

**NEW MEXICO STATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

- PRESENT** Teresa Ferenczhalmy, Compact Commissioner  
Beth Mann, Kirtland AFB School Liaison Specialist  
Sally Marquez, Executive Director of the New Mexico Activities Association  
Greg Myers, NM Director, Military Base Planning and Support  
Major General Kenneth Nava, Adjutant General, NM National Guard  
Sonya Smith, Secretary for Veterans Affairs, New Mexico  
Renee Russ, Superintendent of Clovis Schools
- EXCUSED** Andres Romero, Education Chair, New Mexico House of Representatives  
Senator Bill Soules, Education Chair, New Mexico State Senate
- GUEST** Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate  
Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director  
John "Don" Kaminar, MIC3 Arkansas Commissioner  
LaurieAnn Goodier, School Liaison Specialist, Holloman Air Force Base  
Sara Williams, School Liaison Specialist, Cannon AFB

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order by New Mexico Compact Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was taken by Ms. Lindsey Dablow, Trainings and Operations Associate. A quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – INTRODUCTIONS**

3. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy welcomed the council members and guests to the meeting.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES**

4. Ms. Beth Mann motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Myers. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.
5. A change to the September 29, 2020 minutes was suggested by Ms. Mann. In Item 22 and 24, Ms. LaurieAnn Goodier's name was misspelled.

6. Mr. Myers motioned to approve the September 29, 2020 meeting minutes with the corrections mentioned above. The motion was seconded by Major General Kenneth Nava. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 5 – KIRTLAND AFB INSTALLATION OVERVIEW**

7. Ms. Mann introduced Colonel Juan Alvarez, the Mission Support Commander at Kirtland Air Force Base. He gave an overview of the installation at Kirtland Air Force Base. The base is known as The Crown Jewel of National Security Complexes and is located in Albuquerque.

8. Mr. Myers questioned the timetable of infrastructure improvements scheduled to update the base. Col Alvarez responded with an estimate of five to ten years.

#### **ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS**

9. **NMMCEC By-Laws** – Commissioner Ferenczhalmy asked for discussion on the proposed by-laws. Ms. Mann suggested to add, as a member, the Director of the Military Base Planning and Support, Mr. Myers. She also suggested adding an Ex-officio member, a commissioner from the Military Base Planning Commission. They have an education subcommittee so it may be informative for them.

10. Ms. Mann said in the beginning it says members will be appointed by the governor or anyone that has the legal authority. She suggested to repeat the language throughout anywhere it mentioned being appointed by the governor.

11. MG Nava suggested language to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Mann clarified this language was included.

12. Ms. Mann motioned to approve the by-laws as amended. MG Nava seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **MIC3 National Report** – Executive Director Cherise Imai gave an overview of the Annual Business Meeting that was held virtually in October 2020. She highlighted the Ex Officio organizations and their partnership and noted the MIC3 website is now mobile friendly. There is now an agreement with the My Navy Family App which has a link to the MIC3 website. There is a new training workbook and a new training and mentoring program for MIC3 Commissioners. The next MIC3 Annual Business Meeting will be on November 4-5, 2021, tentative location is Little Rock, Arkansas.

14. **Military Child Identifier** – Ms. Mann, School Liaison Specialist at Kirtland Air Force Base, gave a presentation on what the Military Student Identifier (MSI) is and why it is required. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to be able to disaggregate assessment results within the subgroup “students with a parent in the military.” New Mexico implemented the MSI in 2018-19 and included the subgroup in assessment reporting but there was a lot of inconsistency in the reports.

15. School Liaisons have difficulty tracking military connected students, the broad definition (outside ESSA) includes students with a parent who is active-duty military, Reserves, National Guard (on Title V or Title X), Department of Defense Civilians, Retired Military, and Contracted Civilian Employees.

16. Ms. Mann proposed a possible expansion of MSI, which would assist districts in their Impact Aid requests and receiving Department of Defense Educational Authority Grants. She gave a timeline and process for the MSI changes.

17. MG Nava said the typical National Guard member on Active Duty is on Title 32, which wasn't listed. Ms. Mann said these students are often spread out and not in communities that have vast military understanding, she does want to track all these National Guard and Reserve families.

18. Mr. Myers questioned if this is a legislative issue or just a process within the state. He was under the impression the tracking wouldn't be state centric but more of a national tracking. Ms. Mann said it was originally a legislative issue, it was incorporated in the Every Student Succeeds Act. Ms. Mann said the groups must include at least 10 to be included. The military students were the second highest performing subgroup in 2018-19 on state standardized tests. As part of the state tracking system, this will aid in tracking military-connected children.

19. ED Imai asked if plans were in place to train schools and administrators. Ms. Mann responded that training is given for tracking but perhaps the State Council could do some training alongside the public education department.

20. **National Guard and Reserve Recommendation** – ED Imai reported the Compact covers members of the reserve components under Title 10 or Active Duty status. She said the Commission created the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force (NGTRF) to explore whether coverage of the Compact should be extended to the National Guard and Reserve members under other Titles such as 5, 32, etc. She provided an overview of the NGTRF's recommendation which found there are a small number of members of the National Guard and Reserve who move related to deployment and changes in duty stations. She reviewed the five options the Commission could pursue. She encouraged the council to gather the data on how many National Guard and Reserve service members are residing in New Mexico by Titles 5, 10, and 32, how many children of these members are ages 5-18, and how many of these members have moved interstate under PCS orders.

21. ED Imai asked the council to share the information with appointing authorities and stakeholders and discuss the pros and cons of each of the courses of action. She also recommended the council determine which options they support or prioritize them, as Commission members will vote on the action and next steps at the fall Annual Business Meeting. Finally, she stated each member state is required to provide a written report later by August 30<sup>th</sup> to explain New Mexico's position on this issue and present questions or clarification needed. (OPEN ITEM)

22. MG Nava responded that there are probably 10 or fewer National Guard PCS interstate transfers within the state. He would like these children to be included in the Compact and know someone is watching out for them.

23. Ms. Mann made a comment regarding looking at legislation regarding intrastate moves within New Mexico because they aren't covered under the Compact.

#### **ITEM 7 – MILITARY CULTURE PRESENTATION**

24. Ms. Mann gave a presentation entitled "Military Kids Serve Too" to better understand military family culture in hopes of better serving military-connected children. Each military branch has its own core values and mission. She highlighted many unique aspects of military-family life and noted that each military kid serves too.

#### **ITEM 8 – MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

25. April is Month of the Military Child (MOTM). Ms. Sara Williams, School Liaison Specialist at Cannon Air Force Base gave a presentation on MOTM. The color purple includes all the branches of the military that are supported. She gave ideas of how to celebrate, both in-person and virtually, and explained they have had success with an Art and Essay Contest with the theme "Home is Where the Heart Is." Another idea is to have a Spirit Week with different dress up days leading up to a purple day. Some bases have done a bring your child to work day. In Clovis, they are very supportive of the military children. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy stated she would forward the presentation to the council members.

#### **ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

26. Secretary Sonya Smith asked if there is anything for military kids when their parents transition away from service. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy asked if they could speak offline to discuss those transitions and thanked her for her question. Ms. Mann explained the Compact covers the students for one year after their parents separate from the military. Ms. Williams included all her military veteran children in all the activities at her base and Ms. Mann said veterans are welcome to contact her regarding their children.

27. Ms. Goodier, School Liaison Specialist at Holloman Air Force Base received the proclamation from the Governor's Office declaring April as Month of the Military Child. She is going to request one for each military base. ED Imai requested a picture of the proclamation for the National Office and for social media.

#### **ITEM 10 - ADJOURNMENT**

28. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Ferenczhalmy adjourned the meeting at 11:04 AM MT.