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**PA Compact Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**  
April 20, 2026

Name	Member Role	Voting Member	Attendance
Jamie Alley	WV Delegate	x	x
Susan Gile	KS Delegate	x	x
Valeska Barr	OK Delegate	x	
Elizabeth Huntley	MN Delegate	x	x
Stephanie Loucka	OH Delegate	x	x
Catherine Marie Patterson	TN Delegate	x	x
Larry Marx	UT Delegate	x	x
Robert Sanders	WI Delegate	x	
Amber Houge	IA Delegate	x	x
<b>Total voting members present</b>		Quorum – 5/9	7/9
Marisa Courtney	Vice Chair PA Commission		x
Kathy Scarbalis	Ex-Officio – AAPA		x
Tim Terranova	Chair PA Commission		x
Name	Non-Member Role		Attendance
Nahale Kalfas	Interim Legal Counsel		x
Abigail Mortell	Interim Executive Director		x
Carl Sims	CSG		x
Laura Monick	OH Alternate		x

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VOTES				
Name	Agenda	Adopt Minutes from March 9, 2026	Adopt & Transmit Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance to Executive Committee	Adopt & Transmit Draft Bylaw Amendments to Executive Committee
Jamie Alley			2	
Valeska Barr				
Elizabeth Huntley		2		
Stephanie Loucka				

Catherine Marie Patterson				
Larry Marx	2	1		1
Robert Sanders				
Susan Gile	1		1	
Amber Houge				2
<b>TOTALS</b>	Motion passes	Motion passes	Motion passes	Motion passes

4 **Welcome**

5 **Call to order/Roll Call**

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7 Chair Loucka calls meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. ET.

8 A. Mortell takes roll. 7/9 voting members present.

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10 **Review and Adopt Agenda**

11 Committee reviews the agenda; Chair Loucka calls for a motion to adopt the agenda.

12 **Motion:**

- 13 • Susan Gile motions to adopt the agenda.
- 14 • Larry Marx seconds.
- 15 • All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.

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17 **Minutes from March 9, 2026**

18 Committee reviews the draft minutes. Chair Loucka asks for a motion to adopt minutes from  
19 March 9, 2026.

20 **Motion:**

- 21 • Larry Marx motions to adopt March 9, 2026, minutes.
- 22 • Elizabeth Huntley seconds.
- 23 • All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.

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25 **Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance**

- 26 • Chair Loucka opens discussion on Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance.
- 27 • Section 7.2 Requirements for Member States Implementing Criminal Background Checks
  - 28 ○ A. Houge – Should the rule account for variance in criminal background checks  
29 between states?
    - 30 ▪ L. Marx asks how the criminal background checks differ.
    - 31 ▪ A. Houge specifies that to get a license in Iowa, fingerprinting was not  
32 required, whereas California required an FBI background check with  
33 fingerprinting.
    - 34 ▪ N. Kalfas notes that for purposes of entry into the compact portal, states  
35 like Iowa must require a biometric-based criminal background check as set  
36 out and required in the compact.
    - 37 ▪ J. Alley shares in the meeting chat the compact definition of criminal  
38 background check: “‘Criminal Background Check’ means the submission  
39 of fingerprints or other biometric based information for a License

40 applicant for the purpose of obtaining that applicant’s criminal history  
41 record information, as defined in 28 C.F.R. § 20.3(d), from the State’s  
42 criminal history record repository as defined in 28 C.F.R. § 20.3(f).”

- 43       ▪ S. Gile asks if it is possible that states receive different information from  
44 their background checks, such as minor convictions in addition to adult  
45 convictions and arrests.
- 46       ▪ N. Kalfas notes that due to some states having Clean Slate Laws, which  
47 stipulate that states will not share criminal history information after a  
48 certain amount of time has passed and certain stipulations are met, many  
49 boards cannot view licensees’ minor convictions as part of background  
50 checks. While the compact reads as a complete ban on felony and  
51 misdemeanor convictions, the Commission needs to determine what is  
52 expected of state boards in terms of compact eligibility determinations if  
53 certain licensee criminal history information is not available/viewable by  
54 those boards. Eventually, this committee may determine each member  
55 state must receive the same information from their criminal background  
56 checks. Compact law should override conflicting state laws on this point.  
57 It is not necessary to make determinations on these points for the purpose  
58 of moving this rule forward.
- 59       ▪ S. Gile notes in Kansas only adult convictions and arrests turn up on  
60 background checks.
- 61       ▪ N. Kalfas asks if the Kansas licensure application asks about minor  
62 convictions and felonies.
- 63       ▪ S. Gile confirms the application includes questions regarding prior  
64 convictions, but the board may not receive information to verify  
65 attestations separately.
- 66       ○ Chair Loucka asks if the committee wishes to add an attestation requirement to  
67 the rule.
  - 68           ▪ J. Alley suggests making it part of the privilege application process  
69 through the compact data system.
  - 70           ▪ L. Monick notes Rule 3 – Compact Privilege requires that a PA submit an  
71 online application to the Commission’s data system along with a sworn  
72 attestation that all information in the privilege application is true. The  
73 application and attestation could include a question about the applicant’s  
74 criminal history.
  - 75           ▪ Committee considers the application and attestation requirements in Rule  
76 3 to be sufficient.
- 77       • Section 7.3 Dispute Resolution Process – Informal, Mediation, and Arbitration
  - 78           ○ Chair Loucka notes that section numbers 3.3 and 3.4 in the draft should be  
79 changed to 7.3 and 7.4, respectively, as a formatting, non-substantive change.  
80 This numbering is left over from the previous rule that this rule was based on.  
81           ▪ No objections to this change.
  - 82           ○ Chair Loucka notes the rule is intended to encourage states to settle disputes  
83 amongst themselves, while also setting out processes for formal resolution.

- 84 ○ L. Monick notes that compact law states the committee shall promulgate a rule  
85 providing for both mediation and finding dispute resolution for disputes as  
86 appropriate, and this rule arose out of that requirement.  
87 ○ S. Gile and J. Alley note the rule is well-written, and it will likely require putting  
88 the process in place to determine whether adjustments are needed.  
89 ● Section 7.4 Compliance and Enforcement  
90 ○ No comments from the committee.  
91 ● Chair Loucka requests a motion to adopt Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance as amended  
92 and transmit to the Executive Committee.

93 **Motion:**

- 94 ● Susan Gile motions to adopt Draft Rule 7 – State Compliance as amended and transmit to  
95 the Executive Committee.  
96 ● Jamie Alley seconds.  
97 ● All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.  
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99 **Draft Bylaw Amendments**

- 100 ● Chair Loucka opens discussion on proposed amendments to the Commission Bylaws.  
101 ○ L. Monick explains that the amendments address commission vacancies and  
102 provide other cleanup in several sections:  
103 ■ Article 2 paragraphs are now numbered to align with formatting in other  
104 articles.  
105 ■ Article 2, section 2 adds language surrounding the notice period required  
106 if a temporary representative attends a meeting on behalf of a delegate.  
107 ■ Article 3 is updated to clarify that chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer  
108 are officers of the Commission. Previously, they were identified within the  
109 Executive Committee section.  
110 ■ Article 3, section 6 now allows for Executive Committee vacancies to be  
111 temporarily appointed until an election can be held, except that vice chair  
112 would rise to chair if a vacancy occurs in that position.  
113 ■ Article 5 strikes the title “Emergency Meetings” that was out of place.  
114 ■ Article 6, section 1, C.1 removed phrase “as a delegate” as the article  
115 discusses committee members.  
116 ■ Article 6, section 1, D.2.c added that the Compliance Committee may  
117 provide technical assistance and training, which aligns with Draft Rule 7 –  
118 State Compliance.  
119 ■ Article 7, section 1 updates state annual assessment language so that it can  
120 be established by rule to align with other draft rules.  
121 ○ J. Alley asks if “as a delegate” should be reinstated in Article 6, section 1, C.1.  
122 “Delegate” was specified during drafting because ex-officios serve on  
123 committees, and their appointment does not fall within the province of the bylaws.  
124 “Delegate” is defined as a state representative, and the phrase “as a delegate” was  
125 added so as not to interfere with the autonomy of the ex-officio organizations.  
126 ■ No objections from the committee to reinstating “as a delegate” to Article  
127 6, section 1, C.1.  
128 ○ S. Gile asks if terms for Executive Committee should be staggered to avoid the  
129 whole committee rolling over at the same time.

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- Chair Loucka suggests leaving the terms as is until the Commission is operational, so the Commission can determine how to institute staggered terms after the compact is functional.
  - No objections from committee.
  - N. Kalfas notes other commissions utilize a program of partnering new commissioners with seasoned commissioners to assist with sharing institutional knowledge. This may be an option for this Commission later.
- Chair Loucka requests a motion to adopt the proposed bylaw amendments as amended and transmit to the Executive Committee for review.

139 **Motion:**

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- Larry Marx motions to adopt and transmit proposed bylaw amendments as amended to the Executive Committee.
  - Amber Houge seconds.
  - All members present voted in favor; none abstained; motion passed.

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145 **Delegate & Public Comments**

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- A. Houge notes Iowa passed legislation changing the title “physician assistant” to “physician associate” and asks if the committee has accounted for title changes in rulemaking?
    - Chair Loucka confirms the compact model language accounts for that in definitions.
    - L. Monick shares the compact definition for PA, “‘PA’ means an individual who is licensed as a physician assistant in a State. For purposes of this Compact, any other title or status adopted by a State to replace the term ‘physician assistant’ shall be deemed synonymous with ‘physician assistant’ and shall confer the same rights and responsibilities to the Licensee under the provisions of this Compact at the time of its enactment.”

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158 **Adjourn**

159 Chair Loucka adjourns the meeting at 11:40 p.m. ET.