



MINUTES
NLC Commission Meeting
(Teleconference)
Jan. 16, 2024

Commissioners Present:

(Those not present are bolded.)

1. P. Benson, AL
2. J. Ridenour, AZ
3. S. Tedford, AR
4. N. Brown, CO
5. P. Zickafoose, DE
6. J. Baker, FL
7. N. Taylor, GA (E. Tillman-Johnson, designee)
8. **Z. Pecina, GU**
9. N. Chopski, ID (B. Fitchett, designee)
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. R. Scott, MD (S. Tongue, designee)
17. P. Johnson, MS
18. L. Scheidt, MO
19. M. Poortenga, MT
20. A. Oertwich, NE
21. A. Czechowicz, NH
22. M. Fortier, NJ
23. S. Ferguson, NM
24. **C. Tillman, NC**
25. S. Pfenning, ND
26. M. Anielski, OH (J. Brubaker, designee)
27. J. Barnhouse, OK
28. W. Miller, PA
29. L. D'Alessio, RI
30. C. Moody, SC
31. L. Young, SD (E. Matthies, designee)
32. S. Richardson, TN
33. K. Benton, TX (H. Makan, designee)
34. J. Busjahn, UT
35. J. Douglas, VA
36. **C. Vanterpool-Romney, VI**
37. S. Boni, VT

- 38. A. Bradywood, WA
- 39. S. Painter, WV
- 40. R. Weinman, WI
- 41. R Settles, 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) Welcome New NLC Commissioners e) Adopt Business Agenda 	<p>Chair P. Zickafoose called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm CT.</p> <p>There were 36 commissioners in attendance. P. Zickafoose declared a quorum present.</p> <p>P. Zickafoose welcomed S. Delp who was appointed as the new NLC Commissioner for Colorado.</p>	P. Benson made a motion to adopt the business agenda as presented, S. Boni seconded. The motion carried.
2.	Minutes of October 31, 2023		P. Benson made a motion to approve the October 31 minutes, J. Baker seconded. The motion carried.
3.	State Affairs Update	<p>N. Livanos provided the State Affairs Update.</p> <p><u>NLC:</u> Staff noted that several states (AK, DC, HI, IL, MA, MI, MN, and NY) have bills that are currently pending in their legislatures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska – State Affairs sent an NLC survey in the state recently. The survey’s goals are to demonstrate the need for the compact, but also look to gauge support for the NLC. • Massachusetts: the state’s nurses also received an NCSBN survey. Staff is working with Reputation Partners on the state’s strategic marketing needs. • New York – NCSBN completed the first meeting 	

		<p>with the state’s department of education, which reports to a board of regents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California – a meeting will be held on interstate compacts in the state on Feb. 15 in a legislative committee. <p><u>APRN Compact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dakota – a House bill was filed and the hearing held earlier today. NLC Executive Committee Member-at-Large L. Young testified in support of the NLC. The bill passed out of committee 11-2. The state’s medical association is in opposition. The bill will go before the House floor soon. • Maryland – the APRN compact bill was filed recently. Staff is building a coalition and modifying the message. 	
4.	<p>Nurse Licensure Guidance Tool Demonstration</p> <p>Revised NLC Fact Sheets</p> <p>Reprimand Regulatory FAQ</p>	<p>J. Puente demonstrated the licensure guidance tool that is located on the NCSBN website. There also is a new fact sheet regarding the tool.</p> <p>A. Oertwich, chair of the NLC Training & Education Committee, informed the commission of four fact sheets recently revised by the committee and approved by the NLC Executive Committee – travel nurse, moving scenarios, military family, and driver’s license comparison. J. Puente reported that a NLC definitions list developed by the committee should be available at the NLC Midyear Meeting.</p> <p>J. Puente introduced a new question developed for the regulatory FAQs on the topic of a letter of reprimand and whether it is an encumbrance,</p>	

		<p>which would disqualify a nurse from a multistate license. R. Masters, NLC legal counsel, and F. Knight, NLC legal consultant, created the new FAQ, which was approved by the NLC Executive Committee.</p> <p>J. Puente stated that the updated FAQ document can be found on the NLC Members site.</p>	
5.	60-Day Rule – Additional Guidance	<p>J. Puente reported that in late Oct. 2023 commissioners received resources regarding the new rule, including a press release that linked to FAQs and a brief video. A board of nursing (BON) asked for clarification of the new rule’s time frame. The NLC Rules Committee discussed the question, and developed supplemental guidance with R. Masters and F. Knight for the public and for BONs. The supplemental guidance was reviewed and with editorial revisions by the NLC Executive Committee.</p>	
6.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <p>1.4 – Reserve Fund</p> <p>4.1 – Privilege to Practice (PTP) Discipline Reporting Exception</p> <p>4.2 – Utilization of the NLC Audit Report Comment Field in Nursys on the Discipline Tab</p>	<p>NLC Policy Committee Chair M. Poortenga presented three policies, which were reviewed and updated by the Policy Committee and then approved by the Executive Committee. She asked for comments or edits regarding each policy.</p> <p>NLC Chair P. Zickafoose commented that the YTD financial report for FY23 will be provided at the Midyear Meeting. She also directed staff to inquire with NCSBN Finance regarding the investment practices for the Commission reserve funds.</p>	<p>J. Baker made a motion to approve all three policies as presented, P. Benson seconded. The motion carried.</p>
7.	NLC 25 th Anniversary Update	<p>The NLC will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Jan. 1, 2025. NLC’s 25th Anniversary Committee Chair S. Richardson informed the commission of the committee volunteers appointed by the</p>	

		Executive Committee. The committee will convene in the next few weeks, then their recommendations will be sent for review to the NLC Executive Committee.	
8.	Member Updates	L. D'Alessio announced that Rhode Island completed implementation into the NLC on Jan. 8, 2024. P. Zickafoose announced that Washington State will complete implementation on 1/31/24.	
9.	Open Discussion Forum	None	
	ADJOURNMENT		M. Poortenga made a motion to adjourn the meeting, S. Richardson seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm CT.