

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

PRESENT	Daron Korte Bruce DuPlanty Davina French Misty Nissen	Minnesota Commissioner Arizona Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Iowa Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Cherise Imai	Training and Operations Associate Executive Director	Secretary
EXCUSED	Teresa Ferenczhalmy Terry Ryals Shelley Joan Weiss	New Mexico Commissioner Alaska Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM EDT by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow, and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. Commissioner Bruce DuPlanty (AZ) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte informed the Members that Communications Associate Beth Workman had accepted another position and was no longer with the Commission. The Chair reported that due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) will not hold the Spring Retreat in Lexington, Kentucky but will meet instead via conference call. Commissioner French asked if a preview of the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force's (NGRTF) preliminary report would be available to Commissioners. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai responded the NGRTF continues to meet and the report is expected by the end of April. She stated the NGRTF is focused on collecting necessary data from the Guard and Reserve Bureau and more information would be made available to the Commission in April.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

4. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reported most states have held at least one state council meeting in the past two years with the exception of Indiana. The Chair asked the National Office to request clarification from Vermont Commissioner David Young regarding Vermont's state council. Chair Korte reported Texas has not held a meeting since It signed onto the Compact and he will contact Texas Commissioner Shelly Ramos to determine how Texas is meeting the requirements outlined in *1-2017 State Coordination Policy*, especially since Texas' Compact statute does not designate a state council. **[OPEN ITEM]**

5. **Commissioner Vacancies** – Chair Korte yielded the floor to staff. Ms. Dablow reported communication with California and Pennsylvania have indicated appointments in both states are pending. Michigan has until March 17, 2020 to respond to the request for appointment letter mailed to the Governor.
6. On recommendation of ED Imai, Commissioner French motioned to move Indiana into level three status, which requires further action by the Compliance Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DuPlanty. Motion carried. [OPEN ITEM]
7. The Committee deferred reviewing Mississippi's status until May because ED Imai reported Department of Defense Representative Chuck Clymer is working to resolve the vacancy. [OPEN ITEM]
8. **Conflict of Interest (COI) and Code of Conduct (COC) Forms** – Chair Korte reported the final Commissioner submitted their form therefore the item is closed.
9. **Strategic Plan – Discuss tactics for how the National Office can assist states with Compact Compliance** – Chair Korte reviewed the tactics under Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan and asked the National Office to report on what measures were currently in place to communicate with member states. ED Imai reviewed the on-boarding process for newly appointed Commissioners and detailed how setting expectations and outlining the duties of a Compact Commissioner established the parameters for individuals new to the Commission. Ms. Dablow responded utilizing the media tools and publications distributed by the National Office has also increased awareness of compliance requirements. The use of the Chair Message and "The Wire" newsletter have served as reminders to the Commission regarding new and existing policies, and state council requirements. Chair Korte stated he would discuss ways the Committee can communicate compliance issues with the EXCOM and bring the feedback to the Compliance Committee. [OPEN ITEM]

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

10. **Commission Data Collection Requirement** – Chair Korte informed the Committee a constituent contacted staff and various Commissioners requesting the data collected, per Article IX and Chapter 200 of the Compact Rules, by the Commission. The Chair reminded the Members that while the Commission is tasked with collecting data it has not been required in the past due to the many technical challenges and the strain it would have on the Commission's and Department of Education resources within member states. Under the Compact Rules, does the Committee feel the need to collect this data, and to what end? Chair Korte asked the Committee to consider making a recommendation to do one of several options. The Committee could request the Rules Committee review Compact Rule Chapter 200 and either rescind or amend the existing language. The Committee could recommend the Commission require each member state strike the requirement from their Compact statute. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.
11. Commissioner French cautioned against action before researching the topic further. She referred to comments provided by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) via email and questioned utilizing the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and asked how data would be collected? Chair Korte stated some states are collecting information on military-connected students per the Military Student Identifier (MSI) but that information would not detail which students are transferring in or out due to a permanent change of station (PCS). Commissioner DuPlanty asked if the base or

School Liaison Officer would have access to that information and the Chair responded that in some smaller states there may not be a base where the military member is being assigned.

12. ED Imai interjected that DEERS is attached to where the child resides not the military member so this would not be reliable. For example, if the military member is stationed in one state, but the child resides in another state because the non-military parent has custody of the child then this would not be reported. She also cautioned against using the MSI because it requires the families to self-report, and thus far has not been a reliable source of data.

13. Chair Korte concluded the topic stating he would discuss it further with the EXCOM and provide the Compliance Committee with their thoughts at the Committee's May meeting. [OPEN ITEM]

ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked for items or comments for the EXCOM but there were no comments from the Committee.

15. **Questions for Mid-Year Survey** – Chair Korte asked the Members to email him any questions they had for the survey.

16. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th.

ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

17. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsey Dablow
Training and Operations Associate