
New York State Interstate Compact Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 23, 2026
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

NYSED Office Building
89 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12234

Location of Room forthcoming

(Zoom Link Provided upon Request)

ATTENDEES:

New York State Council Members, ex-officio members, and public

FACILITATOR: DEBRA JACKSON

NOTE TAKER: HEATHER EVANGELISTA

TIMEKEEPER: MICHAEL MCELDUFF

TOPICS:

1. Changes in Membership - Onboarding
2. Student Voices - Video and next steps
3. April as Month of the Military Child

MEETING OBJECTIVE:

To review needs of students and school districts for future planning

TO PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING:

- Confirm your attendance via djackson2@me.com
NOTE: Sign-in required to SED site, name tags to be prepped with advance confirmation of attendance
- Review the attachments for discussion
- Add items for discussion on “parking lot”

SCHEDULE:

2 hours and 30 minutes

10:00 - 10:30	30	Arrival and Setup for a 10:30 AM start.
10:30 - 10:35	5	MOTION TO OPEN MEETING
10:35 - 10:45	10	WELCOME Status updates, role changes, policy makers Congratulations to Wendy on her retirement!

10:45 - 10:50	5	Discuss plus/delta from previous meeting ■ PLUS ■ DELTA
10:50 - 10:55	5	Accept minutes for previous meeting 09/17/2025
10:55 - 11:50	55	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open seats on Council <u>TBD</u> • NYS Graduation Requirements new updates • JCOPE - Data for all policy members? Debra, Heather, Troy, Sonja, Brittany, Lisa, Kevin, Joel • Lindsey Dablow - Acting Interim MIC3 Director • Training Initiatives and Compact 101/102 for NYS • Briefing on Recent Cases and Resolutions for families entering and exiting NYS
11:50 - 12:00	10	Acknowledgment of Successes
12:00 - 12:30	30	WORKING LUNCH - VIEWING VIDEO WITH BLOOM MILITARY STUDENTS
12:30 - 12:45	15	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals for our Council, Quantitive Data Collection Action Plan 2026 - 2030 • April - Purple Up Month Celebrations to Share • Succession Planning
12:45 - 12:50	5	Roundtable discussion Parking Lot items
12:50 - 12:55	5	Discuss plus/delta about this meeting and possible changes going forward. ■ PLUS ■ DELTA
12:55 - 1:00	5	Closing Comments MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

September 16, 2026

ARTICLE 66

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

§ 3308.

In New York, the state council shall include the commissioner or his or her designee, **Brittany Phillips (Designated Representative of the NYS Commissioner of Education; Associate in Instructional Services for NYS Commissioner Betty A. Rosa)**

the director of the New York state division of veterans' affairs or his or her designee, **Joel Evans (Executive Deputy Director, NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs)**

the adjutant general of the state of New York or his or her designee, **Kevin Getnick (Designated Representative of The Adjutant General; Director of Legal Affairs and Counsel for Major General Raymond F. Shields, Jr., Adjutant General and Commander of the NY Army National Guard)**

a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner, **Troy Decker (Superintendent, Indian River School District)**

a district superintendent of schools of a board of cooperative educational services serving an area with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner, **TBD (District Superintendent, Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services)**

a representative from a military installation appointed by the governor, **Sonja E. Draught, (Chief Plans, Analysis & Integration, US Army Garrison Fort Drum)**

a representative of military families appointed by the governor, **Heather Evangelista (Parent USMA)**

a public member appointed by the governor **Debra Jackson**

and one representative each appointed by the speaker of the assembly, **Lisa Beatha (University Director of Veterans Affairs for the City University of New York Central Office)**

the temporary president of the senate **TBD**

and the governor **TBD**

2. The state council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact. **Wendy O'Sullivan (School Liaison Officer)**

3. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the governor or as otherwise determined by each member state. **Debra Jackson**

4. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated herein shall be ex-officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council.

NOTE: DODEA will appoint an ex-officio military liaison (ARMY). **COL Daniel Stuewe, Garrison Commander (Commander, US Army Garrison, West Point)**

Ex-officio:

Robin Banks, (School Liaison Officer, FMWR Child and Youth Services, Fort Drum, NY)

Kyle Belokopitsky, Executive Director NYS PTA

Betsy Gilland, (West Point, NY)

Kristen Suatoni Jadin, (Assistant Director, New York State Public High School Athletic Association)

Todd Nelson, (Assistant Director for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association)

Michael McElduff, (Superintendent Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery CSD)

Diane Pasterchick, (Coordinator of Veteran and Military Affairs, State University of New York)

Rita Tenuta, Community Member, Albany NY

Morgan Woodson, Special Assistant for Outreach Activities for the New York State Department of Veterans' Services.

Robert J. Zayas, (Executive Director, New York State Public High School Athletic Association)