



MINUTES
NLC Commission Meeting
Chicago, IL
October 28, 2025

Commissioners Present:

(Those not present are bolded)

1. P. Benson, AL (J. Jeter, designee)
2. **J. Ridenour, AZ**
3. **A. Davis, AR**
4. **S. Delp, CO**
5. D. Dalton, CT
6. J. Barnes, DE
7. **D. Mooney, FL** (interim)
8. N. Taylor, GA
9. R. Sumaylo, GU
10. N. Chopski, ID (B. Fitchett, designee)
11. A. Racine, IN
12. A. Schlepphorst, IA (interim)
13. C. Moreland, KS
14. K. Jenkins, KY
15. C. Constanza, LA-PN
16. H. Cambra, MA
17. K. Esquibel, ME
18. R. Scott, MD
19. **P. Johnson, MS**
20. L. Scheidt, MO
21. M. Poortenga, MT
22. A. Oertwich, NE
23. A. Czechowicz, NH
24. M. Fortier, NJ
25. S. Ferguson, NM
26. C. Tillman, NC
27. S. Pfenning, ND
28. M. Anielski, OH
29. J. Barnhouse, OK
30. W. Miller, PA
31. L. D'Alessio, RI
32. **M. Murdock, SC** (interim)
33. L. Young, SD
34. S. Richardson, TN
35. K. Benton, TX
36. **J. Busjahn, UT**
37. C. Morris, VA

- 38. C. Vanterpool-Romney, VI
- 39. S. Boni, VT
- 40. A. Bradywood, WA
- 41. M. Chapman, WV-PN
- 42. R. Weinman, WI
- 43. R. Fillbrandt, WY

#	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
	BUSINESS AGENDA		
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Call to Order b) Commissioner Roll Call c) Declare Quorum Present d) Adopt Agenda 	Chair S. Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. Roll call was taken and there were 33 commissioners in attendance. S. Richardson declared a quorum for the meeting. S. Richardson asked for a motion to adopt the business agenda.	M. Fortier made a motion to adopt the Oct. 28, 2025 business agenda as presented. S. Boni seconded. The motion passed.
2.	Minutes of August 12, 2025	S. Richardson asked if there were revisions to the Aug. 12, 2025 NLC Annual Meeting minutes. The Commission members had no edits.	W. Miller made a motion to approve the Aug. 12, 2025 minutes as presented; J. Barnes seconded. The motion passed.
3.	State and Federal Affairs Update/New Staff Introduction	<p>NCSBN Government Affairs Director N. Livanos introduced new team members J. Constantelos and Z. Lemoine, senior associates, state affairs.</p> <p><u>State Updates:</u> Michigan – House Bill 4246, which would enact the NLC, passed the state House and is now in the state Senate, where the Government Affairs team hopes the bill will have a hearing in the Senate Regulatory Affairs Committee. There are grassroots efforts occurring in the state in support of the NLC.</p> <p>Massachusetts – there is a provision in the governor’s supplemental budget bill to implement FBI background checks for nurses. The provision passed one chamber.</p>	

		<p>SHARE Act – NCSBN Federal and External Affairs Director A. Shelton is meeting with congressional members to increase awareness of the issue, and request that they become a co-sponsor of the legislation.</p> <p>FY26 Legislative Session – the Rural Health Transformation Program is a new federal initiative that will provide 50 billion dollars to states over a five-year period. States have until Nov 5 to submit their funding applications for the program. CMS has released a resource on the program that outlines the scoring mechanisms for funding. “State Policy Actions” that are scored include whether a state has implemented, is in the process of implementing, or is actively working toward joining licensure compacts. There are five occupational compacts included in the scoring, including the NLC. Some states are contacting stakeholder groups asking for input for their applications.</p>	
4.	Treasurer’s Report	<p>J. Puente presented the treasurer’s report that included FY25 information through Aug. 31, 2025. YTD expenses were \$472,955. Compared to budgeted expenses, the NLC is slightly more than \$8,000 over budget, which is less than a two percent variance. A major factor in the variance is the unfunded expense of hiring a coordinator for FY25. This position is funded for FY26.</p>	
5.	<p>NLC Policy Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 1.6 	<p>NLC Policy Committee Chair M. Poortenga explained that the revision to the conflict of interest policy was necessary, due to when a designee attends an in-person NLC Commission meeting, there is no</p>	<p>A. Oertwich made a motion to approve NLC policy 1.6 as presented; W. Miller seconded. The motion passed.</p>

		efficient manner to have the designee sign a conflict of interest form. The committee inserted language in the policy for a conflict of interest statement to be read aloud before each NLC Commission meeting. If a conflict of interest exists, this would be addressed as described in section 2 of the Procedure section.	
6.	Duplicate MSL Report	J. Puente displayed a current Duplicate MSL Report and reminded the Commission to have board staff work on the report on a routine basis. Most compact states maintain a duplicate number under 100. There is a designated board staff contact listed in the NLC compact directory to manage this task.	
7.	Reminder: CT NLC Implementation Letters	J. Puente reminded the Commission to send letters within the next week if possible to their licensees with a Connecticut address. An editable template was sent to the compact states several weeks ago.	
8.	Reminder: NLC Special Election	L. Sands reminded Commission members that the deadline to vote in the NLC special election for vice chair is Oct 30 at 5:00 pm CT. There were 13 Commission members who had not voted at the time of this meeting.	
9.	Member Updates	No updates.	
10.	Online Meeting Evaluation	J. Puente announced that the meeting evaluation will be sent by email after the meeting.	
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm CT.	L. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting; C. Tillman seconded. The motion passed.