

## SW Executive Committee – Minutes

**Date:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10:00 am to 11:00am ET

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

**10:00am - 10:01am**                      **Welcome & Call to Order**                      **Chair**

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**10:01am - 10:02am**                      **Roll Call**                      **CSG**

State/ Affiliation	Name	Present
Kentucky	Hank Cecil, Chair	X
South Dakota	Kelli Willis, Vice Chair	X
Ohio	Kevin Fowler, Treasurer	X
Georgia	Dr. Deborah Sills	X
Louisiana	Dr. Hyacinth Mckee	X
Missouri	Justin Bennett	
North Carolina	Elizabeth Pope	X
ASWB	Jennifer Henkel	X
NASW	Dr. Karen Goodenough	X
CSWA	Laura Groshong	X

- Dan Logsdon, Kaitlyn Bison, Imani Smith (CSG), present. Jay Phillips (legal counsel proxy), present.

**10:02am – 10:05am**                      **Review and Adopt Agenda\***                      **Chair**

- Dr. Hyacinth McKee makes motion to introduce the letter from ASWB and add to the agenda for open session discussion, Dr. Deborah Sills seconds. Motion passes.
- Kevin Fowler makes motion to adopt agenda, as amended. Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes.

**10:05am – 10:10am**

**Review and Approve Draft Minutes\***

**Chair**

- Kevin Fowler makes motion to approve minutes. Dr. McKee seconds. Motion passes.
- Dr. McKee makes motion to enter an executive session. Elizabeth Pope seconds. Motion passes.

**10:10am – 10:30am**

**Executive Session: Discussion of contractual service performance and personnel matters pursuant to Compact Section 10.F.2.b, and negotiating contracts pursuant to Section 10.F.2.e.\***

**Chair**

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES RECORDED. NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEW.**

**11:03am – 11:04am**

**Return to Open Session & Report on Executive Session\***

**Chair**

- Dr. McKee makes motion to return to open session, Kelli Willis seconds. Motion passes.
- Dr. McKee makes motion that letter from Chair goes to states to affirm commissioner appointments according to statute, Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes; Kelli Willis opposes.
- Dr. McKee makes motion to create guidelines for CSG staff for communications with commission, Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- Dr. McKee makes motion for authorizing the Commission Chair to establish a timeline for establishing a search committee to develop a plan for an independent Executive Director by July 1, 2026; Elizabeth Pope seconds. Motion passes.
- Dr. McKee makes motion to appoint the Commission Chair to serve as project manager for the social work compact commission.
  - Elizabeth Pope asks a clarifying question. Seconds motion.
  - Dr. McKee makes a friendly amendment that the Chair would receive input from the technical advisory group, consisting of three member states, regarding changes.

- Elizabeth Pope asks clarifying question on workflow and how reports would be made to the Executive Committee under the proposed process, in reference to previous memos regarding the Chair's solo meetings with the Data Vendor. Proposes appointing an additional officer to serve with the Chair in project management.
- Dr. McKee mentions previous authorization by the commission for Chair to meet with Data vendor.
- Dr. McKee makes motion to appoint Chair as the Product Manager and one additional officer to serve on the technical assistance group with the chair. Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes.
  - Elizabeth Pope asks for volunteers. Kevin Fowler volunteers for the role.
- Dr. McKee makes motion for the data system to be designated as a regulatory system of record. Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes.
- Chair iterates that social security number matter is not equal with the unique identifier.
  - Dr. Sills asks clarifying question to make distinction that unique identifier is separate.
  - Dr. McKee asks to hear further explanations from Inspiring Apps.
  - Dr. Goodenough makes note on how to ensure unique identifier for those legally residing in the country without an SSN. Asks to invite IA to next Executive Committee meeting.
- Dr. McKee makes motion to invite IA to the next Executive Committee meeting. Kevin Fowler seconds. Motion passes.
- Dr. McKee makes motion for normalization of data submitted by member states, by the data vendor, to prevent the over-workload put onto the member states. Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes.
  - Elizabeth Pope asks clarifying question.
- Dr. McKee asks clarifying question regarding if contract with CSG will be made out to the commission. Makes motion for ownership of all custom rules and system be of the commission. Dr. Sills seconds. Motion passes.
- Dr. McKee asks question regarding an agreement about the Social Work Compact automatically being a part of the Joint Compact Commission wants to clarify control for the commission regarding the commission's information.
  - Elizabeth Pope asks for continuation of conversation and motion after meeting with IA in next executive session.

10:35am – 10:45 am

Review of Memo from ASWB.

Chair

- Dr. McKee introduces the letter submitted by Dan Logsdon on behalf of ASWB. States information enumerated in the letter is a breach of the previous closed executive session, citing misinformation regarding removing CSG, and numerous demands.
- Jennifer Henkel (ASWB) iterates previous discussions regarding administration of the compact and the presence of legal counsel. Affirms ASWB leadership was a part of the writing and submission of letter.
  - Dr. McKee asks continuing questions concerning the tone of the letter.
  - Jennifer Henkel reiterates that Logsdon sent the letter per the contract between CSG and ASWB.
    - Dr. McKee continues questioning.
    - Jennifer Henkel affirms that the intent was for clarification, per the HRSA grant.
      - Elizabeth Pope asks if commission must respond.
    - Chair responds with his own statement, iterating commission is not a subsidiary nor accountable to CSG or ASWB. Cites his response memos and eligibility question. Reiterates that commission will continue with work.
      - Kevin Fowler says that he did not perceive letter by ASWB as demands but questions regarding decisions impacting funding; says he believes commission should be more transparent with partners.
      - Dr. Sills notes their confusion over what information has not been communicated.
      - Laura Groshong notes communication as important but does not believe that ASWB letter was intended to usurp responsibility of compact. Asked that the commission responds to the letter.
      - Dr. Goodenough cites that there could be a perception and communication issue, and that number one priority should be establishing the commission. States that nothing has happened yet to warrant memos.
        - Asks for dialogue in meetings from all involved before memos, asks for time allotted in meetings going forward.
  - Laura Groshong asks for an opportunity to speak to Dan Logsdon (CSG). Asks to table issue until the next meeting.
    - Dr. Goodenough adds in need for legal counsel to be spoken to as well.

- Chair agrees to table issue to next meeting that Nance and Logsdon are available.
- Elizabeth Pope and Dr. Sills ask for consideration for more frequent or longer meetings.
  - Meetings will be held on a more frequent basis, either weekly or biweekly.
- Dr. Sills adds for establishing future additional meetings to be held on set on routine days of week.

**Delegate Questions and Comments**

**Chair**

- *None provided.*

**Public Questions and Comments**

**Chair**

- *None provided.*

**12:06am**

**Adjourn\***

**Chair**

- Elizabeth Pope makes motion to adjourn meeting. Kevin Fowler seconds. Motion passes and commission adjourns.

\* Indicates agenda item requires Executive Committee vote