



## **Occupational Therapy Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 21, 2023

### **Committee Members Present:**

Michael Sobowale, Chair  
Teri Black  
Ann Cosby  
Vanessa Beauchamp  
Adrienne Price

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Nate Brown  
Claire Covert-ByBee

### **Executive Committee Members Present:**

Shaun Conway  
Missy Anthony

### **Legal Counsel Present:**

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

### **CSG Staff Present:**

Isabel Eliassen, CSG

### **Members of the Public Present:**

Caitlin Cornish

### **Welcome/Call to Order**

- M. Sobowale called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- I. Eliassen called the roll. N. Brown and C. Covert-ByBee were absent.
- Public Members introduced themselves.

### **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

- M. Sobowale called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** V. Beauchamp moved that the committee adopt the agenda. A. Price 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:** T. Black moved that the committee adopt the minutes. A. Price seconded the motion. V. Beauchamp abstained due to absence at the previous meeting, all others present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Discussion of Rule on Definitions**

- Initial Privilege to Practice
  - M. Sobowale stated that the definition captured the needs of the compact.
- Unencumbered License
  - The group agreed that this definition would need to specify “member state.” Additionally, state courts may restrict licenses, not just boards.
  - The group clarified that the compact applied to those with a full license—one that is not—not temporary or provisional.
  - The group discussed why temporary licenses could not be used to confer compact privileges, such as in the case of a new practitioner not passing an exam and temporary licenses being issued in varying conditions in compact states. However, some states may issue a temporary license that is still named an “OT license.”
  - The group discussed instead defining the term “license” or “unrestricted license.”
  - The group agreed that being temporary could be considered a condition on the license.
  - The group struck the word “full” from the definition.
- Minor Infraction
  - The group discussed adding “minor infraction” back to the list of defined terms.
  - N. Kalfas stated that this would allow the committee to add guardrails to the term to ensure all states interpret it uniformly.

### **Discussion of Data System Requirements**

- M. Sobowale mentioned that the data system terms would need to use OT and OTA instead of audiologist and SLP. He also recommended removing the reference to “party states” and that there should be a specific time period within which the commission must notify states of current significant investigation.
- T. Black stated that “NPI” should not be included, “privileges to practice privileges” should be rephrased, and that further information was needed on alternative programs.
- The group decided they would finish discussion of this issue at their next meeting.

### **Questions and Comments**

- N. Kalfas reminded the group that the next meeting was on March 21. The group would be considered to move extremely quickly if the Rule on Definitions and Data System Requirements were voted on at that meeting.

### Meeting Closure

- Hearing no further comments, M. Sobowale called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** V. Beauchamp motioned to adjourn. A. Price seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. ET.