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**NLC Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 27, 2023 at 9:00 am PT**

Commissioners Present:

(Those not present are bolded.)

1. P. Benson, AL
2. J. Ridenour, AZ
3. S. Tedford, AR
4. N. Brown, CO (Virtual)
5. P. Zickafoose, DE
6. J. Baker, FL
7. T. Taylor, GA (Virtual)
8. Z. Pecina, GU (Designee B. Manzana)
9. N. Chopski, ID
10. N. Hart, IN
11. K. Weinberg, IA
12. C. Moreland, KS
13. K. Jenkins, KY
14. K. Lyon, LA
15. K. Esquibel, ME
16. K. Evans, MD
17. P. Johnson, MS
18. L. Scheidt, MO
19. M. Poortenga, MT
20. A. Oertwich, NE
21. A. Czechowicz, NH (Virtual)
22. M. Fortier, NJ
23. S. Ferguson, NM
24. C. Tillman, NC
25. S. Pfenning, ND
26. M. Anielski, OH
27. J. Barnhouse, OK
28. W. Miller, PA
29. C. Moody, SC
30. L. Young, SD
31. S. Richardson, TN
32. K. Thomas, TX
33. J. Busjahn, UT (Virtual)
34. J. Douglas, VA
35. **C. Vanterpool-Romney, VI**
36. S. Boni, VT
37. M. Chapman, WV (Virtual)
38. R. Weinman, WI (Virtual)
39. L. Hart, WY

#	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
		CONSENT AGENDA	
C1	Director's Update		J. Baker moved to adopt the consent agenda and J. Barnhouse seconded. The motion carried.
		BUSINESS AGENDA	
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call to Order b. Commissioner Roll Call c. Declare Quorum Present d. Welcome New NLC Commissioners e. Welcome NCSBN Staff, NCSBN Board of Directors and Guests f. Adopt Consent Agenda Adopt Business Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair P. Zickafoose called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. • L. Sands conducted roll call and 38 Commissioners and designees were present. • P. Zickafoose declared a quorum present. • P. Zickafoose welcomed the new NLC Commissioner of Idaho, Nicki Chopski. 	K. Lyon moved to adopt the business agenda and S. Boni seconded. The motion carried.
2.	Minutes of January 10, 2023	Commissioners reviewed the draft minutes of the Jan 10, 2023 NLC Commission meeting.	C. Tillman moved to approve the Jan 10, 2023 minutes as presented and Joe Baker seconded. The motion carried.
3.	State Affairs Update	<p>N. Livanos provided the state affairs update: NLC Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska: A bill will be introduced shortly. • Hawaii: Three bills were filed. There were four concurrent resolutions calling for a study committee to study fiscal impact and workforce impact. The report is due before the 2024 session. • Illinois: Both the House and Senate bills were filed. • Massachusetts: Multiple NLC bill introductions. Just began a two-year session. • Minnesota: NLC was a priority issue in 2022 but died in the House. NLC does not have a path in 2023 due to party control. • Nevada: NV BON testified at a hearing in support of NLC. AB 108 will 	

		<p>be heard next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York: NLC is included on the governor’s agenda for the second year. • Oregon: NLC has been introduced and was granted a hearing, which went well. • Rhode Island: A study commission has a deadline of June 2023. Rep Kennedy has filed a bill this session. • Washington State: The bill was voted out of the House by 15-0. There were no stakeholder groups in opposition. <p>APRN Compact Update: There have been seven bill introductions so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arizona: The bill advanced through the Senate. • Hawaii: The bill was sponsored by the chair of HHS. • Kentucky: SB 94 creates a pathway for independent prescribing. • Maryland: The nurses association is in support. There is a strong coalition. The bill passed out of the House. • Montana: A bill is sponsored and will be on the Senate floor soon. • New York: A bill was introduced in 2022 and 2023. • Texas: A bill has been introduced. 	
4.	<p>Federal Affairs Update</p> <p>a) SHARE Act</p> <p>b) HR 7939</p>	<p>K. Ward provided an update on two pieces of federal legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHARE Act: a bipartisan bill regarding use of criminal background check information for compacts; it includes a technical fix. • HR 7939: Section 19 regarding portability of professional licensure requires that states accept licensure of service members and spouses. The Dept of Defense will implement this bill. Bill contains a compact carve out. Many questions still need to be answered. 	
5.	Treasurer’s Report	J. Baker provided the Treasurer’s Report.	

		The report covered the fiscal year ending 9/30/2022. At that time, the cash balance was \$966,910.	
6.	Bylaws Revisions	M. Poortenga reported that the Executive Committee completed a comprehensive review of the Bylaws. They proposed revisions to the NLC Commission Bylaws in the form of recommendations. Many of the changes were of an editorial nature. There were several substantive changes.	A Oertwich moved to adopt the proposed Bylaws amendments as amended and K. Esquibel seconded. The motion carried.
7.	Rules Committee Report Vote to Publish Proposed Rules and Amendments, Establish Comment Period and Schedule Public Hearing	<p>Committee co-chair A. Henley provided the Rules Committee report. In the report, Henley reviewed the recommendations of the Rules Committee which have been approved by the Executive Committee. These recommendations come after a comprehensive review of the current rules by the Rules Committee. This includes proposed amendments to the current rules, proposed new rules and recommendations to retire certain rules.</p> <p>There was significant Commissioner comment on the proposed new rules related to (1) alternative to discipline program participation and (2) 60-day requirement to apply for a license when changing PSOR.</p> <p>Staff is directed to send the rulemaking handbook with proposed rules to members.</p>	J. Baker moved to publish the proposed rules amendments, to establish an open comment period per an approved timeline and to schedule a public hearing. S. Ferguson seconded. The motion carried.
8.	Policy Committee Report	<p>Committee chair M. Poortenga provided the Policy Committee report. The committee began a comprehensive review of the NLC Policy Manual in Jan 2023. Over several committee meetings, the committee has reviewed the four policies and have developed recommendations for revisions. Poortenga guided commissioners through the four policies (1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.5) and addressed questions.</p>	<p>K. Evans moved to adopt recommended revisions to Policy 1.1 "Election of Officers" and K. Weinberg seconded. The motion carried.</p> <p>C. Tillman moved to adopt recommended revisions to Policy 1.2 "Advisory Opinions" and K. Lyon seconded. The motion carried.</p>

			<p>W. Miller moved to adopt recommended revisions to Policy 1.3 “Access to Legal Counsel” as revised and J Baker seconded. The motion carried.</p> <p>P. Johnson moved to adopt recommended revisions to Policy 1.5 “Standing and Ad Hoc Committees” and M. Fortier seconded. The motion carried.</p>
9.	Compliance Committee Report	<p>Committee chair L. Scheidt provided the committee report. The committee’s current focus is on education about and member use of the NLC self- assessment for compliance tool. NLC staff will provide four virtual focus sessions in April and May 2023 to acclimate party states to the tool and to gain a commitment from states to utilize the tool. Testimonials were heard from a number of commissioners and board staff who have utilized the tool.</p> <p>J. Puente reported that the Technical Task Force has met with the Nursys Team to discuss the development of additional audit reports based on the items in the tool. The end goal is to have the report data populate an electronic dashboard. This dashboard will enable enhanced self-assessment of compliance for party states as well as compliance reviews of party states.</p>	
10.	Research Committee Report	<p>Committee chair T. Buchholz provided the committee report which provided a chronicle of the work completed by the committee. She identified partnerships with NCSBN Research staff as well as potential work with external experts.</p>	
11.	Training & Education Committee	<p>Committee chair A. Oertwich provided</p>	

	Report	the committee report. In the report, Oertwich highlighted the many resources developed by the committee. Most recently, the FY22 annual report is being debuted at this meeting. Future work includes a commissioner orientation manual.	
12.	Elections Committee Report	Committee co-chairs L. Hart and C. Tillman provided the committee report. At the Aug 15, 2023 annual meeting, nominations will be accepted for the position of Chair as well as for two Member-at-Large positions.	
13.	New NLC Website	M. Kotnaur debuted the new NLC website, which went live in mid-March. This project has been ongoing for the past several months. Both nursecompact.com and nlc.gov will redirect to this site. The site brings together the informational site with the advocacy site.	
14.	Book: <u>Fundamentals of Regulatory Design</u> by Malcolm Sparrow	J. Ridenour provided a presentation on a book focusing on regulation. The author, M. Sparrow is an expert in the area of regulation. There are three predominant models of regulation. The third model is the Expert model. Commissioners were asked to identify up to three specific issues, threats or harms they have tackled that fall in the expert territory. Each Commissioner received a copy of the Sparrow book.	
15.	Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need data for workforce related to out of state nurses working in LA. This is due to a need for accuracy of workforce reporting (K. Lyon) • One suggestion was to conduct a survey upon renewal (W. Miller) • There was a suggestion to ask the hospital association for assistance (K. Esquibel) • In Ohio, there is a mandate for employers to enroll out of state nurses in eNotify so that the BON can 	

		generate an eNotify report of non-Ohio nurses working in OH (M. Anielski)	
16.	Open Discussion Forum	J. Castillo (FL BON Chair) spoke of FL partnerships related to workforce data collection. Surveys have resulted in a low return rate.	
17.	Online Meeting Evaluation	J. Puente requested that Commissioners complete an online meeting evaluation which was sent via email. The tool can be completed at the meeting or by the end of the week.	
	ADJOURNMENT		K. Esquibel moved to adjourn at 3:41 pm PT and S. Richardson seconded. The motion carried.