



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

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| PRESENT     | Barbara Clemmer<br>Dr. Carrie Rowe<br>Stuart Knade, Esq.<br>Tracy Pennycuick<br>Joseph Webster<br>BG Edwards S. Little Jr.<br>Drew Turinski<br>Jacqueline Schultz<br>Joseph Gordon<br><br>Albert Mercado<br><br>Amy Lena<br>Luis Partida<br>Dina Jengdari<br>Dr. Jason Potts | MIC3 Pennsylvania Compact Commissioner<br>Director of School Support, Secretary's Designee<br>Representative of the School Boards Association<br>Legislative Rep for the Speaker of the House<br>Legislative Rep for the Minority Leader of the House<br>Governor's Executive Branch Appointee<br>Deputy Garrison Commander, Carlisle Barracks<br>School Liaison, Carlisle Barracks<br>School Liaison, Mid-Atlantic Region, NSA<br>Mechanicsburg-Philadelphia (PA)<br>Solider and Family Assistance Program Manager,<br>Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion<br>Chief, Div. of Planning & Professional Development<br>Legislative Aide<br>Military OneSource Consultant<br>Educational Specialist, Carlisle Barracks |
| NOT PRESENT | State Representative Karen Boback, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 117th Legislative District   |   |
| VACANT      | President Pro Tempore of the Senate; The Minority Leader of the Senate; Military Impacted School District  |   |

**ITEM 1 – DEPARTMENT WELCOME**

MiC3 Pennsylvania Compact Commissioner, Barbara Clemmer, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM Eastern. Ms. Carrie Rowe, Director of School Support, Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the State Secretary of Education's Designee, welcomed the Council to the inaugural meeting of the Council. She shared the importance of the Council and how students are impacted.

**ITEM 2 – COMMISSIONER WELCOME**

Self-introductions were made by members, military partners, attendees.

**ITEM 3 – ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Clemmer conducted roll call. A quorum was confirmed.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

State Representative Tracy Pennycuick motioned to approve the minutes from November 16, 2021. Mr. Stuart Knade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Knade motioned to approve the agenda. Representative Tracy Pennycuick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6 – INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

Commissioner Clemmer reviewed information relevant to the Council.

- MIC3 – Purple Up Day during the month of April
- HR 166 – Language to include National Guard and Reserves in the PA Compact
- HB 1867 and SB 1028 – Purple Star Schools – Copies provided

She also noted points of interest.

- MCEC – School Quest Tool – Barbara offered to organize a training if anyone on the state council was interested.
- Press release by MIC3 National Office regarding PA State Council's inaugural meeting.
- Blue Star Families – overview of the national survey summary
- Common Acronyms

**ITEM 7 – RECESS AND RECONVENING**

The Council recessed at 10:00 AM Eastern. They reconvened at 10:20 AM Eastern.

**ITEM 8 – Pennsylvania – National Guard and Reserve (NGR) language**

Representative Pennycuick shared the language to add the NGR in PA School Code. She also suggested children of NGR whose parent(s) died in active duty are covered for a year or two years after the parent(s) died.

- Discussion on budget impact – none.
- Discussion on appropriate placement in the school code. Mr. Knade will assist with the language, work with Representative, and find the appropriate code.

Mr. Knade motioned to approve this language and move the HR forward for acceptance by the State Council. Brigadier General Edward Little seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9 – SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER UPDATE**

Jacqueline Schultz shared information regarding Branch Out

- Online program
- Different modules to complete
- Sponsored by Pennsylvania State University
- Targeted demographic: parents of children ages 10-18 years old

Joe Gordon shared the information now on the School District of Philadelphia's website.

- The school district created a page for Military Families - [Resources for Military Families – Family & Community Engagement \(philasd.org\)](https://www.philasd.org/resources-for-military-families-family-community-engagement)
- Mr. Gordon will meet with counselors this summer

#### **ITEM 10 – EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BOARDS**

- The item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

#### **ITEM 11 – WELCOME PACKET FOR FAMILIES**

Members discussed developing a welcome packet for incoming military families. Suggestions included:

- Create, or work with the National Office to provide, a training for superintendents and school board members, so they can share with their schools.
- Present at Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) and/or Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) - create a proposal
- Present to and through Intermediate Units and Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PATTAN)
- Create a guide for military families to have the needed conversations with schools
- Leveraging Military OneSource

#### **ITEM 12 – OPEN DISCUSSION**

#### **ITEM 13 – NEXT MEETING**

Members agreed to hold a virtual meeting in June – date TBD. They also agreed to hold an in-person in October/November – date TBD.

#### **ITEM 14 – ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Pennycuik motioned to adjourn the meeting. BG Little seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Clemmer adjourned the meeting at 11:53 PM Eastern.