

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

PRESENT	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	Chair
	Pete LuPiba	Ohio Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Bob Buehn, Capt, USN (Ret.)	Florida Commissioner	Treasurer/Finance
	Kate Wren Gavlak	California Commissioner	Past Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules
	Don Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Training
	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Compliance
	Shelley Joan Weiss	Wisconsin Commissioner	Comm & Outreach
	Kathy Facon	DoD Representative/DODEA	Ex-Officio
		Cherise Imai	Executive Director
	Richard Pryor	Communications Associate	
EXCUSED	Rick Masters	General Counsel	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Rosemarie Kraeger called the meeting to order at 2:00PM EST. Roll call was conducted by Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai, and 7 members, 1 ex-officio, and 2 staff were present. She asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the school shooting in Florida. Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) joined the call near the end of the meeting.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. The agenda was motioned for approval by Don Kaminar (AR) and seconded by Kate Wren Gavlak (CA). Motion carries. Kaminar also motioned to table the minutes of the January 18 and February 1, 2018 meeting for the March meeting. Seconded by Pete LuPiba (OH), the motion carries.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Chair: EXCOM Self-Assessment Survey Draft** – Commissioner Weiss (WI) was not in attendance to present the draft and Chair Kraeger asked that this item be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the March meeting. **(OPEN ITEM)**

4. **Executive Director – Partnerships and Engagements** – ED Imai was a featured speaker and panelist at the Fort Hood Army Education Summit on February 8 in Killeen, TX. Overall the summit was impressive and had over a couple of hundred attendees. The MIC3 session was well attended with at least 80 participants. She will attend the Military Impacted Schools Association meeting in Washington DC in late March and is working on scheduling meetings with UHPHS. Pete LuPiba suggested that Imai meet with USDOE officials to obtain an update on the status of the military identifier, availability of the data, and their timelines. He questioned if Imai had met with the USDOE before and said he thought it was important agency to partner with. Imai agreed that engagement was important and that she and Rick Masters reported to the EXCOM that they met with Maureen Dowling

and her staff last year. The EXCOM discussed the purpose of scheduling the meeting and agreed that the military identifier is outside of the Commission's scope and authority. In addition, under the federal *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), states are required to submit data to the USDOE in September 2018, therefore data would likely not be available until after that date. In conclusion, all agreed that the identifier is outside of the Commission's scope of work, and the decision would be left to Imai - who would check with her USDOE point of contact - on scheduling and the feasibility of meeting in March.

5. **Executive Director – Staff Vacancy** – ED Imai reported that she received 53 applicants for the position and is working with Human Resources to review the applications. She will hold phone interviews next week and in-person interviews the last week of February with the intent to have someone on board by end March.
6. **General Counsel** – Due to a conflict in his schedule, Rick Masters was unable to attend the call and his report is tabled for the March meeting.
7. **Communications Committee** – Commissioner Weiss was not present. No report.
8. **Compliance Committee** – Commissioner Korte reported his committee will meet in March, and he asked his members to review the committee's Strategic Plan goals for feedback.
9. **Finance Committee** – Commissioner Buehn reported the committee continues their discussion on dues structure options and anticipates a single proposal to be presented to the Rules Committee for consideration.
10. **Rules Committee** – Commissioner Gable said she had no report.
11. **Training Committee** – Commissioner Kaminar reported that his committee tried to meet twice and was unsuccessful in obtaining quorum. They have had good discussion centered on preparing for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and Richard Pryor is trying to secure a meeting date for next week. Kaminar asked Gavlak to provide an update on the Nebraska and California Training Sessions. Gavlak reported that the Nebraska session went well and was successful. They received positive feedback from both state session participants. The California training had 16 attendees, with representatives from districts that have had issues on the Compact in the past year – so she was glad to see them. She shared her slides with the EXCOM earlier last week, and she stated she has used the same slides every year for her presentations. Her sessions also included case discussions and real-life scenarios that schools have encountered. The feedback included comments that more training is desired. California is a big state, so she has State Council meetings twice a year, in the North and South areas of the state. The School Liaison Officers are seeking additional sessions in May for northern districts in conjunction with the California State Council Meeting.

#### ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

12. **Patriot Poster Contest** – Commissioner LuPiba reported that he presented the contest information at the ABM and since then, he has spoken with (20) states who have agreed to hold a contest in their state this year. They (the states) would hold their state contests, then send the winning

posters to the national office for the national contest and select one winner. He added that the initiative is with the Compact's mission in supporting children. The EXCOM liked his that he shared Ohio's best practice, though questioned the contest's impact on the budget, commissioner's resources and time, and the logistics. They agreed that the initiative would be referred to the Communication and Outreach committee's review and discussion. LuPiba questioned who will notify Weiss that this was assigned to her committee? Imai responded that she would inform Weiss and ask her to connect with LuPiba to discuss the details.

13. ***The committee met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.*** Both DOD Representative, Kathy Facon and staff were excused.

14. ***Approval of the Revised Strategic Plan*** – Commissioner Gable motioned to accept the revised plan which includes the goals and action plans for the newly created committees for Communications and Outreach, and Training. Seconded by Kaminar, the motion passes. Imai thanked the committee and will post the new plan on the website and disseminate to the Commission.

#### **ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS**

15. ***ABM Survey Feedback*** – Communications Associate Pryor briefed on the feedback and comments from the attendees. Overall it was positive, and highlights were the breakout sessions, reception, and parent/student panels.

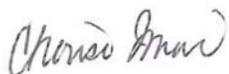
16. ***Partnership and Collaboration Discussion Proposal*** – ED Imai reviewed her two-pager document which outlines a desired discussion on establishing partnerships with other agencies and organizations. The current position determined when MIC3 was approached to support political hot topics such as Common Core, and there wasn't a consensus among member states on such issues. Due to this the leadership at that time took an informal approach to partnerships - more of a handshake and desire to work together, versus a formal working partnership. With the EXCOM, Rules, and Finance Committees' strategic plan goals inclusive of building partnerships, Imai asked the EXCOM to have a good discussion on where we are today and how we can accomplish our mission, vision and goals. The EXCOM agreed and this topic would be added to the April in-person meeting in Lexington. (OPEN ITEM)

#### **ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

17. ***EXCOM Spring Planning Meeting*** – ED Imai reminded members to make their arrangements and email to both she and Pryor. Also, that the dress is casual, and jeans are appropriate attire.

**ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to conduct, Chair Kraeger adjourned the meeting at 3:01 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cherise Imai  
Secretary/Executive Director