

**ASLP-IC Rules Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2025**



Via Teleconference 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87462964368?pwd=7lo8V2PGaxjHwFN39loNDIDsdeQocy.1>

3:00 PM – 3:05 PM	Welcome Call to Order	Committee Chair
	Roll Call	Commission Director
3:05 PM – 3:07 PM	Review and Adopt Agenda*	Committee Chair
3:07 PM – 3:10 PM	Review and Adopt Minutes from* July 10, 2025 <a href="https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Draft_ASLP-IC-Rules-Committee-Minutes-July-10-2025.docx">https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Draft_ASLP-IC-Rules-Committee-Minutes-July-10-2025.docx</a>	Committee Chair
3:10 PM – 3:55 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the amendment to the dataset requirement rule</li> <li>• Update on the supervised postgraduate professional experience</li> <li>• Discussion and vote on the Timeline and Compliance Checklist***</li> <li>• Staggered Terms</li> <li>• Proposed bylaws amendment; changing the Commission’s operational and reporting fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 to October 1 to September 30.</li> <li>• Discussion of future business and potential new rules</li> </ul>	Committee Chair, Legal
3:55 PM – 4:00 PM 4:00 PM	Public Comment Adjourn*	Committee Chair Committee Chair

\*Indicates agenda item requires Committee vote

\*\*\*Indicates amended agenda item

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**Delegates Present**

Chair: Gregg Thornton (OH)  
Claire Covert-ByBee (NE)  
Tamara Cranfill (KY)  
Michael Zagarella (WV)

**Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

**Others Present (in alphabetical order)**

Susan Adams (ASHA)  
Amanda Allen (Executive Director, Georgia)  
Jeanette Benigas  
Melanie-Joy Dorn  
Lesley Edwards-Gaither (Executive Director, ASLP-IC)

**Welcome/Call to Order**

- G. Thornton called the Rules Committee meeting to order at 3:00 PM ET.

**Roll Call**

- L. Edwards-Gaither called the roll.

**Review and Adopt of Agenda**

- G. Thornton asked if there were any questions about the agenda and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved to adopt the Rules Committee agenda as amended to add voting items. M. Zagarella seconded the motion as amended. All Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Review and Adopt Minutes**

- G. Thornton asked if there were any questions about the July 10, 2025, meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved that the Rules Committee adopt the amended July 10, 2025, meeting minutes. M. Zagarella seconded the motion. Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.

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### Update on the Amendment to the Dataset Requirement Rule

- G. Thornton explained that this rule was amended to add the NPI number to dataset requirements, as the data system will accommodate.
- The rule was approved by the Executive Committee at their last meeting and will be posted for approval of the full Commission at the next Annual Meeting.
- N. Kalfas clarified that this change was needed to ensure the security of the provider.

### Update on the Supervised Postgraduate Professional Experience

- G. Thornton shared that this update is not for any committee action today. The update is prompted by CMS' initial announcement that provisionally licensed SLPs could not be reimbursed for their services. CMS has since reversed their decision. The compact enabling statute requires supervised postgraduate professional experience. Any determination made by the compact will be in line with the rights of state licensing boards to define what a postgraduate supervised experience requires.
- N. Kalfas reiterated that states must require a supervised postgraduate experience. The Rules Committee retains the authority to create a rule, but given the emergency has passed, there is time to fully review.
- T. Cranfill shared that the Kentucky state association came before the Kentucky Board regarding legislative change. KSHA may still go to the legislature for change. T. Cranfill shared that other states may also try to make such a change that may cause problems for the Compact in the future.
- G. Thornton thanked ASHA for their advocacy efforts in reversing CMS' policy.

### Timeline and Compliance Checklist\*

- N. Kalfas shared that the Compliance Committee is just starting.
- N. Kalfas recommends the checklist be approved by the Rules Committee for approval to send to the Executive Committee. The checklist will serve as notice to states prior to the launch of CompactConnect.
- **Motion:** M. Zagarella moved to approve the Compliance Checklist as amended and send to the Executive Committee for approval. T. Cranfill seconded the motion as amended. All Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.

### Staggered Terms

- G. Thornton shared the draft amendments to the bylaws to include staggered terms to for members of the Executive Committee.
- N. Kalfas indicated that since this was not going to be ready for voting at the annual business meeting, the Committee can continue discussions.

- G. Thornton asked that any comments be shared with L. Edwards-Gaither and will be further discussed at the next Rules Committee meeting.

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

- G. Thornton shared a proposed bylaws change to return the fiscal year back to the original October - September fiscal year.
- C. Covert-ByBee shared that the fiscal year July – June fiscal year change forced the Commission to have two business meetings. One to approve the budget and one for the annual business meeting.
- S. Adams shared that the Commission annual business meeting may occur in October and would still potentially need a second full Commission meeting.
- G. Thornton shared that the issue can be tabled for further review and discussion.

### **Discussion of Future Business and Potential New Rules**

- G. Thornton asked the Committee if they would like to cancel the September Rules Committee meeting given the timing of the annual business meeting.
- T. Cranfill agreed unless there was an emergency need to meet.
- G. Thornton confirmed that the September meeting was cancelled and the Committee will meet again on October 9.

### **Public Comment and Adjournment\***

- G. Thornton opened the meeting for public comment.
- J. Benigas provided a public comment on the tabled comment on the supervised professional experience requirement to ask the Committee to think about the semantics in using the term “supervised.” She also indicated that insurers such as Tricare are not reimbursing for services provided under supervised professional experience.
- A. Allen asked if there is a penalty if the state is not ready to begin issuing compact privileges in September or the fall. L. Edwards-Gaither shared there is no penalty and would like to have a meeting with the state to move forward. N. Kalfas reiterated there is no penalty and no rule for when a state must be onboarded. A timeframe may be determined in the future if member states are not attempting to fully implement the Compact.
- N. Kalfas thanked J. Benigas for her comments and shared that there is an unfortunate disconnect between licensure and reimbursement and that Boards do not have authority over reimbursement. She also shared that the wording and requirements in the compact cannot be changed without going back to each state to readopt. The Commission will do what they can within their purview to allow states to determine what constitutes a supervised postgraduate experience, as long as there is some form of postgraduate supervision. N. Kalfas explained that when the compact was drafted and enacted in the states, the intention was to require a supervised postgraduate experience which a majority of states required at the time. C. Covert-ByBee also reiterated the need for states to require the supervised postgraduate experience.

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- G. Thornton asked for any other comments. Hearing none, he asked for motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved to adjourn the Rules Committee meeting. M. Zagarella seconded the motion. All Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.
  - G. Thornton adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM ET.