



Occupational Therapy Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2022

Committee Members Present:

Michael Sobowale, Chair
Vanessa Beauchamp
Nate Brown
Ann Cosby
Claire Covert-ByBee
Adrienne Price

Committee Members Absent:

Teri Black

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:

None

Welcome/Call to Order

- M. Sobowale called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- I. Eliassen called the roll. Teri Black was absent.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- M. Sobowale stated that the group would continue working on terms which they had not finished defining, then reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** V. Beauchamp moved that the committee adopt the agenda. C. Covert-ByBee 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.
- I. Eliassen noted the date of the minutes was listed incorrectly. N. Kalfas noted that A. Price was listed as both present and not present but had attended the meeting.
- **Motion:** A. Price moved that the committee adopt the minutes as amended. A. Cosby seconded the motion. N. Brown voted to abstain due to absence at the prior meeting, all others 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 using a definition for “deactivate” similar to the Nurse Licensure Compact, but noted a few differences between the OT Compact that would require adjustments (using the term “member state” rather than “party state;” “privilege to practice” and not “multistate license;” inclusion of the term “home state license”).
 - The group expressed desire to show that the license issued by the primary state of residence and the home state license have the same meaning.
 - The group agreed on added language to differentiate between single-state license and home state license.
 - The group agreed to consider the language further and revisit it at the next meeting.
- Home State License:
 - The group agreed the changes made last time were sufficient.
- Encumbrance—the group
 - Regarding encumbrances, the group discussed the following items: NPDB reporting practices by state, formal versus informal disciplinary action, inactive licenses, and types of encumbrances.
 - The group discussed addressing questions about “encumbrance via FAQs and adding a definition for unencumbered.
 - **Motion:** V. Beauchamp motioned to remove the definition for encumbrance and add a definition for unencumbered license. A. Price seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Questions and Public Comments

- The group discussed making the meeting 2 hours or 90 minutes in the future.
- **Motion:** A. Price made a motion for future meetings to last 90 minutes, starting at 3:30 p.m. ET. C. Covert-ByBee seconded the motion. All present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Meeting Closure

- M. Sobowale asked if there were any final questions or announcements. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** V. Beauchamp motioned to adjourn. N. Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. ET.