

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

PRESENT	Daron Korte Khieem Jackson Bruce DuPlanty Davina French Nickolas Sojka, Jr. Shelley Joan Weiss	Committee Chair California Commissioner Arizona Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner North Carolina Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner
EXCUSED	Alan Kerr Mike Price Davis Whitfield	South Dakota Commissioner Michigan Commissioner NFHS Representative
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate, MIC3

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM EST by Committee Chair, Commissioner Daron Korte (MN).

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was taken by Training and Operations Associate, Lindsey Dablow. Quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. Commissioner Weiss moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nickolas Sojka, Jr. (NC).

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Executive Committee** – Chair Korte gave an update on the last Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting. Mary Pendleton was moved from a temporary part-time position to a permanent part-time position. Ms. Dablow gave an update on the Kentucky

Employee Retirement System (KERS) and the bill currently being heard in Kentucky's General Assembly that will reduce the liability amount for the Commission within Kentucky's retirement system.

6. Commissioner French inquired about the Purple Star Campaign and the Purple Up! Program and what the status is with MIC3. Chair Korte said the Commission is waiting on an opinion from General Counsel, Rick Masters. Commissioner Khieem Jackson (CA) commented he was in a position in California where the Purple Star Schools program is being promoted. He explained that he informs interested parties, that as the Compact Commissioner, he cannot have an official position with the Purple Star program. Commissioner Weiss noted Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) does a lot with Purple Star Schools.

7. Commissioner Weiss noted the fiscal savings garnered by online meetings and requested that all meetings be done virtually including the EXCOM retreats. She requested the Finance Committee put together a document showing the analysis of the money saved this year and how the money would be used. She stated the money saved should be used to benefit military children directly.

## ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

8. Terry Ryals, the Commissioner from Alaska has resigned due to a new position. Alaska's new commissioner will be Wayne Marquis who will be onboarded this month. Chair Korte said the National Office does not have contact information for the person who will be appointed in Mississippi but that should be forthcoming.

9. Chair Korte asked the committee what should be done with Indiana, as there has been no movement to appoint a commissioner. Currently, they are in Level 3 of non-compliance. He suggested having ED Imai contact Indiana and explain that if there is no action on appointing a commissioner, they will be elevated to Level 4 of non-compliance.

10. Commissioner Weiss suggested reaching out to Brian Riegler, who was the former Commissioner in Illinois who now lives in Indiana. It was also suggested that staff reach out to the Department of Defense to inquire about this issue, ED Imai said there is no DoD representative in Indiana currently. ED Imai reached out to the National Governors Association who will help MIC3 connect with the governor's office in Indiana. **[OPEN ITEM]**

11. Chair Korte gave an update on the Texas State Council. There is a bill that has been introduced to the legislature regarding this and he said we should have a report from Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX) in May. **[OPEN ITEM]**

## ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

12. **State Coordination Policy, End of Year Reporting** – Chair Korte said MIC3's *1-2017 State Coordination Policy* asks states to submit an End of Year Report to the National Office. He said about 25% of states submit the report last year, the National Office asked for feedback on what should be done with this policy. Commissioner Weiss stated there has been no activity in Wisconsin with very few PCS moves and lots of turnover on her State Council.

13. Commissioner Sojka suggested sending reminder to commissioners and having a template or example of what is required. Commissioner DuPlanty agreed a template would be helpful and several reminders beginning in October if they are due at the end of the year.
14. ED Imai said 8 reminders were sent last year, through the Chair Messages, Executive Director updates, and an email blast. She asked for input on the effectiveness of these updates. Commissioner French expressed her desire to not do something for MIC3 every month and suggested doing the updates at the Annual Business Meeting all at one time. ED Imai clarified there is not something due every month, only the End of Year report is due June 30 of each year.
15. Chair Korte suggested sending a separate email with the subject line explaining the End of Year Report is due and giving a date. ED Imai suggested this could be sent as a Memo from the Compliance Commission as a reminder. [OPEN ITEM]
16. **Strategic Plan** – Chair Korte asked for more input on the Strategic Plan item that states, “definite and communicate minimum expectations for commissioner participation and engagement at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and standing committee meetings.” Commissioner Weiss suggested combining forces with the Training Committee to remind the commissioners of this rule. stated the commissioners are all volunteers which makes it challenging to enforce requirements such as this. Also, she noted it is important that ABM engage people to increase participation. She noted the speaker from the Military Impacted Schools Association gets a lot of time at the ABM and it has little impact within her state.
17. Commissioner Bruce DuPlanty (AZ) stated he has attended one ABM but there are times when his job required him to step out. He said the priority is to represent each state with a vote from the Commissioner. Chair Korte mentioned there are some states that don't send representatives, so those states are missing out on their vote being represented. ED Imai noted two or three commissioners at the Colorado ABM showed up for the Roll Call and did not appear again until the final session.
18. Commissioner Weiss asked if those commissioners were approached directly by either the EXCOM Chair or the ED. ED Imai said she doesn't think there was a conversation with them and the expectations needed to be defined more clearly in order to connect and engage with them. Chair Korte said he would reach out to Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA), the Chair of the Training Committee, to create slides with the expectations of commissioners at ABM. [OPEN ITEM]
19. Commissioner DuPlanty suggested a tiered approach to addressing this issue, which could include reaching out directly and, in the end, letting the states know the commissioner's lack of participation.
20. **Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Forms** – Ms. Dablow stated Vermont is still outstanding, but all the other forms have been submitted. The National Office is working on fillable online forms for this requirement next year. ED Imai noted if the ABM is in-person this year the forms will be completed there.

## ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

21. **Items for the Executive Committee** - Commissioner French would like to know the engagement plan for active-duty military members. She also asked for feedback forms, such as the ABM survey, to note if their feedback would not remain confidential.

22. Commissioner Jackson asked for plans for Month of the Military Child and if there is anything we do on a national office. ED Imai directed commissioners to the Press Release and the Toolkit provided on the MIC3 website. Commissioner Weiss said she can send more resources out to commissioners if they email her. Additionally, the MCEC and the Military One Source provide resources.

23. ED Imai said Missouri and Kentucky will be submitting videos for the Successful Military Transitions video campaign.

## ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

24. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM EST.