

**INDIANA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 13, 2023**  
**2:00 PM CT**  
**Via Zoom**

**PRESENT**

- Brian Murphy, Indiana MIC3 Commissioner and Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Chief of Staff
- David Lehfeld, School Liaison Officer
- Courtney Hott, IDOE Director of Student, Family, and School Engagement
- Michelle Clarke, Director, Indiana Department of Education

**MIC3 STAFF**

- Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director
- Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Training & Operations Associate

**NOT PRESENT**

- Steve Balko, IDOE Director of School Building Safety
- Liz Walters, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, Wayne Township School District
- Commander Luiz “Homie” Martinez, Commanding Officer of NSA Crane, US Department of Defense Military Representative
- Senator Jeff Raatz, Chairman Senate Education Committee

**ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM CT by MIC3 Indiana State Commissioner Brian Murphy. He welcomed members to the second meeting of the state council.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Ms. Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director (ED), conducted roll call.

**ITEM 3 – AGENDA**

3. Commissioner Murphy stated Mr. Steve Balko was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute due to a personal emergency and Ms. Liz Walters was unable to attend due to a work conflict. Due to this, he tabled the following items to the next meeting:
  - a. Review of the [Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2022](#)
  - b. Council Member Self-Introductions
  - c. Introduction to the Compact
    - i. [What is the Compact?](#)
      1. [Guide for Parents, School Officials, and Public Administrators](#)
    - ii. The Compact in Indiana: Indiana State Profile #2
    - iii. Unique Challenges of Military Families in Indiana
  - d. Student Family Engagement

**ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS**

4. US Department of Education Support Letter for the [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#) (2/9/2022)
  - a. ED Imai reported Commission worked with the US Department of Education to release a memorandum to state superintendents of education regarding encouraging engagement on and support for support for the Compact. Secretary Miquel Cardona also speaks to the Compact on his engagements and events regarding military education.
5. US Department of Education Support and Guidance on Special Needs
  - a. ED Imai reported there has been ongoing discussion on special needs military children. She noted the Compact rules reference special needs. While the Compact supersedes state laws, policies, or regulations that conflict with the Compact rules, it does not have the authority to supersede federal statute such as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) or the American Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - b. Last year the Department released a [Letter to State Directors of Special Education on Ensuring a High-Quality Education for Highly Mobile Children. OSEP Policy Support 22-02](#) (11/10/2022) which clarifies support for military connected students under IDEA.
6. National Office Report
  - a. Annual Business Meeting Summary
    - i. ED Imai provided an overview of the Annual Business Meeting held in October 2022 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Briefs included: the final year outcomes for the second strategic plan; committee reports; and panels that featured teens from Bloom; and military schools. The Commission was pleased to meet in person as the previous meeting was held virtually due to the pandemic.
  - b. Current Initiatives
    - i. Ms. Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate, informed members the Rules Committee released a memo on June 26, 2023, informing the Commission of five (5) proposed Rules or amendments. She noted those are available on the 2023 ABM page of mic3.net. The deadline for Commissioners to submit official comments on the proposed language was July 26, 2023.
    - ii. Ms. Dablow informed the council of the Commission's initiative to develop an online, on demand training program. She stated MIC3Training.net would be launched at the 2023 ABM in November.
    - iii. Ms. Dablow reminded members the Commission's Month of the Military Child (April) [Toolkit](#) was available online and featured activities and resources that school districts could use to celebrate their military students during the month of April. Ms. Dablow noted the toolkit is updated every January and encouraged members to review it.
  - c. Resources
    - i. ED Imai highlighted the website and the resources on <https://mic3.net/>. She referenced the [State Council Toolkit](#) as a great resource for new council members to understand the Compact and how it supports military families and kids. She noted the Training Calendar, lists the monthly training events and webinars.

**ITEM 5 – OTHER BUSINESS**

7. Military Student Identifier
  - a. Mr. Lehfeld noted the need to examine the data collection fields as they were inadequate and incomplete. For example, he stated Indianapolis no longer has an Army Records Command, however the office is still physically operational. Therefore, there are still significant numbers of personnel and presence of active- duty military that are residing in the city, however the data does not reflect this. Commissioner Murphy stated regarding data collection systems, the Department is moving from student numbers to an education number to help the “systems speak to one another”. He noted this as a follow up item for the next meeting. (OPEN ITEM)
8. Post-Graduation Outcomes
  - a. Mr. Lehfeld stated data collection for high school graduates has focused primarily on enrollment in higher education institutions, and he had a high interest in data collection on enlistment in the military and gainful employment as well. Commissioner Murphy referenced the “3 E's” – Education, Enlistment, and Employment, and noted this as an item for their next meeting. (OPEN ITEM)
9. 2023 Legislation Related to Military Families and Students
  - a. Mr. Lehfeld requested data related to military families and students for his end-of-year report on Indiana. Commissioner Murphy replied he would seek the information from the Department’s Legislative Division. (OPEN ITEM)
10. Naval Support Activity (NAS) Crane Zip Codes
  - a. Mr. Lehfeld requested assistance with obtaining this data from the Department. Commissioner Murphy replied he was working on this request and would provide the information within a week. (OPEN ITEM)

**ITEM 6 – NEXT MEETING**

11. Commissioner Murphy stated state council meetings are held up to two times per year, and he would connect with members by email to determine the next meeting date and time.

**ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT**

12. With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Murphy adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM CT.