

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 19, 2020

PRESENT	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Chair
	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	Comm & Outreach
	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Compliance
	Craig Neuenswander	Kansas Commissioner	Treasurer
	Chuck Clymer	DoD Representative	Ex-Officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	
EXCUSED	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	Past Chair
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Training

ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Kaminar called the meeting to order on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 1:02 PM EST. Roll call was conducted by Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai. A quorum was established.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. Commissioner Brian Henry (MO) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Treasurer Craig Neuenswander (KS). Motion carried.

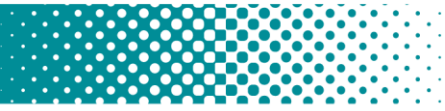
3. Commissioner Daron Korte (MN) motioned to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting and seconded by Treasurer Neuenswander. Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

4. **Chair – Strategic Plan** – Chair Kaminar reviewed the strategic tasks with the Committee and will be addressed over the next year. He reminded Members to provide updates in their on the status of each Committee’s goals and tactics in their monthly report.

5. **Vice Chair** – Vice Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) reported the February Ex-Officio meeting was postponed due to her illness therefore she did not have a report at this time. They will reschedule the meeting in the near future. She added the National Military Families Association had appointed a new representative, Nicole Russell, the new Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs, to the Commission and she looked forward to meeting her. ED Imai added she will onboard Ms. Russell next week.

6. **Executive Director** – ED Imai reported the Council of State Governments (CSG), of which the Commission is an affiliate, has closed the national office for the next two weeks due to the pandemic, and staff are teleworking. In addition, CSG has a new COVID-19 webpage specifically for state leaders



which may be helpful for Members. She will send a notification to the Commission through Constant Contact that the office is still “open” and include this webpage resource.

7. **Executive Director – Embry Contract and Business Insurance Renewal** – ED Imai stated the contract has been signed and she is pending receipt of the hard copy. She will schedule an appointment with the firm once it has been received. She reminded the Committee the intent of hiring the second firm is to assist with meeting the needs of the Commission. ED Imai reported the 3-year business insurance was renewed through CSG effective December 2019.

8. **Executive Director – Briefs and Trainings** – ED Imai reported she participated virtually in two State Council meetings for Nevada (1/22) and Idaho (3/10). Both are recently appointed and new Commissioners. Idaho’s meeting was the first held for the state and Nevada’s was the first since September 2016. The 3/19 Connecticut State Council Meeting was postponed due to meeting restrictions and will be rescheduled. She recognized Commissioner Tim McMurtrey (ID) and Commissioner Felicia Gonzales for their efforts. Finally, ED Imai reported Ms. Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate conducted training sessions for school personnel and parents on request by the Travis Unified School District in California on 2/20.

9. **Executive Director – Information Only** – ED Imai shared three resources for awareness: the Bluestar Families report in which the Compact was referenced; the MCEC Military Kids Now Education Survey was released; and MOAA/MCEC SPED Issue Paper.

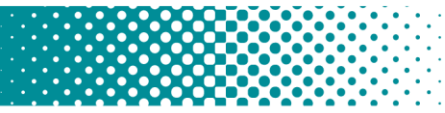
10. **Communications and Outreach** – Commissioner Henry reported information and documents for Purple Up! and Month of the Military Child are posted on the MIC3 website and were released to the Commission in February. He acknowledged the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on schools and numerous school closures which may result in the postponement of celebratory events however dependent on the next few weeks – the situation could change. He encouraged Members to share their events and activities with the national office to share on social media.

11. **Compact Success Stories Video Program** – Commissioner Henry presented the new program documents for approval by the EXCOM. Vice Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) asked if the video deadlines would be extended due to the COVID-19 crisis. Commissioner Henry responded the Committee would consider this at their next meeting, as the Committee approved the program documents prior to the pandemic.

12. **Compliance** – Commissioner Daron Korte (MN) reported 100% of Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms were collected. He highlighted concerns regarding Indiana’s Commissioner appointment and non-engagement. Due to this, the concern was moved by the Compliance Committee to a Level 4 status.

13. **Finance** – Treasurer Neuenswander directed Members attention to the reports included in the meeting packet. He reported expenditures are on target and as projected for the third quarter. Due to COVID-19, there was some loss in investments, however nothing to be overly concerned about at this time. He added the Committee is drafting a new policy which would provide guidance on investments.

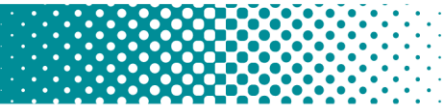
14. **Rules** – Commissioner Gable reported the Committee has not met since February and she did not have a report at this time.



15. **Training** – Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) was not present, and her report was tabled.
16. **Leadership Nomination Committee (LNC)** – Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger (RI) was not present, and her report was tabled.
17. **National Guard and Reserve Task Force (NGRTF)** – Commissioner Kraeger was not present, and her report was tabled.
18. **DOD Liaison** – DOD Representative Chuck Clymer reported the Air Force published a document similar to the Navy guidance, and the Army was working on a document as well. They continue to work on a communications protocol for school liaisons and DOD representatives, and a clarification on the lead service in states. Mr. Clymer questioned if a central data on school systems was available. ED Imai responded to her knowledge, only the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), also a CSG affiliate, has collected state data on school closures and other information. She will forward this report to the EXCOM.
19. ED Imai asked if Mr. Clymer anticipated overseas families returning to the states even though travel is prohibited, and PCS orders were halted by the U.S. Department of Defense. Mr. Clymer responded no, as the stop order is in place, travel by families should not be expected. The Department did not want families travelling and preferred they remained in a controlled environment as much as possible. He stated families from China, Hong Kong, and Manchuria were ordered to leave early on, and no other places.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

20. **2021 ABM Request for Proposals** – ED Imai presented the memo for approval. Ms. Dablow has been working with the Louisiana Visitors Bureau and received proposals from Baton Rouge and New Orleans. She will schedule a future site visit when time permits. Some hotels were not able to accommodate our selected dates as October is a busy season for them.
21. **My Navy Family App** – ED Imai reported the MOU was signed however there is a delay in the app update due to funding. The vendor will notify us once funding has been approved which is expected in May or June. (OPEN ITEM)
22. **B. Riggs: Strategic Plan Consultant Proposal** – ED Imai presented the proposal for extended services by Strategic Consultant Brian Riggs, for consideration by the Committee. The Committee determined services felt confident the leadership team and staff could manage plan implementation. However, the Committee could revisit securing services for the ABM.
23. **Identifying State Best Practices and Promotion** – Chair Kaminar presented the draft document and google form to collect resources and best practices from states developed by himself and Vice-Chair Anastasio for the Committee's review. The form would be accessible for all states to submit information. He asked members to provide feedback for further discussion at the April meeting. (OPEN ITEM)
24. **Tier Group Utilization and Matrix Proposal** – ED Imai reviewed the new Tier Group report updated with current data on military dependents. A new field on dues was added to provide perspective



on dues contribution in comparison with military dependent impactation. She stated the Tier Groups were initially based on a state location (north, south, east and west) which was changed by the Commission in 2017 to four groups based on the number of military dependents residing in a state. The use of the tier groups has been an item of frequent discussion by the Commission.

25. Based on the 2018 Mid-Year Survey members preferred to meet in this format if the discussion was valuable and useful for members. Some questions that need further discussion and clarification include: purpose, frequency of meetings, agenda setting and minutes, and what is the role of the national office? Currently, the Commission holds 50+ committee/task force meetings and concern were expressed if more meetings are added, how this impacted the national office workload. There was also concern that an online meeting would not be as effective as an in-person meeting. One member suggested a Tier Group meeting be held during the ABM instead. The item will be further discussed in April.
(OPEN ITEM)

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

26. **Memo on Commissioner Orzalli ABM Inquiry: DOD Ex-Officio Language** – The item was tabled for the April meeting. **(OPEN ITEM)**

27. **Mid-Year Survey** – The item was deferred to the April meeting. **(OPEN ITEM)**

ITEM 7 - OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

28. Commissioner Korte asked the national office to forward EXCOM contact and cell information to Members for their information. **(OPEN ITEM)**

29. No additional business or announcements were brought before the EXCOM.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

30. There being no further business to conduct, Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 2:03PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cherise Imai
Secretary/Executive Director