

**State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
February 2, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Attendance

Col. Peter Joo, Military Representative, Air Force & Space Force, Laughlin Air Force Base
Del Rio, Texas

Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks, Military Representative, Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX

Brenda Howard, House of Representatives Designee

Dr. John Craft, Superintendent, NISD, San Antonio, TX

Jessica Snyder, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA

Dr. Ann Lê, TEA Manager of Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Unit

1. Call to order

- Jessica Snyder called to order at 1:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- **MOTION AND VOTE:** The State Advisory Council approved minutes from the State Advisory Council on Education Opportunity for Military Children meeting conducted on October 27, 2025, meeting.

3. Public comments.

- There were no public comment registrations.

4. Council Membership Updates

- Col. Peter Joo – Introduction; Military representative, U.S. Air Force

Ms. Snyder reviewed the remaining vacant positions on the council as follows:

- Chair of Senate Committee on Public Education, Designee
- Superintendent Representative, Military School District
- District Administrator Representative
- Parent Representative

Ms. Snyder requested each member provide a short biography that will be shared with new council members.

Ms. Snyder encouraged members to submit recommendations for the district administrator representative and the parent representative position.

Col. Joo suggested developing a one pager that outlines expectations of council members as a tool to use for future recruitment.

5. Operating Procedures (Action Item).

MOTION AND VOTE: It was moved by Dr. Craft, seconded by Dr. Lê, and carried unanimously to amend 2.1(b) to read as follows:

“a representative from the Texas National Guard ~~and~~ and/or a representative from the reserve component of any military branch”

6. Council Member and Staff Report

Dr. Ann Lê from TEA’s Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division provided updates about her team’s most recent activities and events.

- The Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs held its first, statewide Military-Connected Student Support Summit on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Region 20 Education Service Center (ESC) in San Antonio, Texas.
- Dr. Lê provided an update and link to the Statewide Military Student Identifier Data Report: [statewide-military-msi-data-report.pdf](#) and to the MCEC MOMC Toolkit: [Month of the Military Child Toolkit - Military Child Education Coalition® \(MCEC®\)](#)
- Ms. Snyder provided an update from the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting.
 - o Rule Amendment: SEC 2.103 Dues Formula, each State pays dues membership.
 - o Policy: 2-2025 Compliance Fee Assessment. States that are not in compliance will be assessed a fee.
 - o Elections were held. There is a new National Chair Darron Korte
 - o Ex-officio applicant: The non-profit organization, Education Commission of the States, applied for ex officio membership.
- Ms. Snyder introduced the new secure file sharing workspace for sharing meeting resources and council documents. Invitations to sign into the workspace will be shared with council members.

7. 2026 Council Priorities

- Ms. Snyder reviewed the 2026 council priorities:
 - o increasing communication with districts with lower numbers of military-connected families that may have limited awareness of the Compact
 - o reviewing case studies of issues military-connected students experience
 - o promoting the criteria for Purple Star campuses (best practices)
 - o reinforcing the council’s connections with school liaison officers
 - o filling the council vacancies
- Ms. Hendricks indicated that the SLOs would be an excellent resource for case studies and volunteered to discuss a plan for including the SLOs in future meetings.
- Ms. Snyder shared a draft communication plan to improve communication and outreach across the state.
- Ms. Snyder will work with Dr. Lê’s office to include notification to the school districts about the Month of the Military Child and the Texas Education Agency’s new tool kit.

8. Upcoming Events

- MIC3: Compact 101 Training - February 26, 2026 ([Register](#))
- Fort Hood Annual Education Summit - February 27, 2026
- Purple Star Campus Designation Interest Meeting - March 4, 2026
- When Military Service Ends: Supporting the Children of Veterans - March 25, 2026
- Month of the Military Child (April) - Purple Up Day 2026: April 10, 2026

9. Adjourn

- Ms. Snyder adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.