



1 **PA Compact Communications Committee Meeting Minutes**

2 March 5, 2025

Name	Member Role	Voting Member	Attendance
Jean Fischer	WI alternate	x	x
Justin Hepner	VA delegate	x	x
Camille Vassilakos	OK alternate	x	x
Rachel MacArthur	ME alternate	x	x
Mark Spangler	WV alternate	x	
Brooke Yates	MT delegate	x	x
Chandni Bhatka	KS alternate	x	x
Total voting members present		Quorum = 4/7	6/7
Marisa Courtney	Vice Chair PA Commission		x
Kathy Scarbalis	Ex-Officio – AAPA		x
Jerica Kent	OH board staff		x
Tim Terranova	Chair PA Commission		x
Greg Thomas	ex-officio NCCPA		x
Name	Non-Member Role		Attendance
Nahale Kalfas	Interim Legal Counsel		x
Carl Sims	CSG		x
Abigail Mortell	Interim Executive Director		

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Name	Agenda	Minutes	Newsletter	Guidelines
Jean Fischer			1	1
Justin Hepner				
Camille Vassilakos	1		2	2
Rachel MacArthur		2		
Mark Spangler				
Brooke Yates	2	1		
Chandni Bhatka	yes	yes	yes	yes
TOTALS	motion passes	motion passes		

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- 5 **Welcome**
- 6 **Call to order/Roll Call**
- 7 Chair Fischer calls the meeting to order at 2:00pm ET.

8 A. Mortell takes roll.

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10 **Review and Adopt Agenda**

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

12 • **Motion:**

13 ○ **Camille Vassilakos motions to adopt the agenda.**

14 ○ **Brooke Yates seconds the motion.**

15 ○ **All in favor, Motion carries.**

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17 **Review Minutes from September 4 meeting**

18 • Committee reviews the minutes from December 4, 2025.

19 • **Motion:**

20 ○ **Brooke Yates motions to adopt the minutes.**

21 ○ **Rachel MacArthur seconds the motion.**

22 ○ **All in favor, Motion carries.**

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25 **December Newsletter**

26 • Chair Fischer opens the review and discussion on the March newsletter.

27 ○ Chair Corner

28 ○ Legislative Update

29 ○ Committee Synopsis

30 ○ Timeline

31 ■ Jean Fischer makes notes to consider condensing the timeline for the next
32 newsletter.

33 ■ Kathy Scarbalis and Greg Thomas noted they appreciate the details included in
34 the timeline.

35 ○ FAQ Highlight.

36 ■ Kathy Scarbalis recommends adding link to the model language where
37 appropriate.

38 ■ Nahale Kalfas asked about “educational requirements regarding scope of
39 practice”. It was noted by several committee members that there they were not
40 aware of any additional education requirements within a state to perform a
41 certain scope of practice.

42 ■ Tim Terranova notes prescribing authority requires certain trainings like opioid
43 training and that is the intention of the sentence.

44 ■ Greg Thomas asked about taking out scope of practice for clarity. Brooke Yates
45 said there is a nuance between DEA requirements and scope of practice. For
46 example, DEA requirements may have requirements that states might not
47 require.

48 ■ Camille Vassilakos noted that there is existing and similar language in a FAQ on
49 the compact website that could be utilized for the newsletter FAQ as well. The
50 FAQ language was incorporated into the draft newsletter FAQ.

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- Brooke Yates asked about states that did not require current NCCPA certification beyond initial licensure. Greg Thomas noted that while it is an individual requirement for someone to use the compact, it is not a state requirement for licensure.
 - Greg Thomas asked to correct continuing education units to continuing medical education to conform with standard language in the PA profession and state regulations.
 - In the interest of time, Jean Fischer suggested the committee include the first FAQ for the newsletter and address the remaining questions at another meeting in 4-6 weeks.

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62 • Adoption of the March Newsletter.

63 • **Motion:**

- 64 ○ **Jean Fischer motions to adopt the March newsletter with content and formatting**
- 65 **edits discussed during the meeting.**
- 66 ○ **Camille Vassilakos seconds the motion.**
- 67 ○ **All in favor, Motion carries.**

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69 **State Preparation Guidelines**

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- 71 • Chair Fischer opens the review and discussion of the State Preparation Guidelines.
- 72 ○ Camille Vassilakos questioned whether posting a link to the commission website on
- 73 state board websites was a compact requirement. Nahale Kalfas noted that while it is
- 74 not a requirement per the compact legislation, the commission could later consider
- 75 making it a requirement by rule. Camille Vassilakos asked that the guideline be
- 76 rephrased as a suggestion for states, not a requirement.

77 • Adoption of the State Preparation Guidelines.

78 • **Motion:**

- 79 ○ **Jean Fischer motions to adopt the State Preparation Guidelines with formatting**
- 80 **and content edits discussed during the meeting.**
- 81 ○ **Camille Vassilakos seconds the motion.**
- 82 ○ **All in favor, Motion carries.**

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84 **Delegate Questions and Comments**

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86 **Public Questions and Comments**

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88 **Adjourn**

- 89 • Hearing no further business or discussion, Chair Fischer adjourns the meeting at 3:00 p.m. ET
- 90 with no member opposition.