

New York State Interstate Compact Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Members Participating (via Zoom): Dr. Debra Jackson (NYS Commissioner), Dr. Frank Sheboy, Lisa Beatha, Melissa Montague, Steve Todd, Wendy O’Sullivan, Dr. David Brown, Kristen Jadin, Melissa Pandolf, Michi Carl.

1. Commissioner Debra Jackson welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 10:00am. She asked all to introduce themselves.
2. Commissioner Jackson shared the minutes of the previous Council meeting. Dr. Frank Sheboy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Steve Todd seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of approving the minutes.
3. Bob Conway has recently retired and has stepped down from the Council. Commissioner Jackson will be sending him a letter of thanks and gratitude as his contributions, expertise and humor will be greatly missed. Major General Shields will be providing a designee to fill the role.
4. NYS Council continues to have open seats for the Governor to appoint, names and documentation have been submitted however they continue to be in the vetting stage with no movement. Dr. Jackson asks Melissa Pandolf for assistance through Senator Brooks and Lisa Beatha through the Assembly.
5. Bob had planned to provide the Code of ethical conduct in accordance with state regulations however due to his retirement Dr. Jackson will work on pulling one together.
6. Update on the implementation of Section 80-5.28 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education: Transitional J Certificate for Spouses of Individuals on Full-Time Active Duty with the Armed Forces Whose Permanent Duty Station is in NYS. Due to Emergency COVID certifications, which is more expedient yet comparable to the Transitional J Certificate, most are utilizing the Emergency COVID path currently. Steve extends much gratitude to the team at State Ed. To Senator Shelley Mayer and the many friends and partners that supported this initiative.
7. NYS MIC-3 Dues 2021, 2022 – status “paid”.
8. Current resolved and unresolved issues brought to the Council include:
 - Families that chose to home school due to the nature of COVID educational platforms for their children, assume that the IC covers them upon return to public school/s. State variance’s regarding home school reporting especially challenge the transitioning military Family when that transition is from another state where they homeschooled and a PCS to a state where they plan to register in public school.
 - Commissioner/SLO interventions are often necessary, however once the school/district is aware of the IC accommodations, they often comply. Challenges often surround the geographically dispersed, where military families are few and

when guidance personnel change out. Dr. Jackson adds that NYS has 2 SLO's that cover the state, where many states of several SLO's representing several branches of the service.

- Melissa shares update from Curriculum and Instruction; January 2022 US History Regents will be postponed. Laboratory requirements allow some flexibility, but no flexibility with minutes which can be acquired either virtual or in person.
 - David shares update from NYS Music Association; All-State will be held in person this year (Rochester in December), all participants mandated to be vaccinated. David offers to assist anyone in need of navigating COVID protocol rules pertaining to NYS Music.
9. 2021 National MIC3 2-Day Conference is being held virtual this year. Commissioner Jackson will send out the (free) registration link, encouraging members to attend this rare opportunity.
 10. Financial Update: MIC3 Headquarters/KY retirement costs have been negotiated and no longer a factor. Dues are steady and NUS enrollment is flat.
 11. Commissioner thanks Council for NG IC responses. The tally of State responses will be conducted at the National meeting next month.
 12. Melissa P. brings attention to creating awareness, notes Purple Star State initiative and inquires if that would make sense for NYS as it is a way to bring awareness. Melissa would like to see outreach to the schools. Dr. Jackson will connect her to Chris Arnold, regarding current NYS Purple Star State legislation. Wendy elaborates on her experience as a SLO in VA, a Purple Star State, the state formed committee formed under at DoDEA grant and utilized several state SLO's from across the state representing various branches. Dr. Jackson notes the extensive awareness to date; Superintendent meetings, email lists, newsletters and of course the work Melissa M. has done with the NYSED website to include MOMC page. Melissa M. continues to accept good news stories to be added to the NYSED website. Dr. Jackson adds she is open to additional suggestions. Lisa will information to NAVPA who hold conferences with colleges.
 13. Michi provided an overview of The Army Education Outreach Program (AEOP) partnership with Future Engineers, Veteran's Pin initiative. Details will be sent to Dr. Jackson to forward to the Council.
 14. Wendy shares good news from Ft. Drum, DoD Star Base Academy, year-round STEM programming for 5th graders and is looking forward to it becoming operational.
 15. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6th 2022.