N. Brown motioned to adjourn. C. Covert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. ET.