

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

PRESENT	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Chair
	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Bob Buehn	Florida Commissioner	Treasurer
	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	Past Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	Comm & Outreach
	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Compliance
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Training
	Kathy Facon	DoD Military Representative/DODEA	Ex-Officio
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
	Richard Pryor	Communications Associate	
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Don Kaminar (AR) called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EST. Roll call was conducted by Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

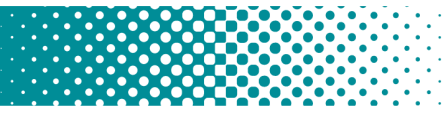
2. The agenda as amended was motioned for approval by Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) seconded by Commissioner Mary Gable (MD). Motion carried. The minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting with amendments were motioned for approval by Commissioner Singleton seconded by Commissioner Gable. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Chair** – EXCOM Task List – Chair Kaminar reviewed the new EXCOM Task List which tracks various tasks and deadlines. Members will have readable access however it will be managed by the National Office.

4. **Executive Director – State Statute Legislative Tracking** – ED Imai reported the National Office is tracking statutes from Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, Oregon and Utah: Texas - adding the requirement of a state council which was not included when the Compact language was first passed; Illinois - would like to remove the language designating the P20 Council as their state council; North Carolina – would like to eliminate their requirement that the state commissioner is a practicing attorney of a highly impacted military school district; Oregon has a sunset date of December 31, 2019; and Utah is still addressing the correction of their statute to remove the language regarding provision extension for all national guard and reserves in their compact language. All states are aware language changes need to be reviewed and approved by the national office to ensure the language is in-line with the Compact language of other states **(OPEN)**

5. **Military Advisory Group (MAG) Invitation** – ED Imai reported the Commission was invited to be part of the MAG, which is led by Jim Cowen, the Executive Director for the *Collaborative on Student*



*Success.* The group is composed of MIC3 Ex-Officio members, NMFA, MISA, and MCEC, as well as the Association of the U.S. Army and Military Families for High Standards. Chair Kaminar tabled discussion for March. **(OPEN)**

6. **Strategic Plan Consultant** – ED Imai recused herself from the meeting. Ms. Lindsey Dablow, Operations and Training Associate, presented the three proposals for consideration. Members selected Brian Riggs of Dialogue Shop. ED Imai will contact the consultant and finalize contract terms. **(OPEN)**

7. **Vice Chair** – Vice Chair Laura Anastasio reported the group had their first meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Three ex-officio, with the exception of Mr. Davis Whitfield of the National Federation of High Schools and Eileen Huck of the National Military Family Association, were able to attend. Topics discussed: Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies and forms; some expressed interest in serving on standing committees; and feedback on ideas for the new strategic plan. The EXCOM concurred that the new ex-officio group facilitates direct input into the EXCOM and thanked Vice Chair Anastasio for her leadership.

8. **Compliance Committee – Utah Language for National Guard and Reserves** – Commissioner Daron Korte (MN) and Compliance Chair referred to the email handout from last year regarding Utah's statute. He reported Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) questioned if the EXCOM would reconsider their position on not formally approving the proposed Utah language. Members concurred it was not appropriate for the Commission to formally approve a state's legislative language, and the primary concern was that the language that was added to the Compact statute was removed. Commissioner Korte said he would inform Commissioner Rasmussen and discuss with ED Imai and General Counsel Rick Masters on next steps. **(OPEN)**

9. **Committee Reports** – Due to time constraints, reports were tabled until the next meeting. **(OPEN)**

#### ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

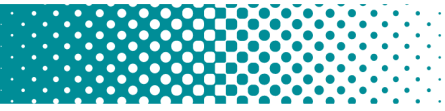
10. **Revised Awards Policy** – Members reviewed the policy which included revisions from the November Retreat. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Treasurer Bob Buehn (FL). Motion passed.

11. Due to time constraints, the following were tabled for the March meeting: **(OPEN)**

- What is Decided by the EXCOM via the Full Commission?
- Commissioner Language and Definition
- Ex-Officio on the Commission Info Paper
- National Guard & Reserves - Deployment to the Southern Border

12. April EXCOM Itinerary – The itinerary, as presented, was unanimously approved. Members preferred a team activity for the evening of Wednesday, April 17. Travel details will be released once finalized with the hotel.

13. **LuPiba-Anastasio Case** – Chair Kaminar asked ED Imai to provide an update as General Counsel Masters was absent from the meeting. ED Imai reported the National Office received the report from mediator, Janet Jernigan. ED Imai read the report which stated, “Just Solutions mediators Mary Jo Gleason, Esq. and Janet Jernigan, conducted a telephonic mediation on January 31, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, with Laura Anastasio and Pete LuPiba. After a thorough discussion of what occurred with



their communication and their different perspectives, they chose to reach a verbal agreement to put the issues behind them and to move forward communicating in a professional and respectful manner.”

14. Members were concerned about cost to the Commission to address the issue and the responsible party. The EXCOM asked ED Imai to provide a financial analysis at the next meeting. **(OPEN)**

## ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

15. **Commissioner Query Request** – ED Imai reported the National Office received a request from Commissioner Greg Lynch (WA) regarding Advanced Student Enrollment legislation his state recently encountered. While testifying at a legislative hearing, he was questioned about this initiative of which he was unaware. He reached out to ED Imai, who provided background information from the US Department of Defense (USDOD) State Liaison Office website. The initiative is one of the top ten priorities of the USDOD. Commissioner Lynch asked if the Commissioners could be queried to ask if a bill had been introduced and if they had been contacted.

16. ED Imai added that Vice Chair Anastasio and Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) approached EXCOM last year about querying the Commission on two items that remain outstanding on the agenda:

- **State Assessment Tests** - *If states had any complaints regarding double-testing of students who move during a state assessment testing period. (i.e. Students being required to take a test in the receiving state even though they have been tested within the same school year in the sending state.)*
- **Chronic Absenteeism** - *If their school districts have been penalized for failing to meet your state's chronic absenteeism requirements because military-connected students have absences related to deployment activities.*

DOD Representative, Kathy Facon asked that DODEA participate in the query. Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger (RI) motioned to approve, seconded by Treasurer Buehn. Motion passed. **(OPEN)**

**ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to conduct, and with unanimous consent, Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cherise Imai  
Secretary/Executive Director