



Occupational Therapy Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Nate Brown
Claire Covert-ByBee

Commissioners Present

Shaun Conway (NBCOT)

Commissioners Present

Greg Searls

Legal Counsel Present:

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

CSG Staff Present:

Isabel Eliassen

ASMI Staff Present

Dan Manz

No members of the public were present.

Welcome/Call to Order

- M. Sobowale called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- I. Eliassen called the roll; two committee members were absent. Teri Black arrived at 4:00 pm ET.

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.
- V. Beauchamp noted an error where the minutes read “occupation therapist” when they should read “occupational therapist.”
- **Motion:** A. Price moved that the committee adopt the minutes as amended. A. Cosby seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Executive Committee Requests on Rule on Data System Requirements

- M. Sobowale reported that he presented the committee’s work to the executive committee at their meeting on May 8. They approved the Rule on Definitions for the review of the full Commission, but they had concerns about the background check not being addressed in the Rule on Data System Requirements.
- M. Sobowale led the group in a review of the background check as stated in the compact.
- N. Kalfas said that this was a compliance issue and that the committee could issue timeline compliance requirements as that became relevant.
- Committee members were unclear as to why the background check needed to be included in this rule. N. Kalfas explained that it was explicitly stated in the compact that completion of background checks were required for participation. Member states were not providing the results of the check, only verification that the background check was completed.
- The committee discussed the wording and placement of additional language to resolve the executive committee’s concern.
- N. Kalfas established that background checks were required for all who wanted to obtain a privilege, even if they had not previously done so to get a license in their home state.
- **Motion:** V. Beauchamp motioned for the amended document to be sent back to the Executive Committee. A. Price seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion of Potential FAQs and By-Law Amendments

- M. Sobowale talked about the work the committee would do in upcoming meetings: FAQs and bylaw revisions. Two items that had been discussed at previous meetings and were likely to be first on the list were *disqualifying event* and *encumbrance*, which would utilize a flow chart.
- N. Kalfas stated that the FAQs seemed more pressing and could be addressed first.
- The committee will receive documents for review for the next meeting by June 9.

Questions and Comments

- I. Eliassen mentioned to the group that because there was no upcoming full Commission meeting where the rules could be discussed, the Rules Committee could consider whether it

might want to recommend that the public comment period for the rules wait until when a full Commission meeting was scheduled.

- Motion: V. Beauchamp motioned for the Rules Committee to recommend to the Executive Committee to delay posting of rules for public comment until such a time as the posting of the public comment period could coincide with the posting of notice for a full Commission meeting. A. Price seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All delegates present voted in favor.
- I. Eliassen mentioned that the transition to the new secretariat was underway and the next meeting would likely be her last. M. Sobowale thanked I. Eliassen for her work.
- M. Sobowale asked for additional questions and comments from the delegates.

Meeting Closure

- Hearing no further comments, M. Sobowale called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** A. Cosby motioned to adjourn. T. Black seconded the motion. The motion passed and meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. ET.