

Massachusetts Council of Military Interstate Commerce Commission Agenda
Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Members:

RADM Clarke Orzalli USN (ret), Commissioner, Massachusetts MIC3

Ken Gordon, Massachusetts State Representative, 21st District

Cheryl Poppe, Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veteran's Services

Becky McFall, Superintendent, Lincoln Public Schools

Tom Moreau, Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning, Designee for Secretary of Education James Peyser, Massachusetts Executive Office of Education

Christine Cowen, Military Family Education Liaison to MIC3, Military Connected Student Specialist, Designee for Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Laurel Wironen, School Liaison, Hanscom AFB

Lt Col Baysinger, Deputy Commander Hanscom AFB, representing Col Enriquez, United States Air Force and DOD Representative

CAPT Sean Hannigan, Commander USCG Base Cape Cod.

Ex-Officio Members:

Susan LaFlame Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator, Military & Family Support Center, MA National Guard Family Program

Other Guests:

Brooke Leahy, Chief of Staff, Department of Veteran's Services

John Beatty, (EOHED) Executive Director of the Military Asset and Security Strategy

Agenda:

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. New representatives announced:

1. **Lt Col Baysinger**, Deputy Commander 66th Air Base Group, Hanscom AFB, representing Col Tanona Enriquez the new United States Air Force and DOD Representative

II. Vote to Approve Minutes from Nov. 30, 2021 Meeting

Minutes were approved with updates to titles.

III. Discuss Activity since November 2021 Meeting

a. Annual Report to Compact

Reported that the MA Governor issued a Proclamation designating April as the month of the Military Child. The proclamation was presented to Bedford High School by LCOL Baysinger on 19 May. Commissioner Orzalli noted the need for a better process and timeframe for next year's proclamation, such that it can be presented before or early in the month of April.

b. Cases – Christine Cowen

Relatively quiet. Not necessarily cases but inquiries. Commissioner Orzalli and Tom Moreau worked on a case of school placement they were involved with. The case was elevated by SLO Wironen and Tom worked with City of Boston to assist with the enrollment of a first-grade student whose Navy parent is the commander of the USS Constitution in Charlestown. The commander will add MIC3 awareness to the check in and departure process of every sailor on board the Constitution.

IV. New Massachusetts Legislation

a. Purple Star Designation

1. Legislation passed in Massachusetts' Purple Star designation was discussed. John Beatty mentioned that he has been in contact with Bob LePage on this initiative. John stated that there is not a lot of resources behind this program which is designation for schools that enroll and support military connected students. He discussed that Bob is contacting Superintendents and DESE to getting the word out to the districts and get them the designation of purple star schools. Westfield, Chicopee and Bourne would be focused on to educate the school because of low scores.
2. Cheryl Poppe commented that she was pleased the designation was included in the act.
3. Commissioner Orzalli stated that it is up to the states to figure out the pieces to qualify; MA criteria needs to be established. Ohio has 460 Purple Star schools (*note: criteria is within the legislature passed – DESE follow-up*). MIC3 (national) is a strong advocate for the Purple Star Program.
4. Christine Cowen mentioned that during Orientation trainings this month with districts, a slide on the Purple Star Designation was included to announce it as forthcoming program. (Presentation posted on webpage.)

b. Remote Enrollment

1. Christine mentioned that during Orientation trainings this month with districts, a slide on remote enrollment for military connected students was shared. (Presentation posted on webpage. Addendum submitted for webpage posting on new law.)

c. Licensure

1. Tom Moreau mentioned that the licensure piece in the new legislature was discussed at the DESE Board Meeting.

IV. Ex-Officio Members

No Report

V. Review of MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

45 of 55 state commissioners were in attendance.

a. Annual Report

Commissioner Orzalli submitted Massachusetts' annual report and the state is in full compliance.

b. Election Results

No changes.

c. New Policies

No changes over two new policies: 1. Covid and 2. Retention of Records.

d. New Training Materials

1. New training materials for monthly Compact 101 online trainings.
2. Bloom – a mentoring network for teens concerning social emotional stressors

e. Other Business

1. National Guard and Reserve: Commissioner Orzalli discussed the resolutions voted on at the ABM.

- a. The erroneous language in the compact about applicability of the compact to activated reserves is to be corrected by each state. Representative Gordon has the information on what the erroneous language is and will ask for additional information if needed to have it corrected in next legislative session.
 - b. Expanding applicability of the compact to all National Guard and Reserves is left up to the states to enact additional legislation outside the compact. Commissioner Orzalli will forward proposed language options to Representative Gordon, when available from the National Office. There may be a need to have additional meetings on this to move forward.
2. Commissioner Orzalli stated that the Coast Guard has the largest student connected population in Massachusetts. He has covered this with representatives at the national level, as there has not been a USCG representative at the 8 ABM's that he has attended. It is good that we have included USCG in our state council, but he has concerns about lack of visibility at the national level.

VI. Public Comment*

1. Cheryl Poppe is continuing to work on suicide prevention initiative.
2. Becky McFall will be retiring at the end of school year so we need to think about her replacement on council.

VII. Other Issues

None

VIII. Discussion and Next Steps

RADM Orzalli will plan for the next annual meeting.

IX. Adjourn

3:00 pm