



SC MIC3 Council AGENDA

Thursday, May 28, 2026

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**** ALL NOTES ARE IN RED**

I. Welcome/ Introductions

II. Old Business

A. MIC3 Commissioner Updates

1. SC Purple Star School Districts- 19/ Schools-9 (Private & Public Charter)
2. Pending SC Purple Star- ALA Blythewood & Legacy Charters
3. Pending interest meetings for MIC3 101 Trainings- Anderson 5, Oconee, Greenville- **The aforementioned districts have expressed in-person or hybrid compact training for the start of the 2026-27 school year.**
4. Military Honor Cord Ceremony- May 2026
5. ABM Updates from Fall 2024-
 - Legislative Compact Corrections- **Dr. Priester has sent the necessary changes to the Gov't Affairs team via the division director for thorough review and possible next steps for changes to be made to the SC legislation chapter 59. Dr. Priester will send a follow-up for update.**
 - SC MIC3 are in compliance up to this date of May 28, 2026. Pending is submission of the annual report by June 30, 2026.

B. MIC3 Compact & Purple Star has been added to the FACE roundtable platforms that are held 4 times (quarterly) in collaboration with district liaisons statewide, CFEC @.USC.- **The goal is the build and increase awareness of the compact throughout the state of SC. It is suggested by the council that we connect with local installations to host information sessions on the compact during family nights. We will also move forward with providing collaborative 101 and 201 training for school districts and their neighboring installations. Increasing compact awareness is a goal of the SC MIC3 Council as we move into the 2026-27 year.**

C. Military Honor Cord Ceremony 2026- Took place on May 19, 2026 @ Solomon Center on Ft. Jackson. School Choice & Family Engagement along with Communications will plan an after-action review and determine how we will move forward next year. - **The after-action review will cover possible location changes, transportation assistance for students, and less conflicting dates that impacted our attendance numbers this year. The council has suggested that the date for this standing annual event be confirmed by August 2026 and that the planning process begins by the end of August to ensure we are able to confirm logistical**



information and release this information out to districts and schools statewide as a save the date. This will allow districts and schools more time to plan for transportation, with the goal of increasing attendance. This year's attendance was good, but each year we strive to do better than the last. The Council took a vote support and assist with annual planning of the ceremony both logistically and in-person with manpower and resources.

III. New Business

A. 2026-2027 Goals

1. **Expansion of Purple Star & MIC3 beyond designations.** The goal is to continue strengthening the awareness of both but consider shifting into a statewide military-connected ecosystem via practical and scalable ideas at school/district, community and state levels.
 - a. **From Designation to Sustained Practice:**
 - Creating Tiered Recognition via Renewal Process (Bronze, Silver, Gold or MIC3 Champion District/School).
 - Renewal Process (Already in place)- Require schools/districts to submit evidence of practices, student activities/involvement such as adding military connectedness to Student Council platforms and agendas to increase student voice.
 - Increase the ambassador program visibility and authentic student voice w/ MCEC to host PDs for students and professionals twice a year in different state regions or districts. Build more community partnerships into the summits to assist schools/districts in creating and sustaining those partnerships for future collaboration.
2. **Compact 101 & 201 Trainings** with the assistance of the national MIC3 office out of Kentucky to assist in conducting the information sessions and providing resources. Ask districts near installations to host information session on the compact and/or offer a virtual option.
3. **PS Designation Initial & Renewal Applications/Checklist for PS Designation Process**
 - The goal is to establish a process of checks and balances to ensure our PS districts and schools are maintaining PS status.
 - Application & Checklist -determined deadlines for submission.



- Establish Fall & Spring months for PS Designations
- Update the application and checklist to request evidence.

B. South Carolina's Compact statute, S.C. Code Ann. § 59-46-50 (2010- Articles II & III):

*The citation correction to Articles II and III amending the incorrect citation "U.S.C. sections 1209 and 1211" to reflect "U.S.C. **chapters** 1209 and 1211." (ref to the annotated South Carolina statute on pages 5 and 7)*

Note: States differ and typically have two options on how they address the correction, however SCDE is working on ensuring we follow proper protocol for the change hopefully during the next legislative session. I will be providing updates as I receive them. I will submit the information again to our legal and government affairs teams for assistance.

C. SC Legislative Update(s) (Military Connected)

1. SC Education Oversight Committee Military Academic Performance Report- May/June 2025 – Go to: eoc.sc.gov/policymakers

- **[2026 EOC Educational Performance of Military Connected Students in SC-
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/EducationOversightComm/Education%20Performance%20of%20Military-Connected%20Students%202026%20Report.pdf](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/EducationOversightComm/Education%20Performance%20of%20Military-Connected%20Students%202026%20Report.pdf)**

IV. Additional Announcements

V. Adjournment – Thank You! – Please enjoy refreshments and stick around to enjoy networking! Have a wonderful afternoon!

Attendance:

Dr. Kim Priester
Dr. Sara Arnett
Mr. Jason Fowler
Mr. Felix Childs
Mr. Fred Henley

**** Our council meeting conflicted with some graduations this year, but we were able to complete the agenda and move forward with goals and objectives of the meeting.**