

Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Florida Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2022

Facilitator(s)	Kevin Hoeft Dr. Peggy Aune Andrew Weatherill	
Time	10 a.m. ET	
Location	1-888-585-9008, Passcode 568005294#	
Compact Council Members		
Compact Commissioner	Capt. (Ret.) Bob Buehn	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner of Education	Chancellor Jacob Oliva – Designee	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Superintendent of district with highest percentage of per capita	Steve Horton – Designee	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Ed Liaison	Kaye McKinley	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representative from Military Installation	Elaine LaJeunesse	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
MIC3 Executive Director	Cherise Imai	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Representative from the Executive Office of the Governor	(Vacant)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Representative from President of Senate	Wayne Taylor	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representative from Speaker of the House	Allison Liby-Schoonover	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Representative from the Dept. of Defense	RDML Wesley McCall	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ex-officio Member from Florida High School Athletic Association	Jordanne Stark	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representatives from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE)	Andrew Weatherill, Student Support Services (SSS)	
	Damera Hopkins, Student Support Services (SSS)	

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School Liaison Officers		
NAS Whiting Field	Dawn Kaunike	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
NAS Pensacola	Carissa Bergosh	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NSA Panama City	Erin Pickard	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAS Jacksonville	Teri Wanamaker	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
NS Mayport	Sharon Kasica	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
NAS Key West	Dawn Mills	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Region	Dr. Michele Taylor	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Hurlburt Field	Lacy Allen	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Space Force	Susan Clark	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Tyndall AFB	Mallory Gross	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eglin AFB	Elaine Lajeunesse	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
McDill AFB	Venetia Waters	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
School Liaison, USAG Miami	Claudette Mohn	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
House and Senate Representation		
John Mitchell – Senate Subcommittee	Present	Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Additional Attendees		
		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Peggy Aune	FDOE	
Kevin Hoeft	FDOE	
Andria Cole	FDOE	
Jessica Brattain	FDOE	
Jordan Stark		
Chris Russell		
Lillian Posey		
Colonel Davis		

1. Welcome/Introductions – Kevin Hoeft

- Check-In/Status Updates- Kevin Hoeft
 - Hurricane Ian response – all school districts will open October 18. In Lee County, 13 schools will open once they get approval. The remaining schools will phase in, pending approval.
 - Update on Senate Bill 896 pathway to military veterans getting educator certification passed in the 2022 Legislation Session. The State Board of Education passed a rule in the application process for veterans to apply to become certified educators. As of October 7, we have over 422 applicants for the Educator Certification department. We have deemed that six are eligible.
 - A technical amendment to section 1000.36, Florida Statutes (F.S.), Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, is required for Florida to remain in compliance with the compact and should be introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session. Article II.A and Article III.A.1 of s. 1000.36, F.S., should be amended to remedy an incorrect citation in both articles. These provisions both currently cite 10 U.S.C. ss. 1209 and 1211. These provisions should instead cite 10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211. This proposed amendment has been provided to the FDOE Legislative Affairs Office as a request to be considered for action by the 2023 Legislative Session.
 - Florida Memorandum, DPS: 2022-95 – 2022-2023 School Year Information- <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9608/dps-2022-95.pdf>.
 - Memo Attachment – <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9609/dps-2022-95a.pdf> (see page 18).
- Purple Star Schools Designation Update – Andria Cole
 - Purple Star received 114 applications. At this time, the office is reviewing applications to verify information such as websites. The goal is to announce the recipients near Veterans Day. The application process will now be open annually each year with the applications due to the FDOE by September 30. Districts will be notified by memo of announcement letter. The superintendents will be advised to share the information with the principals of the selected schools. The FDOE will have the information on their website once the timeline has been finalized so the instillation military liaisons can have access. The FDOE will also send a separate communication.
- Building Resiliency Update – Dr. Peggy Aune
 - The first in-person convening, hosted by the FDOE, for school safety specialists and mental health coordinators is occurring this Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in Pinellas County. The State Board of Education will be considering an updated rule on the required five-hour instruction component

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for mental health for grades 6-12. Each student receives five hours of instruction annually around mental health and other skills. The FDOE expanded some of the verbiage in a proposed rule change to include resiliency education, civic and character education, and life-skills education. The five hours of instruction will now include instruction in the areas of resiliency education, civic and character education, and life-skills education.

- Council's Military Family Education Liaison Replacement – Dr. Peggy Aune
 - We want to thank Kaye McKinley for her service for this role. She also sent a note of appreciation to the counsel via email. At this time, we have four potential individuals to consider for the military family education liaison. We can have up to five nominees to recommend to Governor DeSantis for this role. Please look for a follow-up communication from Damera Hopkins. Members, please respond to the email if you have any questions about the nominees.

2. Message from Compact Commissioner – Bob Buehn

- Next Wednesday, the 2022 Annual Business Meeting will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. If you have any questions you'd like for him to bring to the business meeting, please get in touch with Bob between now and next week. Bob is happy to see University of North Florida College of Education adapting its certification program for veterans who want to take advantage of the program. This will help them before they step in the classroom.

3. Updates from the National Office – Cherise Imai, Director

- Cherise is excited about having their annual business meeting next week. This is their very first in-person meeting since the pandemic. In past years, they had over 90 commissioners and 51 members. The keynote speaker is Sharon Brown, the spouse of the 22nd Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Key topics will include National Guard issues, citation correction, accreditation and extracurricular activities. Elections are held every year. The current candidate and current leadership for chair and vice chair and treasurer will be launching a strategic plan. They have come a long way in the last six years with the strategic plan. This has been a major part of that effort in making sure that the compliance among programs and supports are provided to the states to support military families and their transitions.

4. Update from School Liaison Officers

- Elaine LaJeunesse: Would like to thank National Officers Cherise Imai and Lindsey Dablow for creating our MIC3 videos. She is sending the videos out to districts to educate principals, counselors, teachers and registrars.

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- Dr. Michele Taylor: Would like clarification on candidates on being selected. She wants to make sure the nominees are compliant with some of their Department of Defense (DOD). Who are we considering?
- Andrew Weatherill (FDOE): The process to elect a military family liaison is by looking at ss.1000.38 and 1000.39, F.S. These sections further explain the family education military liaison. Ultimately, those individuals nominated have an education background in connection to the military or were directly nominated from one of our school liaison officers and coming from an educational background. We will send a chart of the individual backgrounds of the nominees.
- Dr. Michele Taylor: DOD's Instruction Number 1342.29 indicates that military personnel or active duty DOD civilians are not authorized to be on any acquainted counsel from the state. She wants to make sure we are not submitting persons for review who would not otherwise be able to take that position if nominated. For example Mrs. Wannamaker and Mrs. Mills would not be able to take any appointments because they are DOD civilian employees.
- Terri Wannamaker: Would also like a little more clarification. They are NAS employees, not DOD civilian employees according to Title 5 USB 2105c. NAS employees are not subjected to the same civil service provisions or restrictions.
- Dr. Peggy Aune: we will review what you have shared, as well as any relevant statutes recommended to the Council that meet the criteria you have presented. If there are any other recommendations, please send them to Damera Hopkins.
- Commissioner Bob Buehn: We are not in a huge rush to work though these regulations. We have until the next meeting on January 13, 2023, to further discuss.

5. Other Business

- Comments – Questions
 - Commissioner Bob Buehn: Kaye McKinley was unable to attend the last MIC3 meeting. She wanted to be on the call to express her appreciation in serving and the dedication to families in raising awareness to military families.
- Next meeting January 13, 2023