

**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 21, 2020**

PRESENT	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Chair
	Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner	
	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	
	Darrell Floyd	Oklahoma Commissioner	
	Susan Haberstroh	Delaware Commissioner	
	Cindy Hunt	Oregon Commissioner	
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	Douglas Ragland	Alabama Commissioner	
	Ben Rasmussen	Utah Commissioner	
	Nicole Russell	NMFA	Ex-officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	Secretary
EXCUSED	Lakeeshia Fox	District of Columbia	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM ET. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT). Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

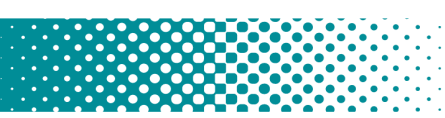
4. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Gable announced that the EXCOM has decided to hold the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) virtually using the GoToWebinar platform. This is the same platform the Commission uses for the Standing Committee meetings. Chair Gable announced the Mid-Year Survey results have been reviewed by the EXCOM and would be provided to the full Commission soon. The Chair concluded her report by updating Members on the website migration from Muse to WordPress.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

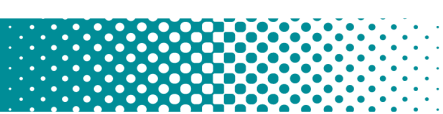
5. There being no Old Business Chair Gable proceeded to New Business.

**ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS**

6. **2020 Annual Business Meeting FAQ** – Chair Gable referenced the 2020 ABM being held virtually and noted the EXCOM and staff are developing an FAQ to help address questions the Commission may have regarding a virtual meeting. The Chair noted that many within the Commission have been participating in virtual meetings everyday and can provide useful insight into what attendees may need to know to effectively participate in the 2020 ABM.



7. Commissioner McLaughlin noted it would be helpful to outline the proper procedure for recognizing a speaker. How does a Commissioner indicate they want to speak? How will a Commissioner that has indicated they wish to speak be recognized?
8. Commissioner Rasmussen asked the FAQ to provide clarification on the voting process.
9. Commissioner Berg requested information be provided to the attendees on how to mute/unmute themselves, and how to use or disable the webcam. She requested the Commission hold training sessions prior to the ABM. Finally, she requested the FAQ include information about how to troubleshoot if you are unable to log in to the meeting.
10. Commissioner Cindy Hunt (OR) recommended having a separate staffer monitor the chat feature. Commissioner Hunt commented that for other virtual meetings she participates in there are two separate numbers provided, one is for meeting participants and the second is for general audience members who will not be participating or speaking during the meeting. She noted how well that has worked and promoted considering a similar practice for the ABM.
11. Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) asked if hard copies of the docket book would be provided or if only electronic versions would be available and Ms. Dablow answered hard copies would be available and attendees could indicate their preference on the registration form.
12. Commissioner McLaughlin requested page numbers on the slides corresponding with the appropriate page in the docket book.
13. Chair Gable thanked the Committee for their comments and encouraged them to send any additional questions or comments to her or the National Office so they could be included on the FAQ.
14. **2020 ABM Policy Development and Approval Presentation** – Chair Gable reminded the Committee the newly adopted Policy Development and Approval process would be reviewed at the ABM and asked the Members to review the PowerPoint presentation and provide feedback. Commissioner Berg asked if the presentation and policy would be provided in the docket book which the Chair confirmed it would be.
15. Commissioner McLaughlin suggested adding a reference to the document indicating where the document is located on the mic3.net site. Chair Gable asked Ms. Dablow to add the names of the Committee Members to the presentation.
16. Commissioner Berg requested a summary slide at the end indicating the important points of the policy: Development, Approval, and Ratification.
17. Per Commissioner McLaughlin's suggestion to add page numbers Ms. Dablow indicated the electronic docket book would have page numbers that allow users to toggle to the appropriate place in the docket book and the slides would reference those numbers so attendees can follow along with the presentation.
18. Chair Gable thanked staff for their assistance with the development of the document and edits provided during the Committee Meetings.



**19. FY20 Case Summary and Detail Reports** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow for the report. Ms. Dablow indicated the report was for Fiscal Year 2020 which ended on June 30, 2020 so this is the final, complete report. There were 55 cases where the National Office was contacted. 23 of those cases, or 42%, were Compact Commissioner's requesting input or assistance from the National Office and second most inquiries were from Parents requesting assistance 19 times or 35%.

**20.** More than 35% of the cases were Compact related and 64% were not. Of those Compact related cases the majority, 50%, dealt with Article V, Placement and Attendance:Course Placement.

**21.** Finally, the majority of cases were reported from Tier 1 or states highly impacted by the military such as California, Texas, and Virginia.

**22.** Commissioner Berg noted the detail chart was split between two documents and requested the document be reconciled so the Committee could see the final outcome for each case. Ms. Dablow noted the request and will send a final document out to the Committee.

**23.** Commissioner Berg brought a case to the Committee where the family did not follow the military sponsor so their residence is not with the eligible member and asked what type of coverage is afforded to that family? Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) commented that Virginia has had similar cases and it was determined the circumstances and family request would have to relate to their transition. If the family was not in an active transition state or deployment then the Compact was not applicable.

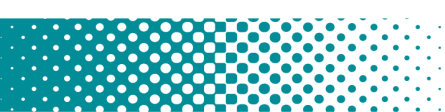
**24.** ED Imai interjected that Commissioner Designee Dunham was correct but each case is unique and depending on the circumstances, child custody or spousal separation, and the state some cases could be resolved by the Compact Commissioner and the provisions of the Compact. She reiterated that Compact applicability tends to be determined if it is the result of a Permanent Change of Station.

**25.** Chair Gable asked the Committee if they ask families to present orders? ED Imai replied the Commissioner or School Liaison Officer (SLO) should request to see the orders to determine the situation. She noted the Commission does not want to be unfeeling to the families but having the orders helps the Commissioner understand the situation better and assist those families when they can. Commissioner Designee Dunham commented that Virginia has the same rule as Maryland regarding orders to help facilitate online enrollment. At times the military member cannot present those orders so Virginia allows them to use a letter from command. ED Imai also noted that SLOs can verify in their system that the information being presented is accurate.

## **ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**26. Feedback for the EXCOM** – The Chair asked for any comments or questions for referral to the EXCOM. None were received.

**27.** Chair Gable asked the Members to share if their states have determined next steps for school in the fall. Commissioner Berg stated Hawaii announced schools have a choice of in-



person, remote, or a hybrid format. She noted one school is having students in-person one day a week and then the rest will be remote learning.

**28.** Commissioner McLaughlin stated Tennessee is offering multiple options similar to Hawaii but recently Nashville Metro Schools announced it will only offer virtual learning. The announcement has created backlash because within that school district there are economically disadvantaged families unable to meet the obligation of providing wifi and childcare for students who are attending school virtually. She noted each school district determines what options they offer families and there is no consistency.

**29.** Commissioner Douglas Ragland (AL) stated Alabama is providing similar options but at this time most of the school are opting for a virtual start to the school year. He noted Alabama is unfortunately increasing in COVID-19 cases daily so the Governor, to support rural or disadvantaged areas, has designated 70 million to support those areas within the state that need assistance with mobile, wifi or hot spot technology.

**30.** Commissioner Designee Dunham confirmed Virginia is also offering several options to families. One option is a four day week where the students attend in-person class and then the fifth day is for teachers to plan and provide additional assistance to those students who need help.

**31.** Commissioner Berg added Hawaii is trying a bubble method where classes are kept together during the day so students only interact with the same people all day to limit exposure. ED Imai asked for feedback on what states are doing for fall sports. Commissioner Berg responded it is unclear in Hawaii but the announcement was made that coaches could not contact students for the next four weeks.

**32.** Commissioner Rasmussen stated Utah plans to have fall sports at this time and the athletics association has rules in place. Commissioner Ragland added Alabama also plans to hold fall sports but the athletics association is monitoring the pandemic and will hold a meeting to determine next steps.

**33.** Commissioner Hunt commented Oregon is still reviewing holding fall sports.

**34.** Chair Gable concurred, Maryland is doing the same as other states.

## **ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT**

**35. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Commissioner Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary