

New York State Interstate Compact Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Members Participating (via Zoom): Debra Jackson (NYS Commissioner), Dr. Frank Sheboy, COL Mike Yankovich, Lisa Beatha, Melissa Montague, Heather Evangelista, Marybeth Casey, Robert Conway, Stephen Todd, Troy Decker, Christopher Arnold, Dr. David Brown, Michi Carl

- 1) Commissioner Debra Jackson welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She asked all to introduce themselves.
- 2) Commissioner Jackson asked participants for “plus/delta” feedback from the previous Council meeting. Participants shared; Melissa M. is a great addition, well versed - please utilize her expertise! It was noted that each member with tasks from the previous meeting, completed those tasks.
- 3) Commissioner Jackson shared the minutes of the previous Council meeting. Dr. Frank Sheboy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Stephen Todd seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- 4) Dr. Jackson states that April is Month of the Military Child (MOMC) and compliments Melissa on the outstanding MOMC website, encouraging everyone to share this opportunity with their stakeholders. We hope to see many submissions! Frank shares Military Monday and other MOMC/Purple Up initiatives ongoing in HFFMCSD. Troy shares how the Ft. Drum area is leveraging the MFLC (Military Family Life Consultants) program with their MOMC events and opportunities.
- 5) Dr. Jackson addresses the (3) open vacancies on the Council, specifically the long wait pending approval from the Governor’s office. Dr. Jackson states that she had reached out to Christopher Arnold for his assistance.
- 6) Commissioner Jackson shared the code of ethical conduct has not been completed. Bob states that due to COVID-19 counter measures, this has been delayed. Commissioner Jackson thanks Steve and Troy for their unwavering work on the Transitional J Certificate for Spouses of full-time Active Duty (license reciprocity for military spouses who hold teaching certificates from other states). Steve thanks our higher education partners, and the Board of Regents for passing this game changer. Troy adds that the Ft. Drum area is anticipating a vast hiring season coming up and is looking forward to utilizing this certificate. Chris notes that a spouse/licenser is one of the current top 10 DoD issues and counts New York as a leader who is out in front of this issue. Chris will add the policy website and full presentation in the chat box.  
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<https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil/state/NY>
- 7) Commissioner Jackson addresses the proposal to expand Compact coverage to the National Guard and Reserve, beyond service members in Title 10 status. Dr. Jackson asks for feedback from the Council as she will provide a preliminary vote this fall and definitive vote in October. Mike states that his opinion has not change, there is no need

for this expansion. Mike adds that if activated some soldiers' family care plans may result in children relocating, however the family would be eligible for coverage under the Compact. Bob agrees that there is no compelling reason to include the National Guard/Reserve. Bob adds that many of the NY Guard/Reservists currently reside in neighboring states including CT, NJ, PA, MA. Marybeth asks how long a NG/Reservist remains eligible for Compact coverage upon completion of active-duty status, Debra will look into this question. Chris shares that this is not one of the current top 10 DoD issues adding that Arkansas and Kentucky do include NG/Reserve as well as DoD civilians, their state councils compensate for these enhancements.

- 8) Commissioner Jackson informed the council that NYS has yet to pay 2021 MIC3 dues, \$11,936.00. Marybeth did receive an email from the Department of Budget two weeks ago, with a question. Marybeth answered the question/s, hence expecting the PO to be processed, and will provide an update as soon as she has one.
- 9) Commissioner Jackson provides an overview of a recent NYSSMA issues regarding a military student in transition. David responds that he is honored to be included in this forum as he wants to guide the school districts as best as possible, facilitating issues as they arise. David states, just as with athletics and other transition issues so too can music/art issues be navigated. There are guidelines that can be re-directed based on the circumstances. Communication must get beyond the registrar to the music department, guidance staff and principals. Of note, fall transitions may be too late to address just as a football player couldn't join/play with one game left in the season. Ideally, we need to connect/communicate with transfer students/families in the spring to address requirements and how to fulfill. Heather asks if virtual auditions are possible. David states currently yes due to COVID. Troy adds that the Compact is there to level the playing field and is concerned with the geographically dispersed military families throughout the state, not only those near a military installation. Mike agrees that there is an information gap with the individual military families assigned throughout the state (ex: recruiters) as well as many military families assigned to large installations that are not "tiger parents", suggesting the MIC3 site and/or SLO information be added to military orders as they are cut. Michi shares the ongoing initiative through G9 (Installation Management Command), for each Army SLO to have a generic SLO email account and to have emails automatically sent to the receiving installation (or nearest) SLO at the time orders are cut, so educational transition conversations can begin prior to the family departing their current assignment. Currently Army SLO's do have generic email accounts, initiative is ongoing. Debra states that comparatively New York has few SLO's, Chris shares that Saratoga will be adding/hiring a SLO.
- 10) Commissioner Jackson addresses the Purple Star State initiative, adding that there are extensive components that require manpower/time that New York does not have, Marybeth states the requirements would likely be delegated to this council. Chris states there is a Purple Star bill on the Senate agenda anticipated for later this month, he will be following up on the Assembly bill. Marybeth is not tracking this action. Chris states a part-time coordinator is part of legislation in other states, for example, Connecticut budgeted \$80,000 other states budgeted less to fulfill requirements. Michi asks if

DoDEA schools/districts would be included/exempt from Purple Star initiative/s, Chris is unsure at this time as he has not seen the final language.

- 11) Commissioner Jackson introduces Lisa's film project/outreach initiative. Lisa shares details of the initiative to include conversations/input from Gen Patton's grandson's initiative, Patton's Veterans' Project. Ultimately working on broadening the ambassador project with Veterans, with video clips to depict issues. Debra asks that link be added to the chat. ( [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_vimeo.com\\_514129971&d=DwMFaQ&c=mRWFL96tuqj9V0Jj4h40ddo0XsmttALWkjAEOCyUjY&r=G-HzncfJeVldgoKZn7GqQlzi5PtaheCkubTCaCGicY0&m=-V0He0npYxzffolaxri1is0Xjc9s0BRCIDmw-HeuLOs&s=EkuA-bEtSlh15c7T4ZGAKqbBE7WOj2DH6itrgvVIPkA&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_vimeo.com_514129971&d=DwMFaQ&c=mRWFL96tuqj9V0Jj4h40ddo0XsmttALWkjAEOCyUjY&r=G-HzncfJeVldgoKZn7GqQlzi5PtaheCkubTCaCGicY0&m=-V0He0npYxzffolaxri1is0Xjc9s0BRCIDmw-HeuLOs&s=EkuA-bEtSlh15c7T4ZGAKqbBE7WOj2DH6itrgvVIPkA&e=))
- 12) Commissioner Jackson shares her experience with MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition), as she was asked to contribute to the MCEC Virtual Summit (November 2020), representing MIC3 commissioners on the topic of "Implementing the Interstate Compact: Resolving issues through best practices". Due to technical challenges, Dr. Jackson was the only presenter but due to the extensive accomplishments of the NY Council, she had ample information to share with the audience that included several international attendees.
- 13) Commissioner Jackson highlights the Compact Testimonial video project, currently in the works with a military family that transitioned into and out of Highland Falls-Ft. Montgomery CSD at James I. O'Neill HS, each transition successfully utilizing the IC. We hope this video is completed in time to share on the MOMC NYSED website.
- 14) Commissioner Jackson asked members to share thoughts about what worked in this meeting; Discussed other platforms in lieu of zoom, members stated zoom is not a problem if it works best for the group. Several members complimented the addition of NYSSMA, Dr. Brown and positively addressing music/art transition issues. Several members thanked Chris for his attendance and wealth of information, appreciating his input, resources and ability to work with legislation. Chris states he is thankful for the invitation, complimenting the esteemed attendees.
- 15) The meeting was adjourned at 11:55AM.

Next meeting: October 13, 2021

*Submitted: Michi Carl  
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