

ASLP-IC Rules Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2025



Via Teleconference

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89017394232?pwd=QXY2M7rUOVlzuZfMNAVeKNUcYywd6B.1>

3 PM – 3:05 PM	Welcome Call to Order Roll Call	Committee Chair
3:05 PM – 3:07 PM	Review and Adopt Agenda*	Committee Chair
3:07 PM – 3:10 PM	Review and Adopt Minutes* ASLP-IC-Rules-Committee-Meeting-Minutes-April-10-2025.pdf	Committee Chair
3:10 PM – 3:15 PM	Update on Draft Amendment to ASLP-IC Rule on Criminal Background Check Implementation	Committee Chair and Keith Buckhout <i>Lesley Edwards-Gaither</i>
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Discussion and Development of New FAQs	Committee Chair and Counsel
3:45 PM – 3:55 PM	Discussion of Rules for Development in 2025	Commission Chair, Counsel Committee Chair
3:55 – 4:00 PM	Public Comment	Committee Chair
4:00 PM	Adjourn*	Committee Chair

*Indicates agenda item requires Rules Committee Vote

Delegates Present

Chair: Gregg Thornton (OH)

Claire Covert-Bybee (NE)

Michael Zagarella (WV)

Tamara Cranfill (KY)

Delegates Not Present

None

Legal Counsel Present

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Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments (CSG)

Others Present

Susan Adams (ASHA)

Kristin Racine, Maine, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Jeanette Benigas (FixSLP)

Welcome/Call to Order

G. Thornton called the Rules Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 3:01 PM ET.

Roll Call

L. Edwards-Gaither called the roll.

Review and Adoption of Agenda

G. Thornton asked if there were any questions about the agenda and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

- **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved to adopt the revised Rules Committee agenda noting that Lesley Edwards-Gaither should replace Keith Buckhout on the Agenda. C. Covert-Bybee seconded the motion. All Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adopt Minutes

- G. Thornton asked if there were any questions about the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes. M. Zagarella asked for the minutes to be clarified regarding onboarding states to the CompactConnect Data System. With that correction, G. Thornton asked for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** M. Zagarella moved that the Rules Committee adopt the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes. T. Cranfill seconded the motion. C. Covert-Bybee abstained due to absence during the April 10, 2025 meeting. The remaining delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.

Update on Draft Amendment to ASLP-IC Rule on Criminal Background Check Implementation

G. Thornton shared that the draft amendment to the ASLP-IC Rule on Criminal Background Check Implementation was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting on May 19 and the draft amendment will now go through the ASLP-IC Rulemaking process, including posting for public comment, so that it can be discussed and voted on, subject to the 30-day notice requirements, during the ASLP-IC Special Commission Meeting scheduled for June 30, 2025.

Discussion and Development of New FAQs

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- G. Thornton shared that FAQs will be discussed and developed at future Rules Committee Meetings to address questions about the administrative fee.

Discussion of Rules for Development in 2025

- G. Thornton, N. Kalfas and C. Covert-Bybee led discussions on possible future rules that the Commission may need once the data system is operational.

Public Comment and Adjournment*

- G. Thornton opened the meeting for public comment.
- J. Benigas commented that her advocacy firm FixSLP appreciated the clarification that ASHA CCCs are not a requirement for participation in the compact.
- K. Racine commented that Maine recently passed a bill to implement criminal background checks for their audiology and speech-language pathology licensees. She also detailed the length of time it took for Maine's legislature to enact this legislation and for it to go into effect so the board could establish the criminal background check program and administer it effectively. Further, she shared the difficulties Maine has had in ensuring their agency meets all of the FBI's requirements to obtain an ORI number and be eligible to receive the information contained in criminal background checks.
- **Motion:** T. Cranfill moved to adjourn the Rules Committee meeting. C. Covert-Bybee seconded the motion. All Delegates voted in favor and the motion carried.
- G. Thornton adjourned the meeting at 3:34 PM ET.