

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, May 28, 2026

PRESENT

Kenneth Schmid	Compact Commissioner
Crawford Gingrich	Director of School Safety, School Boards Association
	Appointee
Rep. Barb Gleim	Legislative Representative, Minority Leader of the House
	Appointee
Sabrina Lindsay	Secretary of Education Designee
BG Frank McGovern	Governor's Executive Branch Appointee
Sen. Tracy Pennycuick	Legislative Representative, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
	Appointee
Dr. Elizabeth Robison	Superintendent, Pocono Mountains School District
Dr. Drew Turinski	Deputy Garrison Commander, Carlisle Barracks & Military Representative
Rep. Joe Webster	Legislative Representative, Speaker of the House Appointee

EXCUSED

Sen. Amanda Cappalletti	Legislative Representative, Minority Leader of the Senate
	Appointee

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Ms. Lisa Bodle	School Liaison, NSA Mechanicsburg-Philadelphia
Jacqueline Schultz	School Liaison, Carlisle Barracks

GENERAL ATTENDEES

Carrie Anderson	Division Chief of Planning and Professional Development, Pennsylvania Dept. of Education
Alice Carpenter	Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Dept. of Education
Amy Lena	Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Pennsylvania Dept. of Education
Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director, MIC3
Trevin Stevens	Communications Associate, MIC3
Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator, MIC3

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

MIC3 Pennsylvania Compact Commissioner Ken Schmid called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL



MIC3 Operations Coordinator Allie Thomas conducted the roll call. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Schmid welcomed the Pennsylvania State Council members who introduced themselves.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Elizabeth Robison motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by **BG Frank McGovern**. The motion carried.

ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2025

Dr. Robison motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by **Mr. Crawford Gingrich**. The motion carried.

ITEM 6 – PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (PDE) UPDATES

Purple Star School Designees 2025 – Commissioner Schmid reported five schools were approved for Purple Star School designation in 2026.

Cases – Commissioner Schmid reported that Pennsylvania had four cases in fiscal year (FY) 2026. The cases were resolved in a timely manner, and no further action was required.

Bills – Commissioner Schmid stated that no bills had been passed since the State Council last met. Representative Barb Gleim noted that the American Legislative Exchange Council introduced proposed policy legislation regarding military children for states to consider adopting, and asked whether any members were familiar with it. Ms. Dablow confirmed that she was aware of the proposed policy legislation.

Increased Dues Update – Commissioner Schmid announced that the Commission passed the dues increase at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The increase raises the state dues from \$1.15 to \$1.78 per military dependent in FY2027 with an annual increase of 4% thereafter.

ITEM 7 – NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATES

Ms. Dablow provided an overview of the National Office activities, including Month of the Military Child highlights, upcoming webinars, updates to the mic3.net Resources page, contacts with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Coast Guard, and US Public Health Services. She noted that registration for the 2026 ABM would open on June 1.

ITEM 8 – MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE AND SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT

Dr. Drew Turinski, Deputy Garrison Commander at Carlisle Barracks, reported that the Army War College class would graduate in June.

Ms. Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison for Carlisle Barracks, reported that she was preparing for the outgoing and incoming classes at the Army War College.

Ms. Lisa Bodle, School Liaison for Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg-Philadelphia, reported that she held an in-person MIC3 parent training session in April, and noted that she was planning a Purple Star Schools educators' conference for February 2027 that would include a training session. She provided an update on legislative coverage for National Guard and reserve dependents, along with back-to-school bashes and military signing events held in 2026.

ITEM 9 – NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Additional Council Members – Commissioner Schmid asked the members for recommendations of additional State Council members. No recommendations were provided.

Frequency of Upcoming Meetings – Commissioner Schmid inquired about the preferred frequency of meetings the State Council holds per year. The members agreed that one meeting per year was sufficient.

Outreach and Education on the Compact – Ms. Dablow provided Commission resources available for members to share with partners. Dr. Robison asked if there were ways to share information and content from Purple Star Schools to spread awareness of achievements and events. Commissioner Schmid advised members to share event information and social media content to the National Office.

ITEM 10 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No further business or announcements were introduced.

ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, Commissioner Schmid called for adjournment. **BG McGovern motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gingrich. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM ET.