

State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
 January 22, 2024

Attendance

Member	Role
Dr. Jimmy Bowser Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Highly Mobile State Coordinator, TEA
Dr. John Craft Superintendent, Northside ISD, San Antonio	Superintendent representative of a school district with a high concentration of military children
Lina De La Cruz Registrar, Denton ISD	Parent Representative
Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks School Liaison Officer, Fort Bliss	Military Representative, Army
Kristin Donaldson for Col. Damon Dalby Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo	Military Representative, Air Force
Heather Jaynes for CAPT Beau Hufstetler Naval Air Station Fort Worth	Military Representative, Navy
Nancy Patterson Chief College, Career & Military Readiness Officer, Killeen ISD	District Administrator
Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA	Texas Commissioner Designee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
Dr. Burnie Roper Superintendent, Lackland ISD, San Antonio	Superintendent Representative, Military School District
Lani Webster School Counselor, San Angelo ISD	School Counselor Representative
Madison Yandell Budget and Policy Advisor	Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor Greg Abbot Designee

1. Call to Order

Sheri Messer, TEA, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Public Comment
 - There were no public comment registrations.
3. Introduction of new council members
 - Mrs. Messer introduced new council members, Ms. Nancy Patterson and CAPT Beau Hufstetler.
4. Rebecca Matz, TEA, Early Childhood Program and Enrollment Specialist
 - Mrs. Matz presented an overview of prekindergarten and kindergarten enrollment eligibility criteria as it relates to military-connected students and the Military Compact. Mrs. Matz also gave information about the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) and the implication of minimum age eligibility requirements related to military-connected students.
5. Approval of revisions to section 2.1 of the operating procedures
 - Mrs. Messer summarized amendments to section 2.1 of the operating procedures that were approved by council members at the October 30, 2023 meeting.
 - Dr. Roper stated that council member positions, section 2.1(e)(1) a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, and 2.1(e)(3) military school district superintendent, will be difficult to fill once their terms expire given that there is a limited pool of individuals that serve in these roles.
 - Ms. Patterson suggested that the language in the operating procedures be amended to state that if positions 2.1(e)(1) and (3) do not have a replacement, those members may be permitted to serve consecutive terms.
 - Dr. Roper made a motion to accept the suggested amendment and Ms. Patterson seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried without objection.
6. 2024 council priorities
 - Mrs. Messer presented information from the October 2023 meeting about the council's initial discussion related to 2024 priorities.
 - Ms. De La Cruz stated that registrars may not be collecting the necessary information such as veteran information, to properly identify military-connected students that would be covered under the Military Compact. Ms. De La Cruz agreed to collect information from registrars in other districts to compare the information being collected. Dr. Bowser suggested the creation of a sample with the recommended data to collect that would better identify students covered under the Military Compact. The council determined that an informational one-pager for registrars about the Military Compact would be helpful.
 - Ms. Wendlandt-Hendricks stated that School Liaison Officers work closely with districts and individual campuses and would be able to present information to parents about the Military Compact. Ms. Donaldson agreed and mentioned that the Military

- Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) has resources that she keeps on hand to disperse to schools and parents. Ms. Patterson stated that an informational one-pager for school staff and parents on the Military Compact would also be helpful.
- Additionally, the council agreed that presenting at conferences for campus principals and administrators would be beneficial. Dr. Roper suggested presenting at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) conference and Dr. Craft agreed. Dr. Roper also mentioned that the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) may be another resource to consider in promoting the Military Compact in Texas.

7. Council member and staff reports

- Ms. Ramos provided a debrief of the MIC3 2023 Annual Business Meeting held in November 2023. She stated that the main items on the agenda were related to the budget and the new training portal. Ms. Ramos showed the council how to access the new training portal.
- Dr. Bowser presented an update on the Impact Aid resources and on Purple Star Campus Designations and presented resources for military-connected students with disabilities.
- Mrs. Messer asked the council if they would like to promote Month of the Military Child on behalf of the council. She gave an example of a social media post. Ms. Patterson suggested sending a letter to the commanders of the military installations and Dr. Bowser agreed to compile a list of commanders of installations in Texas. Ms. Ramos suggested adding ideas for schools to celebrate Month of the Military Child to the council webpage.

8. Upcoming events

- Ms. Messer gave an overview of upcoming events.
- Mrs. Messer adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.