

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 23, 2026**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors Regulations Committee was held in-person, and virtually, in Conference Room 229NE located at the Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, on January 23, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Hutchins, Chair  
Dr. Charles Pemberton, Vice Chair

DPL STAFF

Stephanie Hilson, Administrative Specialist Senior

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joellen Marion  
Dr. Hannah Coyt (Alternate)

LEGAL COUNSEL

Sara Janes, OLS

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hutchins called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

The Regulations Committee scheduled future dates:

Friday, February 6, 2026, 11:00a-12:30p  
Friday, February 27, 2026, 3:00p-4:30p  
Monday, March 9, 2026, 1:00p-3:00p  
Friday, April 3, 2026, 10:00a-1:00p

The Regulations Committee will focus on Counseling Compact needs: 201 KAR 36:005 - Definitions, 201 KAR 36:020 - Fees, 201 KAR 36:030 - Continuing Education, 201 KAR 36:045 - Distance Counseling, 201 KAR 36:070 - Application, education, and examination requirements, and 201 KAR 36:075 - Renewal, late renewal, and reinstatement of license.

Board Counsel advised it takes approximately 5-6 months for regulations to go through the Legislator. Regulations can be submitted outside of the Legislation Session.

The Committee will focus on and submit a package of regulations pertaining to the Compact, and another package that is non-essential to the Compact.

The Committee will focus on 201 KAR 36:070 and 201 KAR 36:075 at their next meeting, February 6, 2026.

Chair Hutchins shared the Compact's Rules Committee passed two rules at their last meeting that will be presented to the Full Commission for a vote on February 25, 2026. Board Counsel may be able to amend current submissions with the new rules. Chair Hutchins to inform Board

Counsel when the new rules are officially passed.

Board Admin will prepare the February 6, 2026, meeting folder with 201 KAR 36:070, 201 KAR 36:075, 201 KAR 36:005, and 201 KAR 36:020 regulations.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.