

State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
July 15, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Members
Dr. Jimmy Bowser Family Liaison, Texas Education Agency
Dr. John Craft Superintendent, Northside ISD, San Antonio
Col. Damon Dalby Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo
Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks School Liaison Officer, Fort Bliss
Heather Jaynes for CAPT Beau Hufstetler Naval Air Station Fort Worth
Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA
Dr. Burnie Roper Military ISD Rep
Kathy Smith Senate Designee

1. Call to Order
 - Sheri Messer, TEA, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Panel discussion: organizations that support military families and students
 - Mrs. Sheri Messer introduced the panelists.
 - o Tom Porter, Vice President, Government Affairs, [Blue Star Families](#)
 - o Rebecca Porter, President and CEO, [Military Child Education Coalition \(MCEC\)](#)
 - o Eileen Huck, Government Relations Senior Deputy Director, [National Military Family Association \(NMFA\)](#)
 - o Jessica Baugh, Bloom Member, [Bloom](#)
 - Each panelist provided an overview of their organization, the organization's mission, the services and resources provided, and how the organization reaches stakeholders.

- Council members had an opportunity to ask questions of each panelist.

3. Discussion of council membership

- Mrs. Messer explained that the discussion of adding an ex-officio member(s) to the council from an organization that supports military families and students or from the National Guard/Reserve would be discussed at the next meeting in October 2024.
- Mrs. Messer stated that the council is wrapping up its second year of operation. She explained that section 2.1(d) and (e) of the council's operating procedures state that certain member terms end after two years of service, but have the option of a one-year extension. Mrs. Messer said she will send communication to those members whose terms will be ending to determine whether the individual wishes to extend their term for one year or step down from the council.
 - o Section 2.1(d) and (e):

Members of the state advisory council who are appointed or designated to their position shall serve until there is a change in post or the member steps down. The following positions are appointed or designated:

 - the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee
 - the governor or the governor's designee;
 - the chair of the senate committee on education or the chair's designee;
 - the chair of the house of representative's public education committee or the chair's designee;
 - a representative from each branch of the armed services of the United States that maintains an installation in the state, appointed by each respective branch; and
 - TEA's highly mobile student coordinator.

The following positions shall serve one two-year term with the option to extend the term one additional year, with the exception of positions 1 and 3, which will be permitted to serve consecutive terms if there is not a replacement.

- a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children designated by the agency;
- representatives of other offices and stakeholder groups the agency deems appropriate;
- Military school district superintendent;
- School counselor representative;
- Parent representative; and
- District-level administrator (other than superintendent).

4. Council member and staff reports

- Ms. Shelly Ramos explained that the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is proposing a new rule that would allow school districts the flexibility to award credit when the seat time required to earn credit in the sending district does not meet the requirements of the amount of seat time required by the receiving district. Ms. Ramos explained that Texas does not have seat time requirements and therefore this rule would not impact students transferring into

Texas. She stated that she would send the council members additional information about the proposed rule and how to provide official public comment.

- Ms. Ramos shared that she is resigning from her position at TEA. She explained that the candidate that is selected to replace her will serve as the commissioner's designee for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3).
- Dr. Bowser shared information about military student data in Texas and provided an update about the Purple Star Campus designation application and review process.
- Mrs. Messer shared that the Texas Military Compact flyer Spanish translation is complete and shared the link to the flyer.
- Mrs. Messer proposed dates for the next four council meetings and explained that she would send communication to ask for feedback.
 - o October 2024 – Monday, October 28, 2024, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - o January 2025 – Monday, January 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - o April 2025 – Monday, April 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - o July 2025 – Monday, July 21, 2025 1:00 p.m. Central
- Mrs. Messer announced that Dr. Burnie Roper had recently been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS). Dr. Roper provided an overview of NAFIS and his role on the board.

5. Upcoming events

- Mrs. Messer gave an overview of upcoming events.

6. Public Comment

- There were no public comment registrations.
- Mrs. Messer adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Central.