

MIC3 2025Q1 Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Time: 3:35 pm

Chairperson: Chad Delbridge

Roll Call

- Members present: Chad Delbridge, Ken Reynolds, Claudia Ladd, Colonel Brown, Mary Jacobson, Jerry Henderson, Thom Jones
- Absent: Sean (declined), Senator Hutchings (not present)

Agenda Approval

- Agenda reviewed
- Old business item "update commission membership replacement" removed (already addressed)
- Agenda approved unanimously

Approval of Prior Minutes

- Minutes from November 19, 2024, reviewed
- No corrections requested
- Minutes approved unanimously

Introductions

- Brief introductions were made, especially for new and replacement members.
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Old Business

Month of the Military Child (MOMC) Updates

- **Governor's Proclamation:** Awaiting final date confirmation.
- **Lighting Landmarks:** Missile display near FE Warren AFB to be illuminated in purple.
- **School Activities:** Schools receiving ideas for Purple Up Day activities; efforts to coordinate purple lighting/events across Cheyenne and Wyoming.

- **Essay Contest:** Essay contest information sent to community organizations. Awards to be presented at the base carnival on April 25.
 - **Freedom Elementary:** Planning pep rally and potential Blackhawk helicopter visit.
 - **Community Engagement:** Efforts to engage broader community (Chamber of Commerce, Wyoming State Museum, Guard facilities, city officials).
 - **Photos:** Request for quality event photos to submit to national MIC3 and social media.
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New Business

Purple Star School Program Updates

- **Website Updates:**
 - Public-facing Purple Star webpage on WDE site improved with cleaner design and better links.
 - MIC3 (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission) and Purple Star resources clearly linked.
- **Educator Portal:** Purple Star application information and requirements moved to a WDE District/School Resource portal for school staff.
- **Professional Development Clarification:** Suggested switching professional development requirement from "Student-2-Student" training to MCEC Purple Star School training.

Proposal to Integrate Purple Star Program into MIC3 State Council

- Ken Reynolds proposed that the MIC3 State Council formally adopt an advisory and oversight role for the Purple Star Schools Program.
- **Discussion Points:**
 - Advantages include streamlining meetings and maintaining experienced oversight.
 - Caution around mission creep and maintaining clear roles.
 - Suggestion to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clearly outlining responsibilities.

- Agreement that MIC3 would not manage day-to-day operations but would oversee Purple Star award determinations via a sub-workgroup.
- Discussion about piloting the partnership for one year and reassessing.
- Need to clarify legal/statutory authority and potential national MIC3 implications.

Action Taken:

- Tabled final decision pending development of an MOU and clarification discussions (e.g., with Ohio MIC3 Commissioner for best practices).
- Plan to revisit next meeting.

Purple Star Awards Review Process

- Purple Star award applications due in March, review in April.
 - MIC3 will need to meet (possibly virtually) before May to approve awards.
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Standing Items**MIC3 Case Reviews**

- Plan to review any active or recent MIC3 case resolutions (tabled to next meeting).

Strategic Planning for 2025-26

- Discussed setting annual goals and projects for MIC3 moving forward (to be discussed further).

Meeting Adjustment

- Next meeting, originally scheduled for May 20, 2025, needs to be rescheduled due to conflict with F.E. Warren AFB Purple Cord Ceremony.
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Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn approved unanimously at 4:50 PM.
 - Agreement to explore setting a virtual meeting in March.
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