

RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 6, 2025
9:00 – 10:00 AM ET

PRESENT	Rosemarie Kraeger Dr. Kenneth Duva Dr. Colleen Burns Jermain Pamela Martin William “Billy” Niemeyer David Raleigh Jamoya Ridgell CAPT Henry Roenke, IV Dr. Elizabeth Viveiros Elizabeth Cruz Lindsey Dablow Trevin Stevens Allie Thomas	Rhode Island Compact Commissioner Superintendent, North Kingston School District Superintendent, Newport Public Schools Navy School Liaison, Naval Station Newport Superintendent, Middletown Public Schools Superintendent, Jamestown Public Schools School Community Specialist USN, Installation Commander, Naval Station Newport Superintendent, Portsmouth School District RI Dept of Elem. & Sec Education Interim Executive Director, MIC3 Communications Associate, MIC3 Operations Coordinator, MIC3
EXCUSED	Andy Andrade Senator Lou DiPalma Angela Infante-Green	RI Dept of Elem. & Sec Education Rhode Island State Senate Comm. of Education, RI Dept. of Elem. & Sec. Ed.

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

1. Compact Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM ET.

ITEM 2 – Welcome and Introductions

2. The members introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – Approval of the Meeting Minutes

3. **Mr. Billy Niemeyer motioned to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2025, meeting, seconded by Dr. Colleen Burns Jermain. The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – National Update

4. **Rhode Island Citation Correction** – MIC3 Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow reported that the correction to the Compact statute was not introduced during the 2025 legislative session. Commissioner Kraeger noted she and council member, Mr. Andy Andrade would work with the national office for the 2026 legislative session.
5. **2025 Annual Business Meeting** – Ms. Dablow announced the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), sponsored by ex-officio organization National Federation of State High School Associations, would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 23-24, 2025. She noted that the Commission would vote on the proposed dues increase, which would amend the current dues formula from \$1.15 per military-connected student to \$1.78, with a 4% annual increase

thereafter. The increase would also raise the dues minimum threshold from \$2,300.00 to \$4,000.00 and would eliminate the maximum threshold.

ITEM 5 – Military Representative and School Liaisons Update

6. Ms. Pamela Martin reported that the federal government shutdown could affect the School Liaisons and their ability to attend the ABM, but she remained hopeful that her orders would be approved so that she could attend. She noted that more military families were moving to school districts further from the installations, and that she primarily received questions regarding school registration.

7. CAPT Henry Roenke, Installation Commander of Naval Station Newport, stated the pier expansion was ongoing and would bring four new Coast Guard Cutters to Naval Station Newport. The pier is expected to be completed in 2030. He also reported that expansion of the facilities in Newport would bring almost 100 new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) employees to the area, as well.

ITEM 6 – Defense-State Liaison Office – New England Region

8. Commissioner Kraeger reviewed a proposed policy update provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense-State Liaison for the New England Region, which outlined proposed legislative changes to codify advanced enrollment and open enrollment policies. Commissioner Kraeger stated legal counsel within the Rhode Island Department of Education had reviewed the proposed language and noted that the state has a strict residency requirement for student enrollment. Counsel also noted that there was no state-wide Open Enrollment policy, and this was for individual school districts to address. Commissioner Kraeger and the School Superintendents on the council discussed current practices around military student enrollment into programs in neighboring districts and the financial arrangements between the school districts to support those students. The Council Members supported drafting a revised version of the proposed language that would support military-connected students but also address the concerns of the impacted school districts. The Council asked to review the language and vote on it. Commissioner Kraeger stated she would collaborate with Mr. Andrade on this item.

ITEM 7 – District Education and Awareness

9. Commissioner Kraeger reviewed the available resources and training opportunities the national commission offered and recommended the Members share the training options with their district and school administrators. She noted that she would coordinate with school boards to schedule and provide trainings.

ITEM 8 – Next Meeting

10. Commissioner Kraeger announced the next State Council meeting would be held after the 2025 ABM and that a report would be provided.

ITEM 9 – Adjournment

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM ET.