

Oklahoma Council on Education Opportunities for Military Children

Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2024

9:00 am (CST)

Virtual (Zoom)

- I. Call to order at 9:02 am
Those in attendance: Rick Cobb, Kendra Wesson, Nicole Painter, Pam Deering, Timmy Higgins, Sybille McKay, Jeremy Hilton, Lindsey Dablow, Gwen Brakebill, Nicole Miller
- II. Agenda
 - A. A motion was made by Rick Cobb and seconded by Kendra Wesson to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion carried.
 - B. A motion was made by Rick Cobb and seconded by Kendra Wesson to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023 meeting. The motion carried.
 - C. Individual Introductions
 1. During introductions, Timmy Higgins discussed trends he's seen at Tinker and solutions.
 - a) Students who are Juniors but must take freshman and sophomore level classes to meet graduation requirements for Oklahoma History. Mentioning HB3676 sponsored by Rep. Miller that would exempt military students.
 - b) Met with Rep. Baker about the potential of amending new graduation laws to allow military students to take only the amount of credits required to graduate without the requirement of a "full load" schedule their senior year.
 - c) Publishing a formula for families coming to Oklahoma to convert weighted and unweighted GPAs so families know what to expect as GPA and determining scholarship opportunities.
 2. During introductions, Nicole Painter spoke to the group about the challenges being faced with graduation requirements for seniors. Such as credits transferring from state to state. Taking lower level classes required instead of being able to take the AP and concurrent classes.
 3. During introductions, Pam Deering addressed Agenda item number 6, Update from OASA/CCOSA
 - a) Recognizing the issue of graduation requirements specifically with Oklahoma History
 - b) CCOSA budget settled at about \$26 million for schools, less than last year. No salary increases, though they were discussed.
 - c) Graduation requirement bill follow up to clarify implementation
 - d) Discussed bill concerning use of funds flexibility.
- III. Will Jones presented and overview of the MiC3 Compact

- IV. Lindsey Dablow presented the Interstate Compact - National Update
- National meeting was November 8-9, 2023 in Richmond, VA
 - Budget discussion about the fiscal impact since Covid
 - Blue Star families approved as an organization, becoming the 6th organization to join.
 - Commission encouraged states to work with state councils to develop a plan to address awareness
 - Amended rules: Define uniform service to include Space Force
 - Adopted rules: Escalation and reporting abuse, Coordination of Compact Program
 - Launch online/on demand training portal at mic3.net
 - Potential dues increase
 - 2024 dues have already been paid
- Will Jones asked about National Guard being included but not feasible at this time
Lindsey followed up to address the issue, noting that National Guard is included under Title 10 Active Duty orders. Studied for 3 years and concluded that those titles don't move as often. The only way to change is to open compact statutes in all 50 states. However, states may adopt legislation external to the compact.
- V. During the Update from Military-based School Liaisons, Sybille McKay spoke about Graduation requirements, having few problems and success stories.
Jeremy Hilton mentioned that part of annual inspection criteria is proving that MiC3 issues have been solved, however, due to the ease of working with Oklahoma they do not experience MiC3 issues.
Lindsey Dablow was asked, as she monitors legislation, if she has seen anything on the topic of waving graduation requirements that are relative to state history classes.
Compact rules SEC 4.101 waiver requirement to allow states to become more flexible.
- VI. Update from OASA/CCOSA - Dr. Pam Deering addressed this agenda item in her individual introduction during agenda item number II.A
- VII. Oklahoma Commission dues for FY25
Will Jones noted that Lindsey Dablow has already touched on FY24 dues
The Legislative Finance Bureau reached out to Will Jones and Lindsey Dablow after Lindsey submitted the FY25 invoice on May 1st, confirming that dues would be paid in July, August at the latest.
- VIII. Old Business - None
- IX. New Business - None
- X. Adjournment at 9:47 am

