

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

PRESENT	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Bob Buehn, Capt, USN (Ret.)	Florida Commissioner	Treasurer/Finance
	Kathy Facon	DoD Representative/DODEA	Ex-Officio
	LTC Davina French	North Dakota Commissioner	PR and Training
	Kate Wren Gavlak	California Commissioner	Past Chair
	Don Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Rules
	Pete LuPiba	Ohio Commissioner	Compliance
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
	Rick Masters	General Counsel	
	Richard Pryor	Communications Associate	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Rosemarie Kraeger called the meeting to order at 2:00PM ET. Roll call was conducted, and 7 members, 1 ex-officio, and 3 staff were present.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. The agenda was motioned for approval by Don Kaminar (AR) and seconded by Kate Wren Gavlak (CA), and passes unanimously. The minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting were motioned for approval by Pete LuPiba (OH) and seconded by Wren Gavlak (CA). Motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

3. **Executive Director** – Cherise Imai presented the final Case Report and reported that New York’s (NY) State Council worked with the Department of Education to pass revised regulations that would align their policies with the Compact. MIC3 provided testimony in support of the measure which passed in August. The national office drafted a press release to highlight their efforts, which are exceptional as NY had significant opposition in joining the Compact. The positive collaboration is due to Commissioner Debra Jackson’s work to bring the right people together. Second, Imai presented the draft FY2017-18 committee meeting schedule for review and asked members to notify her if these dates and/or times do not work with their schedules. Meeting dates are included in the ABM Docket Book.

4. **Trips/Events/Meetings Update** – On September 25, Chair Kraeger will attend the *MISA (Military Impacted Schools Assn) Meeting* in Washington, DC, to update on the Compact. Second, the *Interstate Commission on Juvenile Justice (ICJ)* invited MIC3 to attend their Annual Meeting in San Diego that same day. Past Chair, Wren Gavlak attended last year and will attend again this year.

5. **General Counsel – Utah on Compact Statute** – Rick Masters spoke with Gary Harter, Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and with the Attorney of the Legislative Bureau on new language to provide the National Guard and Reserve with the same accommodations as the Compact, and to revert the Compact back to its original language. **(OPEN ITEM)**

6. **General Counsel – Legal Advisory for Kansas** – Masters presented the advisory on if the Compact allows a receiving state public school to withdraw credit and corresponding grades previously awarded for courses completed in the sending state public school where the sending state declines to do so. Wren Gavlak (CA) motioned to approve with a second by Kaminar (AR). Motion passes.
7. **Compliance Committee** – LuPiba (OH) reported he and Vice Chair, Laura Anastasio (CT) will facilitate a second webinar on the State Coordination Policy tomorrow. The first, held last week, had two attendees. He updated on commissioner vacancies, the status of state councils, and that the next meeting is tomorrow. Imai added the State Council Meeting Report will be finalized on Monday, and that almost 20 members did not hold meetings last year.
8. **Rules Committee** – Kaminar (AR) reported the committee will meet Tuesday and the new Case Submission Form is being field tested. The first submission was received last week from Kansas and feedback from Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss' (WI) concerns about anyone being able to submit the form without going through the Commissioner first.
9. **PR and Training – New Website and ABM Training** – Davina French (ND) and Richard Pryor reported that the new website was launched on the 11th. It's been used significantly and the national office has received several publication requests through the new online request form from Norway, Germany, and other locales. Pryor highlighted that the website can be modified internally, while previously any revisions were submitted to the Council of State Governments (CSG). These changes ensure timely updates and the ability to adapt to our needs quickly. Feedback is ongoing.
10. **PR and Training – MIC3-MISA Training Partnership** – French reported that the EXCOM approved MOU was signed by MISA and Imai. Working with MISA/Kyle Fairbairn and Wren Gavlak (CA) as MIC3 lead on this initiative. Bellevue Public Schools in Nebraska has agreed to host the first pilot session on October 18th. Commissioner Brian Halstead (NE) will attend and co-brief with Wren Gavlak on two sessions - one for educators, and the other on military personnel and parents. Other states such as California are targeted this year, and Wren Gavlak will work with MISA and other state commissioners that are interested in this effort. **(OPEN ITEM)**
11. **Finance – FY18** – Bob Buehn (FL) reported that 67% of the FY18 dues (or 38 states) were paid to date. He reviewed the first quarter budget, which is on track for projected expenditures.
12. **Finance – FY19** – Buehn (FL) reviewed the FY19 dues projection which is 2.1% less than last year due to a decrease in military dependents. He projects that the number will continue to decrease and the committee will track the data. He also presented the FY19 proposed budget, as approved by his committee, for EXCOM approval. Wren Gavlak (CA) moved to approve, seconded by Mary Gable (MD). The motion passes unanimously.
13. **Department of Defense – DOD Task Force Update** – Kathy Facon (DOD) shared that conversations have taken place regarding the recommendation to convene a DoD Task Force related to the Compact. She explained that there are strong mechanisms in place, training opportunities, and that

she was confident that the Compact works. The issue to address is that of training, to ensure senior leaders and families are aware what the Compact covers and what it does not. Facon will meet with her leadership to ensure they are on board with the plan to not hold a DoD Task Force meeting, but rather to focus our efforts on internal training.

14. *Department of Defense – Military Representatives (MILREPS) to State Councils* – Facon said a new list was provided to the Commission and they are working on a guidebook for personnel.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

15. *MCEC-Columbia University Study* has not been released to date. Chair Kraeger reported a one-page summary was released at the MCEC conference. Facon said MCEC has a meeting in in Texas this week. MCEC also received a second grant and may be planning to do more on the study. Facon shared that she would contact MCEC to obtain the information released at their conference.

16. *Leadership Development Committee (LDC)* – Wren Gavlak (CA) said that after much thought and criticism of the election process, she is trying to develop an election process that is simpler, transparent, and easier to understand. Individuals may be critical of the election process and EXCOM because they may not be aware of the roles and/or responsibilities of the leadership positions or the time requirements involved. She added that it does takes a lot of time to serve on the EXCOM. Prior, Wren Gavlak asked Chair Kraeger to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee (that would not include anyone currently on EXCOM) to review current materials, discuss the process/concerns, and educate the Commission what being on the EXCOM requires. They would discuss developing an application process (currently the LDC receives a list of names to select from). While we won't be able to get rid of all the criticism, when we leave Rhode Island, she hopes that a good discussion and a tight process for succession planning (with training) will be developed as a result. Facon added that she supported this effort.

17. *Annual Business Meeting (ABM)* – Imai reviewed the content/facilitator list, general session agenda, and meeting/hearing notices.

ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS

18. *Patriot Poster Contest* – LuPiba presented the contest his state developed. It was agreed that participation would not be mandated, participation would be voluntary and at the state level. States could voluntarily send their poster winner to the national office for possible use in publications. All agreed that LuPiba could present this as a best practice and distribute information at the ABM.

ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT –With no further business to conduct, Chair Kraeger adjourned the meeting at 3:14 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherise Imai
Secretary/Executive Director