

State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
October 27, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

CAPT Beau Hufstetler, Naval Air Station Fort Worth
Janette Gomez, (Representative for Col. Peter Joo)
Brenda Howard, House of Representatives Designee
Nancy Patterson, Chief College, Career & Military Readiness Officer, Killeen ISD
Lindsey Dablow, Operations & Training Associate, MIC3
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 the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Public comments.

- There were no public comment registrations.

3. New Members and Introductions

- Brenda Howard, House of Representatives Designee
- Col. Peter Joo, Military Representative, Air Force and Space Force (not present)
- TSgt Nolan Zepeda, Ex Officio Representative for Reserves Component of the U.S. Armed Forces (not present)
- Dr. Anne Le, Manager, TEA Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Unit

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

- Senate Designee
- Parent Representative
- Ex Officio Texas National Guard Representative

Ms. Snyder asked council members for recommendations for the parent representative position. The council also discussed a potential amendment to its operating procedures to require either a representative from the National Guard or a representative from a component of the reserves, versus both.

4. Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Training (Lindsey Dablow, Interim Executive Director, MIC3, National Headquarters)

- Ms. Dablow presented the MIC3 Compact 101 Training. Members in attendance have met the MIC3 training requirement for council members.
- Ms. Snyder reminded council members that in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.005, each member of the council is required to complete the Texas Open Meeting Act Training offered through the Office of the Attorney General. Individuals can complete and print or save a certificate after completing the virtual training.

- Council members are asked to complete and submit their certificates prior to the next council meeting (January 12, 2026)

5. 2026 Council Priorities

Ms. Snyder reviewed the council priorities discussed by the council in previous meetings. She identified three main categories for the priorities: stakeholder engagement and outreach; training opportunities and resource dissemination; and strategic partnerships and leadership engagement. Ms. Snyder also introduced a framework for organizing the priorities the council has discussed into these categories as follows:

- Stakeholder engagement and outreach
 - Increase outreach for districts with lower military-connected student enrollment
 - Continue support for districts and counselors
- Training opportunities and resource dissemination
 - Review case studies
 - Promote criteria for Purple Star campuses
- Strategic partnerships and leadership engagement
 - Reinforce connections with state liaison officers (SLOs)
 - Fill vacant council positions

6. Council Member and Staff Reports

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

- The Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs team has unveiled a new four-part micro-video. The videos are designed for both educators and families, offering practical strategies to better understand and support military-connected students. The videos are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/tools-and-resources>.
- On January 29, 2026, Dr. Lê's team in partnership with Education Service Center (ESC) 20 and its grantee, Military Child Education Coalition, will be hosting its first Military-Connected Students Support Summit in San Antonio. This is a free, in-person event focused on collaboration and innovation in military student support.

7. Upcoming Events

Ms. Snyder gave an overview of the following upcoming events.

- Council meetings: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - January 12, 2026 (revised)
 - April 20, 2026
 - July 20, 2026
- January 29, 2026: Military-Connected Students Support Summit in San Antonio

8. Adjourn

Ms. Snyder adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m