

SW Executive Committee – Agenda

Date: April 16thth, 2025

Location: [Zoom](#)

10:30am- 10:35am Welcome & Call to Order Chair

- Chair calls the meeting to order and asks the Secretary to call the roll.

10:35am -10:40am Roll Call CSG

Position	Name	State/Affiliation	Present
Chair	Hank Cecil	Kentucky	X
Vice Chair/Chair-Elect	Kelli Willis	South Dakota	X
Treasurer	Kevin Fowler	Ohio	X
Secretary	Jana Johansen	Utah	X
Member-at-Large	Dr. Deborah Sills	Georgia	X
Member-at-Large	Dr. Hyacinth Mckee	Louisiana	X
Member-at-Large	Justin Bennett	Missouri	X
Ex-Officio	Jennifer Henkel	ASWB	
Ex-Officio	Dr. Karen Goodenough	NASW	X
Ex-Officio	Dr. Laura Groshong	CSWA	X

10:40am – 10:45am Review and Adopt Agenda* Chair

- The Chair asks if there are any proposed changes to the draft minutes.
- Dr. Goodenough (NASW) notes that she was not present at the last meeting and had sent a representative in her place. She requests that this be reflected accurately in the minutes.
- Justin Bennett (MO) asks for clarification regarding a previous comment about a potential conflict of interest for an ex-officio member serving on a committee.
- Dr. Mckee (LA) makes a motion to approve the draft minutes with amendments and Kelli Willis (SD) seconds the motion.

10:45am – 10:55am

Review and
Approve Draft
Minutes*

Chair

10:55am – 11:05am

Committee
Reports
Rules
Committee
Finance
Committee

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- Rules Committee
 - A motion was brought forward by the Rules Committee. The role of the committee is to send the draft rule to commissioners for comment.
 - Justin Bennett - MO, voted "nay" due to concerns about the finality of the language provided by ASWB. He noted that while the alternative pathway is not closed, the language does not reflect that clearly. He also expressed concern over ASWB's lack of transparency in scoring and the observed disparities in test outcomes.
 - Matt Shafer - CSG emphasized that a public hearing must take place before the rule is brought to the full commission.
 - Justin Bennet - MO raised a question about when the full commission would be engaged.
 - Samantha Nance walked the group through the rulemaking procedure, noting that the process is based on feedback from the commission.
 - The process of the public hearing was clarified and that recommendations would be presented to the commission before the hearing takes place.
 - Jana Johansen - UT asked whether all member states are required to announce the rulemaking process on their respective websites. It was confirmed that this announcement would be made on the Commission's official site.
 - Dr. Sills – GA asked whether the public would have the opportunity to participate during the full commission meeting. The answer was yes.
 - Samantha Nance clarified the role and process of the Rules Committee, explaining that while there is structure, the rules are designed with an “evergreen” quality—meaning they can be amended as needed and are not permanently fixed.
 - There was discussion around competency equivalence and whether there are alternative approaches or examinations that would meet national standards.

- Dr. Sills – GA made a motion to send the Rules Committee's draft rule proposal to the full commission.
- Dr. McKee – LA seconded the motion.
 - Justin Bennett – MO noted that when the proposal is sent out, commissioners are added on a BCC line. He suggested ensuring that replies are sent to all.
- The motion passed with all in favor.
- Finance Committee:
 - Kevin Fowler - OH outlined the primary functions of the Finance Committee, which include:
 - Developing a sustainable fee structure to fund Commission operations
 - Identifying and pursuing funding sources such as government grants
 - Assessing member states directly for financial contributions
 - Fowler – OH overviewed the committees' discussion on potential revenue from government grants and contributions from outside organizations.
 - Preliminary example budgets were reviewed to guide early planning.
 - Major anticipated expenses include:
 - Development and maintenance of a centralized data system
 - Hiring and supporting Commission staff
 - Hosting and organizing annual meetings
 - Dr. McKee - LA requested a review of the Commission's contractual obligations, including:
 - Contract timeframes and termination clauses
 - Total costs and expenditures to date
 - Development of proposed budgets to understand the current financial outlook
- Dr. Goodenough – NASW recommended creating a financial overview comparing income and costs across various licensing boards. This would help determine how each member state might contribute equitably.
- Matt Shafer - CSG offered to provide relevant data to the Commission. He cited the Physical Therapy Compact as an example, which charges \$45 per compact privilege. He noted that the Social Work Compact model may be closer to the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) but will gather and share exact figures for further review.

11:10am – 11:15am	Review and Discussion of Data System Demo Videos <i>Scoresheet Results</i>	Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hank Cecil – KY clarified that there are no guarantees regarding implementation timelines or outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For compacts not part of Compact Connect (beyond the three that currently use it), it was mentioned that many of those had already developed national data systems prior to joining their respective compacts. ○ The committee expressed interest in learning from those experiences, and there was openness to inviting representatives from other compacts to share insights. • Justin Bennet - MO also asked if the pricing would remain the same for each company that responded to the RFI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hank Cecil – KY clarified that the final cost structure may not be known until the RFP (Request for Proposal) process is complete. 	
11:15am – 11:20am	RFP Next Steps Discussion	Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RFP will be released with a due date for June. The Executive Committee will review results at their meeting in July. 	
11:20am – 11:25	Delegate Questions and Comments	Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair asks for any further questions and receives none. 	
11:25am – 11:30am	Public Questions and Comments	Chair
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No requests for public comment were made. 	
11:30am	Adjourn*	Chair

* Indicates agenda item requires Executive Committee vote