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**Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact on
Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Thursday, December 17, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Public Broadcast via VDOE YouTube Channel

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Minutes

The following Council members were in attendance: Dr. James F. Lane, Senator Mamie Locke, Delegate Nancy Guy, RADM Charles Rock, Dr. Dede Bailer, Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Dr. Barry Brown, Mr. Michael Willon, Dr. Aaron Spence, Mr. Brad Williams and Ms. Trish Schnabel.

Absent members were: Virginia Secretary of Defense and Veterans Affairs Mr. Carlos Hopkins.

***Call to Order and Opening Remarks***

Dr. Lane called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed Council members, presenters, and guests. Dr. Lane then proceeded to introduce new members to the Council providing all with a brief Bio of each of the newly appointed members.

***Approval of the December 17, 2020, Meeting Minutes***

Dr. Lane asked for a motion to approve the December 17,2020, minutes. Senator Mamie Locke made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Michael Willon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the following results were recorded. A roll call vote was conducted and the outcome resulted in Council approving the motion.

Dr. James F. Lane, Aye

Senator Mamie Locke, Aye

Delegate Guy, Abstain

Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Aye

Dr. Barry Brown, Aye

Mr. Michael Willon, Aye

Mr. Brad Williams, Aye

Dr. Dede Bailer, Aye

Dr. Spence, Aye

RADM Charles Rock, Aye

Ms. Trish Schnabel, Aye

***Discussion of Legislation Priorities***

Dr. Lane shared that in the past the December meeting was scheduled to discuss any legislative priorities of the Council that might need to be sent to members of the Virginia House, Senate and Office of the Governor. He and Mr. Dunham provided a review of actions taken by VDOE on behalf of the Council to suggest legislative action that would expand the compact to those individuals who serve under title 22 and title 32 orders and to all members of the National Guard when activated under state orders. Dr. Lane sought Councils comment on whether or not the wished to retain that position or cancel the position. RADM Rock commented that he was in favor of the Council retaining its position in favor of the proposed expansion on eligibility. Mr. Willon and Dr. Brow were also in favor. Dr. Lane provided a comment to Delegate Guy’s question whether or not legislation was currently be proposed. Dr. Lane explained that VDOE did share with the Office of the Governor the need for the eligibility expansion to be considered but it was not taken up for action this year. Dr. Jallim-Hall commented that she too was in favor of the Council’s position to seek expansion eligibility having been both a military souse and state department employee. Dr. Lane then confirmed that the Council will retain its position in favor of Compact eligibility. A letter in support by the Council will be drafted and conveyed at an appropriate time.

***Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Military Student and Families Update***

Mr. Dunham presented on Compact related engagements with schools, families, partners, and Virginia governmental agencies. He provided an overview of the November 14th Military Families Symposium for Students in Special Education. He further shared that feedback from participants indicated that it was found to be quite beneficial and that plans are already underway to hold another event in the near future.

***Purple Star Designation Award Appeals***

Dr. Lane recommended three schools on appeal. He then as for a motion to approve these schools. Dr. Barry Brown motioned approval of the schools for the Purple Star Designation award and this was seconded by Senator Locke. A roll call vote was conducted with the Council voting in favor of the motion.

Dr. James F. Lane, Aye

Senator Mamie Locke, Aye

Delegate Guy, Aye

Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Aye

Dr. Barry Brown, Aye

Mr. Michael Willon, Abstain

Mr. Brad Williams, Aye

Dr. Dede Bailer, Aye

Dr. Spence, Aye

RADM Charles Rock, Aye

Ms. Trish Schnabel, Aye

Dr. Lane then invited the Council to discuss granting authority to the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve Purple Star Designation appeals. Each council member expressed satisfaction with the idea and agreed that doing so would expedite the appeal process. Dr. Lane then asked for a motion. Mr. Willon motioned that the Council approve that authority be provided to the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve Purple Star Designation appeals. This motion was seconded by Dr. Bailer. A roll call vote was conducted with the Council voting in favor of the motion.

Dr. James F. Lane, Abstain

Senator Mamie Locke, Aye

Delegate Guy, Aye

Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Aye

Dr. Barry Brown, Aye

Mr. Michael Willon, Abstain

Mr. Brad Williams, Aye

Dr. Dede Bailer, Aye

Dr. Spence, Aye

RADM Charles Rock, Aye

Ms. Trish Schnabel, Aye

***Meeting Calendar Discussion***

Mr. Dunham then shared that he would like Council to consider that they meet twice a year. Once in April and once in October. April would be reserved for an overview of the activities related to the Compact and review of Military Identifier number while October will be reserved for Purple Star Designation approvals, review of activities during the Children Compact Commission annual business meeting and any legislation priorities. Delegate Guy made it known that the October meeting date would be the week prior to Election Day. Discussions resulted in the decision to keep the schedule whereby the Council would meet in April and October. Dr. Lane then called for a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Dr. Spence motion to approve the Council meeting in April and October. This was seconded by Senator Locke.

A roll call vote was conducted with the Council voting in favor of the motion.

Dr. James F. Lane, Aye

Senator Mamie Locke, Aye

Delegate Guy, Aye

Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Aye

Dr. Barry Brown, Aye

Mr. Michael Willon, Abstain

Mr. Brad Williams, Aye

Dr. Dede Bailer, Aye

Dr. Spence, Aye

RADM Charles Rock, Aye

Ms. Trish Schnabel, Aye

***Public Comment***

Dr. Lane opened the floor for public comment. Being a virtual meeting no comments were brought to the attention of Mr. Dunham prior to or during the meeting.

***Closing Remarks***

Dr. Lane thanks the Council and Military Families attending during the meeting and wished all well and pledged VDOE’s continued support during these difficult times. He then adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.