

## SW Finance Committee – Minutes

**Date:** January 13th at 3pm – 4pm ET

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

For questions, please email: [socialworkcompact@csg.org](mailto:socialworkcompact@csg.org)

### ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Name	State	Present
Kevin Fowler, Chair	Ohio	X
Tobi Zavala	Arizona	X
Barry Noel	Rhode Island	X
David Fye	Kansas	X

- CSG staff present, represented by: Kaitlyn Bison, Imani Smith
- Legal Counsel, Samantha Nance present.

3:00pm- 3:05pm                      Welcome & Call to Order                      Chair

- Chair called meeting to order at 3:01pm ET.

3:05pm -3:10pm                      Roll Call                      CSG

- Roll call attendance called.

3:10pm – 3:15pm                      Review and Adopt Agenda\*                      Chair

- Tobi Zavala makes motion, Barry Noel seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

3:15pm – 3:20pm                      Review and Approve Draft Minutes\*

- David Fye asks for clarification on unfamiliar phrasing. Proposed edit on page 3, “Chair mentions the Counseling Compact...it data being limited”. CSG staff will update.
- Tobi Zavala asks if she must abstain from approval vote due to absence in the last meeting. Legal Counsel confirms.
- Fye makes motion to approve minutes with corrections, Noel seconds. Motion passes, with one abstention.

3:20pm – 3:30pm

Discussion on Fees

Chair/ Interim Legal  
Counsel

- The Chair introduces the topic. Reviews the matter concerning how to survey states.
- Kaitlyn Bison presents a draft survey for review. Noel mentions favor for plan and survey approach. David Fye asks about including an option for survey agencies listing fee amounts, and spelling corrections.
- Bison asks for a deadline for survey distribution. Fye asks about turnaround with commission executive committee meeting; advises sending out one week before deadline.
- David Fye suggests maintaining a low compact fee for engagement in first year, then reevaluating amount after experience; references example in Kansas. Advises considering a \$10 fee per multistate license issued.
- Legal counsel iterates the matter may be for the Rules Committee’s consideration, regarding fee cycles.
- Fye mentions that he predicts that large volume (>50 percent) of social workers may utilize the multistate license, based on popularity of previous similar offerings. Cites staffing, volume, etc.
- Legal counsel recommends being prospective in considering fee fluctuations and budget predictions for years-long processes.
- Zavala notes agreement with legal counsel, advises increasing initial fees to cover unexpected costs, and lowering as budgetary needs reappear more clear.
- Fye notes PsyPact compact example in Kansas and the need for initial incentivization.
- Chair notes a decision will need to be made in upcoming months. Asks for further discussion.

3:30pm – 3:45pm

State-Level Survey Strategy  
and Data Collection

Chair/ CSG

- Discussed under previous agenda item.

3:45pm – 3:55pm

Review Cost comparison for  
Data System Identifier

Chair/ CSG

- Chair introduces the topic, notes \$130,000 cost increase, and resource developed by the commission chair regarding social security numbers data collection contract. \$15,000 estimate, as well as extra auditing fees included, as exemplified in Counseling Compact. Notes his concern with budgetary figures provided.

- Noel notes information provided by IA and use of unique identifiers and social security numbers, notes that it may mitigate some concerns of the commission.
- Legal Counsel iterates social security number is used as a validating data point, not for primary identification. Notes that additional identifiers would increase price of system.
- Fye notes processing and issuing based on feedback received from IA.
- Legal counsel iterates logistical issues regarding privilege model versus commission’s multistate license model. Collection and remittance technicalities.
  - Bison notes Inspiring Apps is grappling with similar questions per development with other compacts with multistate license model.

3:55pm – 4:00pm

Delegate Questions and Comments

Chair

- None provided.

Public Questions and Comments

Chair

- None provided.

4:00pm

Adjourn\*

Chair

- Chair entertains motion. Barry Noel makes motion, Fye seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

\* Indicates agenda item requires Finance Committee vote