

Massachusetts Council of Military Interstate Commerce Commission Agenda Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2018

1:00 pm – 1:55 pm

1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108 – 21st Floor, Conference Room 1

Attendees:

Members:

RADM Clarke Orzalli USN (ret), Commissioner, Massachusetts MIC3

Ken Gordon, Massachusetts State Representative, 21st District

Francisco Urena, Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veteran's Services

Erick Donovan, Designee for Secretary of Education James Peyser, Massachusetts Office of Education

Clifford Chuang, Senior Associate Commissioner of Educational Options, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Ex-Officio Members:

None present

Other Guests:

Christine Cowen, Military Family Education Liaison to MIC3, Military Connected Student Specialist, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Vote to Approve Minutes from November 27, 2017 Meeting

- Affiliations corrected
- Approved minutes. (4 voted affirmative)

I. Discuss Activity/Review of Action Items Since November 27, Meeting

- One student from Virginia who had 8th grade Algebra designating on the transcript as high school equivalent. School district will not accept coursework. It has requirement of 4 math courses for graduation. The Military Liaison has been trying to contact the head of guidance to confirm reasoning. Discussion ensued that the fact the student is entering 9th grade, he has four years to meet graduation requirement of school district and could take another form of math. It would not be a hardship for graduation since the student is entering as freshman and thus has time to complete requirement. However, Liaison will continue to reach out to school district to follow up.
- Liaison mentioned another case about enrollment, but it was resolved between parent and school.
- Commissioner shared fliers and posters. While the posters have not been approved yet, we can still use them. They will be posted at Hanscom. There are four models to choose from. All in attendance asked for posters and fliers to be electronically sent to them. It was mentioned that the Commissioner's and Liaison's contact information should be added to posters. Secretary of Veteran Affairs Services will post at center where Vet's obtained ID Cards.
- Review flier for Month of Military Child. Liaison will use the flier for the upcoming Educational Stability Team Conference with revision to include Massachusetts data.
- Commissioner discussed Proclamation from Kentucky. Secretary of Veteran's Services commented that it will bring awareness to government offices to have proclamation in our state. He will investigate

Gubernatorial Proclamation. State Representative will discuss proclamation at the House. Superintendent of Bedford (absent) could perhaps attend State House proclamation. Press could be gathered. Commissioner will electronically send out proclamation to attendees.

- Commissioner invited to attend Annual Training of the town Veterans Coordinators in October by Secretary of Veteran Services to do a speech in August/September.
- Commissioner mentioned Annual National Conference to be in Cleveland, OH.

II. Ex-Officio Members Comments

- None

III. Status of including Military Designation in ESSA requirements

- Discussion about data and if it is disaggregated by active reservist. It is not disaggregated by branch nor reservist. Discussion ensued about this.

IV. Public Comment

- No items

V. Discussion of Next Steps

- For the next meeting, data disaggregated by school district.
- Social Media – Inquire about an email address for Commissioner through DESE.
- Government proclamation of MIC3.
- Send posters/fliers/proclamation to attendees.
- A “blurb” with updated Month of Military Child for posting (MA data and brochure links) Can send to guidance counselors. (be sure to include Jackie at DESE)
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VI. Adjourn

- At 1:55 pm
- Next meeting: mentioned to schedule with Dora through Secretary of Veteran’s Services.