

## **MIC3 Missouri State Council Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**2:00 pm Central Time**

### **Present:**

- Dr. Brian Henry, Missouri Compact Commissioner
- Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MO DESE)
- Bridget Plummer, School Liaison, Fort Leonard Wood
- Harry Roberts, Missouri Military Advocate
- Hilary Bales, Superintendent, Waynesville School District
- Joan Barrett, Military Families Representative
- Jocelyn Strand, Administrator, Improvement and Accountability, MO DESE
- Mallory McGowin, Director of Communications, MO DESE
- Perry Gorrel, Manager, Career Pathways, MO DESE
- Renea Lazzarini, Military Representative, and Deputy Commander, Fort Leonard Wood
- Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3

### **Not Present:**

- Dorsey Newcomb, Ozarks Partnership
- Jarod Wheeler, Superintendent, Knob Noster School District
- Representative Bill Hardwick, Missouri House of Representatives

### **Call to Order:**

Compact Commissioner Henry called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM CT.

### **Roll Call:**

A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Dr. Margie Vandeven motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Joan Barrett. The motion carried.

### **Review/Approval of the June 16, 2023, Meeting Notes:**

Ms. Hilary Bales motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2023, seconded by Ms. Joan Barrett. The motion carried.

### **Waynesville School District's Salute to Service Event**

- Compact Commissioner Henry reported the event, which will take place this spring, honors students who have enlisted in military service, accepted ROTC scholarships, or are attending service academies.
- He noted the event is well attended and includes outstanding speakers such as Dr. Margie Vandeven. Ms. Bales confirmed the Commanding General for Fort Leonard Wood, General Christopher Beck, will attend. Members were encouraged to attend the event.
- Dr. Vandeven underscored the importance of the event and noted highlighting student achievement was important.

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### Month of the Military Child Kickoff Activity:

- Compact Commissioner Henry reported the date selected is Tuesday, April 2, 2024, and the event would be held in the Capitol Rotunda. Due to scheduling conflicts, the event will be held on a Tuesday instead of a Wednesday.
- Attending dignitaries include Governor Mike Parson (tentative); Representative Bill Hardwick; Dr. Vandeven; and military commanders.
- The program format is 45 minutes, which is similar to previous years' events.
- Ms. Bales noted the staffing JROTC will alternate between Knob Noster and Waynesville each year – and this year Waynesville is the lead.
- Compact Commissioner Henry noted Mr. John Finanes email was returned undeliverable, and he will check on his status. However, the agenda includes a recognition of the Purple Star schools and a testimony by students.
- Ms. Mallory McGowin stated Mr. Perry Gorwell will obtain the plaques; Compact Commissioner Henry will help facilitate the presentation; and Ms. McGowin will draft the script. She added the media release would be sent on or around March 27<sup>th</sup>, and someone would take the photos.

### Compact Citation- Technical Amendment Process:

- Compact Commissioner Henry reported he spoke with Representative Hardwick regarding the correction of the compact statute, who responded the process required submitting a bill with the amendment. Ms. Cherise Imai sent the amendment to Representative Hardwick's office and would require follow-up. Ms. Joan Barrett asked for a copy of the amendment, and Ms. Imai stated she would provide the document to the council for their awareness.

### Annual Business Meeting Recap:

- Compact Commissioner Henry provided a summary of the meeting events. He stated a topic of interest was the Commission's financial security. He noted Budget/Forecasting revenues, in relation to dues, and the continued reduction in the number of military students in the program has contributed to the decline of commission revenues - as state dues are based on the number of school-aged military dependents residing in each state.
- He reported the Commission's reserve was nearly \$2M, however, due to the cost of inflation and the Commission has full membership of the 50 states and District of Columbia, the cost to operate the Commission is at capacity.
- He noted a handful of states were concerned about the budget, and as the Commission has only increased dues once in fifteen years, both the Executive and Finance Committees are examining the rising costs and a possible dues increase. He noted the current staff was two employees - Ms. Imai and one other staffer.
- Ms. Barrett commented she was present before the Commission's establishment, and growth has been substantial over the past several years. She commended the Commission for the valuable resources developed and provided to stakeholders - and that maturing has been good.
- Ms. Imai added that several rules were adopted, one formalized the coverage for dependents of the Space Force, and the other regarding data collection.

### Consideration of New Council Members:

- Compact Commissioner Henry asked for suggestions on additional council members. He will follow up with Todd Fraley, Superintendent of Sedalia School District on joining the Council.

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**Penn State Study:**

- Members expressed deep concerns with the inaccuracy of the data in the report regarding the state. Members noted the state collects Military Student Identifier (MSI) data and reports it on their state webpage, and there is a statute regarding advanced enrollment. Members noted the MSI is required by schools and part of their state, district, and building report cards.
- They noted the MO DESE has a dedicated webpage for military families, however, they would review opportunities to improve visibility.

**Adjournment:**

- With no further business to conduct, Dr. Vandeven motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Barrett. The motion carried.
- Compact Commissioner Henry adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm CT.