



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, September 8, 2020

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ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM ET by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow, and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

- 2. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.
3. Commissioner Weiss motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry Ryals (AK). Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

- 4. Executive Committee (EXCOM) – Chair Korte was unable to attend the last Executive Committee meeting due to work obligations and asked Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai to provide the Members with an update. After experiencing technical difficulties ED Imai provided an update. Commission Chair Don Kaminar (AR) participated in a webinar hosted by the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) titled The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission and the Purple Star Program. The Communications Associate position at the National Office is still vacant, but the Executive Committee moved to allow filling a part-time, temporary administrative person and a part-time internship through the University of Kentucky. The National Office plans to fill the vacant full-time position in 2021.
5. ED Imai state the office building will be closed for the remainder of the year due to the pandemic, but the Council of State Governments is allowing personnel to use their office or conference rooms as needed. She also provided an updated on the employee health benefits negotiation. CGS's Human Resource Department is negotiating with benefit companies but expects an increase in both the employer and employee cost for health insurance this year.
6. Ed Imai noted the Successful Transitions Video Program will be launched at the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) by the Communications and Outreach Committee. She explained the Finance Committee has worked this year to develop the Investment and the Operating Reserve Policy

both of which will be discussed and voted on at the ABM. She concluded the report stating the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force (NGRTF) has gathered data and discussed expanding coverage of the Compact to include children of the National Guard and Reserve. The NGRTF will provide their final recommendation to the Commission at the ABM. [OPEN ITEM]

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte noted the handout provided to the Committee. The Chair noted this document will continue to be updated prior to the deadline of September 30th. [OPEN ITEM]

13. **Commissioner Appointments** – Chair Korte asked the National Office for an update. Ms. Dablow reported that California, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia have filled their Commissioner vacancies and all appointees have had their first onboarding call with ED Imai.

14. **Commissioner Vacancies** - The National Office mailed a second request to fill Commissioner vacancies to Pennsylvania and Iowa, and a third communication to Michigan. Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Iowa now have 60 days, or until October 23, 2020, to appoint someone to the Commissioner position. Chair Korte reported he intends to speak with General Counsel Rick Masters and contact the Deputy Attorney General in Indiana to discuss the state's Commissioner vacancy. He also stated his intent to discuss the Mississippi vacancy with Department of Defense Representative Chuck Clymer because Mr. Clymer had offered to assist with filling that post. [OPEN ITEM]

15. **Texas Complaint Letters Update** – Chair Korte reported he and ED Imai are scheduling a call with the Texas Commissioner to discuss the recent parent communications received by the National Office. He noted the unique situation Texas is in regarding the provision of the Model Compact Language that addresses establishing a state council and the desire to better understand how Texas is fulfilling the duties of a state council

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

16. There being no new business Chair Korte proceeded with the agenda.

ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic** – Chair Korte asked the Members if they wanted to discuss topics related to the pandemic. He asked if any state's guidance or reopening plans had changed since the previous Committee Meeting and he noted that many school districts in Minnesota had planned to open with a hybrid format but were not able to determine how to implement that model safely so they have opted for virtual instead. Chair Korte stated he recently worked on a couple Commission related cases regarding military-connected students and each case was able to make an accommodation and be more flexible because virtual or distance learning was in place.

18. Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy (NM) stated New Mexico is considering allowing military-connected student to register ahead of arrival and this would allow those students to transition easier because they are already in the system and attending classes.

19. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked for items or comments for the EXCOM. Commissioner French noted on day two of the ABM there is to be a conversation on race and racial inequality, and since this is the Compliance Committee, there have been many times that people have been shut down for talking because it doesn't have anything to do with MIC3 and she wanted to raise concerns that nowhere in its governance documents does it say that MIC3 needs to talk about race and racial inequality and what does that have to do with MIC3 business.

20. Chair Korte noted Commissioner French's request and agreed to bring it back to the Executive Committee. He commented that several Commissioners were asking for the conversation due to recent developments, but he was not privy to all the conversation surrounding this agenda item, but he thought the intent would be to tie it back to the Compact. Commissioner French responded that perhaps professionals were coming in to do something but if the Commission is checking a box then she did not think this was the best way to do that. She asked Chair Korte to communicate to the Executive Committee that she is against a conversation about race and racial inequality. Chair Korte thanked her for her comments and feedback.

ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

21. There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsey Dablow
Training and Operations Associate