

**ASLP-IC Rules Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2026**



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

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| 3:00 PM – 3:05 PM | Welcome<br>Call to Order<br>Roll Call                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Committee Chair                   |
| 3:05 PM – 3:10 PM | Review and Adopt Revised Agenda*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Committee Chair                   |
| 3:10 PM – 3:15 PM | Review and Adopt Minutes*<br>ASLP-IC Rules Committee Meeting<br>Minutes – April 2, 2026<br><a href="https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ASLP-IC-Rules-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-04-02-2026.pdf">https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ASLP-IC-Rules-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-04-02-2026.pdf</a> | Committee Chair                   |
| 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM | Discuss Rulemaking Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Committee Chair and Legal Counsel |
| 3:45 PM – 3:55 PM | Public Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Committee Chair                   |
| 3:55 PM - 4:00 PM | Adjourn*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Committee Chair                   |

\* Indicates agenda item requires Rules Committee vote

\*\*Indicates agenda item is eligible for Rules Committee vote

**Delegates Present**

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

**Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas, Compact Legal Consultants (CLC)

**Others Present**

Vickie Pullins (Vice/Interim Chair, WV)  
Keith Buckhout (CSG)

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Susan Adams (ASHA)  
Kerri Phillips (NCSB)  
Allie Hawkins  
Leslie Levine  
Jody Cane

**Welcome/Call to Order**

- G. Thornton called the Rules Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 3:03 PM ET.

**Roll Call**

- K. Buckhout called the roll.

**Review and Adoption of Revised Agenda**

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

**Review and Adopt Minutes**

- G. Thornton asked if there were any questions about the April 2, 2026, meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved that the Rules Committee adopt the April 2, 2026, meeting minutes. M. Zagarella seconded the motion. Delegates voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Discuss Rulemaking Comments**

- G. Thornton indicated that the public comments have been reviewed and shared with Committee members. Committee members confirmed that they received the comments and the summary.
- G. Thornton shared that the rules were passed by the Committee on April 2. The 30-day public comment period started on April 28, 2026, and ended on May 28, 2026. The Commission notified all member states.
- Due to increased interest, the Committee extended the deadline to June 9. 51 comments were received, including 47 individuals, and 4 organizations. The entire public comment period lasted for 42 days.

**Proposed Rule on National Exam**

- T. Cranfill shared that the commenters on testing did not read or understand the wording, that the wording was specifically drafted to allow for flexibility. T. Cranfill asked if state boards chose a different test, how would that work with the compact.

- N. Kalfas shared that the rule already includes language that allows the Commission to recognize an equivalent exam. If another exam was to be approved, the approval of that exam would go through a similar rulemaking process.
- T. Cranfill asked if the states would know how to ask for that. N. Kalfas indicated that the Committee can create a policy or position to share with the states.
- C. Covert-ByBee shared these rules were predicated on the statutory language, and the rules were designed on what most member states require.
- C. Covert-ByBee also shared that the comments conflated the rule requirements with ASHA CCC and that ASHA CCC is not required by the Commission although they share similar requirements.
- G. Thornton shared that the rule drafting included a review of all state licensing requirements and that these are the prevailing standards. G. Thornton shared that no comments were received by member states.
- C. Covert-ByBee asked if ETS is the only test. K. Phillips shared that traditionally ETS is the exam of choice for state licensure although there may be additional tests allowed for ADA and AAA.

#### **Proposed Rule on the Postgraduate Professional Experience**

- T. Cranfill shared that there is some heart for changing the timeframe for the postgraduate experience. It would be a moot point if the state is not a compact member, or the practitioner does not want to use the compact. She indicated that the 9-month period is a sweet spot recognized by the state rules.
- N. Kalfas indicated that the research is to determine what the standard currently is. The intent for not including it in the statutory language is intentional to allow for rulemaking on the details to allow the people who have chosen to join the compact to have a voice and allow all member states to determine the rule. There is nothing to say if things change, that the rule cannot be revised.

#### **Summary of Comments**

- G. Thornton shared the summary of the public comment and the Committee's response on screen, which will be shared with minutes. He shared that the rules are uniform with member state licensing requirements.
- T. Cranfill asked if this postgraduate professional experience is applicable to both SLPs and audiologists. N. Kalfas indicated that this relates only to SLPs as defined in the rules.
- T. Cranfill asked about the clinical doctorate. N. Kalfas indicated that a FAQ can be shared. G. Thornton shared that for Ohio the terminal degree for licensure is the master's degree, which still requires the postgraduate experience.
- G. Thornton shared that one suggested change will be made to the rule on postgraduate professional experience.
- G. Thornton reiterated the reason why the rules were drafted as they were.
- N. Kalfas recommended adding the following to the Committee's recommendation:
  - Craft FAQ that postgraduate professional experience applies to SLPs
  - Craft FAQs to member states if they are considering an equivalent exam and how to get the Commission to approve.
- **Motion:** M. Zagarella moved to adopt the Committee recommendations. T. Cranfill seconded the motion. All Delegates voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Public Comment and Adjournment\***

- G. Thornton opened the meeting for public comment. No members of the public commented.
- G. Thornton adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:56 PM ET.