



SW Joint Rules/Finance Committee – Minutes

Kevin Fowler, Social Work Commission Treasurer

Justin Bennett, Social Work Commission Rules Chair

Date: July 1, 2026, 2:30 pm to 3:30pm ET

Location: [Zoom](#)

2:30pm

Welcome & Call to Order

- Kevin Fowler (Treasurer) calls the meeting to order. Treasurer asks Kaitlyn Bison (CSG) to take roll.

Roll Call

CSG

State/ Affiliation	Name	Present
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Ohio	Kevin Fowler, Treasurer	X
Arizona	Tobi Zavala	X
Rhode Island	Barry Noel	Absent
Mississippi	Veronica Knowles	Absent
Maryland	Karen Richards	X
Tennessee	Ashley Childers	Absent
Kansas	David Fye	X
RULES COMMITTEE		
Missouri	Justin Bennett, Rules Chair	X
Minnesota	Youa Yang	X
Maine	Angela Fileccia	Absent
Kansas	David Fye	X
South Dakota	Kelli Willis	X

- Kaitlyn Bison (CSG) takes the roll. A quorum of both committees is present.

2:35pm

Review and Adopt Agenda*

- Treasurer asks for a motion to adopt the agenda. David Fye (KS) moves to adopt the agenda. Justin Bennett (MO) seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Review on Draft Rule on Fees

- Treasurer introduces the draft rule and recent comments received from the Commission Chair for review.
- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) provides context and reason for joint meeting to review comments received.

1:45pm – 2:20pm

Draft Rule on Fees: Discussion

- Treasurer reviews Commission chair's comments one by one, starting with the purpose section and asks for feedback and discussion on comment.
- Justin Bennett (MO) adds that additional information suggested may not provide additional clarity.
 - Treasurer agrees. David Fye (KS) also agrees language not needed.
- Treasurer introduces suggestion made by Commission Chair for future fee review processes.
 - Treasurer points to existing language that points to transparency and potential future changes based on operational costs. Asks if any other committee members believe timeframe for review should be included. No comments made to the contrary.
- Treasurer moves onto next comment changing the definition of "Member State fee".
 - David Fye (KS) mentions could create confusion with background check fee collected.
 - Samantha Nance (interim Legal counsel) also mentions that the addition of this would change intention of the administrative fee and could create some internal inconsistency.
 - Justin Bennett (MO) adds that he feels this existing definition captures the intended meaning with the difference between "Administrative Fee" and "Multistate License Transaction".
- David Fye (KS) adds that "nonrefundable" in the definition of Administrative Fee might not capture intended meaning
 - Justin Bennett (MO) suggested removing "refundable" entirely.
 - Treasurer and David Fye (KS) agree. Tobi Zavala (AZ) also agrees.
- Treasurer reviews next comment and Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) add that additional language about waiving fees could add confusion due to later text in the rule. She also adds that she believes intention of the language is already present in the current text.
 - Justin Bennett (MO) adds that language about how the fee may not be waived would be sufficient. Tobi Zavala (AZ) adds that she agrees with Justin Bennett (MO) and David Fye (KS).

- Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) adds that saying that the fee is non-refundable but deleting that it may not be waived accurately captures the intent.
- David Fye (KS) suggests adding language “including for applicants whose state has waived the “Member State Fee.”
 - Committee members agree that this captures the intent without complicating things.
- Treasurer introduces Commission Chair’s next comment. Justin Bennett (MO) adds that suggested language has already been covered in existing draft. Treasurer asks for any other thoughts and receives none.
- Treasurer goes to next comment that adds language related to transparency. Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) adds that the suggested additions are not best practice. Committee members agree.
- Justin Bennett (MO) proposes potential additions language about practitioners moving between categories of licensure. Treasurer believes since it is seen as a separate licensure it would still be a multistate license transaction and covered under existing definition, but clarity could be needed.
 - Samantha Nance (Interim Legal Counsel) suggests adding clarifying language to existing definition, such as “or there is a change in category of Multistate License.”
- Justin Bennett (MO) motions to forward to executive committee; David Fye (KS) seconds the motion. Motion passes.

2:20pm – 2:30pm

**Delegate Questions and
Comments**

**Public Questions and
Comments**

- Treasurer asks for delegate and public comments. None provided.

2:30pm

Adjourn*

Chair

- Justin Bennett (MO) makes motion to adjourn, Barry Noel (RI) seconds. Motion carried.

