

#### **Minutes**

Louisiana State Council
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

June 28, 2021 2:00 p.m.

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- Call to order The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.
   Attendees: Gerald Boudreaux, Raphael Curtis, Tiffany Koch, Jacqueline Robertson, Joan Hunt, Georgette Price, Ernise Singleton, Margaret Niolosi
- II. Welcome
- III. Old Business
  - A. Purple Star Schools

Commissioner Singleton reviewed the discussion held last year, the lack of moving forward during the 2020 legislative session (due to the pandemic) and the legislation established out of the 2021 Regular Legislative session, Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (SCR15). SCR 15 calls for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a Purple Star Schools award program to be administered through the Department of Education. Commissioner Singleton will be responsible for ensuring this legislation is acted upon. School systems across the state can choose to act on this if they so choose.

# B. 2020 Annual Business Meeting

Commissioner Singleton provided an update on the 2020 ABM which was held virtually this past October. All of the meeting documents are on the MIC3 website.

#### IV. New Business

A. National Guard and Reserve

Commissioner Singleton led a discussion and provided a presentation on an issue concerning the National Guard and Reserve. The council was asked to consider five potential course of actions based on ther presentation and to provide a recommendation to the Commission by the end of August.

Commissioner Singleton will gather the data needed and provide that to the Council for further discussion.

Several members of the Council expressed a concern and caution about pursuing legislation to expand the Compact in Louisiana as there could be unintended consequences.

B. 2021 Annual Business Meeting, Little Rock, AR

Commissioner Singleton indicated she would be attending the Annual Business Meeting on November



4-5 in Little Rock. She indicated the Meeting would be a hybrid model.

Commissioner Singleton informed the council that the plans were also underway to hold the 2022 Annual Business Meeting in Louisiana at a location TBD.

### C. Military connected students in Louisiana

Commissioner Singleton provide data on the number of military connected students in the state.

# D. Training Needs in Louisiana

Commissioner Singleton asked the council to provide input on any training needs they felt were needed surrounding the Compact and implementation of in Louisiana:

- Ms. Nicolsi indicated that the six school systems in the New Orleans region are largely unaware of the compact and five of them don't report the military identifier
- Ms. Koch indicated that Beauregard Parish doesn't utilize the military identifier
- Ms. Price felt training should occur among registrars/administrative assistants at the elementary level as they are usually the individuals conducting school admission at that level
- Mr. Boudreaux indicated it would be good to provide legislators a one page flyer on the intent of the compact. He also suggested providing education specifically to the education committee in the House and Senate.

### V. Announcements

- A. Future meetings
  Possibly call a meeting to review recommendations for the National Guard and Reserve.
- B. MIC3 web update School Liaisons

# VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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# Military Affiliated Student Enrollment by School system (10/1/20)

School System	Total enrollment	Military Affiliated enrollment	% Military Affiliated
Vernon Parish	8161	2575	31.6%
Ascension Parish	23455	1995	8.5%
Bossier Parish	22622	1970	8.7%
Caddo Parish	36470	632	1.7%
Beauregard Parish	5774	308	5.3%