

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) at 2:01 PM EST.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Lindsey Dablow, Trainings and Operations Associate. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) stated “not” needed to be inserted before “applicable” on Page 3, Paragraph 23. Additionally, further clarity was requested on Page 3, Paragraph 24 on Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai’s statement.

5. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting with the corrections noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

6. **Executive Committee** – Chair Gable reported the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) met with the Ex-officio representatives on January 7, 2021. There is a new MCEC representative, Dr. Becky Porter. There was discussion on the Annual Business Meeting as well as how to further involve School Liaisons. There was also discussion of the U.S. Department of Defense's initiative to dedicate a Judge Advocate General to assist Navy families with special needs. The National Office has assisted 6-7 states with providing a platform to hold their state council meetings, support administrative needs, and draft meeting minutes. Ms. Dablow said second reminders for dues will be sent in the next two weeks.
7. ED Imai reported the Commission was notified Mississippi had appointed a commissioner; however, the appointment letter is pending. She added the South Carolina Commissioner, Yolande Anderson, resigned and the state is working on filling the vacancy.
8. With the Biden administration in office, Commissioner Gable reported ED Imai sent an introductory letter to Dr. Jill Biden. MIC3 was a member of the Joining Forces Initiative during the Obama Administration, and the new Administration has interest in restarting the initiative. Commissioner Berg recalled when she was Chair of MIC3, the former EDs worked on the initiative. She added the Commission previously invited Mrs. Obama to speak at an ABM, but due to security concerns, it did not occur.
9. Lastly, ED Imai reported the EXCOM developed a guidance for State Commissioners on the National Guard and Reserve and developing a state position on the expanding coverage of the Compact.
10. A question was asked to Ms. Dablow how one would know if their state has paid its dues. Ms. Dablow replied a receipt is emailed to the Commissioner and payment authority once payment is received.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

11. **FY21 Case and Inquiry Report** – ED Imai briefed on the specific cases and inquiries that have come to the National Office. This is just a snapshot of cases that are brought to the National Office, it doesn't reflect all the cases handled at the state level. Cases are tracked until they are closed and posted on the Commissioner Portal.
12. Commissioner Berg commented in Hawaii parents have requested to continue their child's distance learning in Hawaii even after they move to another state. She said schools in the future may want to consider continuing distance learning options which could benefit military families who leave prior to the end of the school year. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) said Virginia reviews requests on a case-by-case basis because sometimes the continuation of virtual instruction isn't in the best interest of the student.
13. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked for a clarification on Case #9 involving a student identified as Gifted and Talented who moved from Virginia to Arkansas. ED Imai said the student did not meet Arkansas' requirement and they had complications with testing due to distance learning due to COVID. ED Imai stated under normal circumstances the receiving

school would need to include the student in the Gifted and Talented Program and retest if needed. Chair Gable asked ED Imai to review the notes for accuracy.

14. **NGRTF Report and Recommendation (For Discussion)** – Chair Gable asked ED Imai to provide a refresher on the NGRTF Report and Recommendation for the committee. ED Imai gave a summary of the NGRTF Task Force's report. EXCOM developed a guidance for Commissioners that will be released with the Chair's Message this month. The guidance includes five potential courses of action with pros and cons included. The guidance was developed for Commissioners to share with their State Councils. Commissioners are asked to develop a position with their State Council and provide a report to the National Office by August 31, 2021. This report should capture any concerns or additional research the National Office needs to conduct in preparation for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

15. Commissioner Berg noted, depending on what the Commission decides, this may be such a low impact change it would not require a dues change. She praised the EXCOM for their guidance on the NGRTF report.

16. **Compact Rules Review** – Chair Gable referenced the link provided on the agenda to review the Compact rules.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

17. No Old Business was presented.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. Chair Gable stated Commissioner's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms were due January 31, 2021. Chair Gable requested those be sent to the National Office if they were still outstanding.

19. **Webinars and Town Hall** – Chair Gable reminded members the *NFHS & Extracurricular Activities for Military Students* webinar and *The Pandemic and its Impact on Schools* townhall meeting are posted on the MIC3 website.

20. Commissioner Berg asked Chair Gable to convey to the EXCOM the positive impression she and Commissioner Rasmussen have on their work with the NGRTF guidance. She also asked EXCOM to send the NGRTF a progress report, so they know what has become of their work.

21. Chair Gable noted the next meeting of the Rules Committee is on April 20, 2021.

22. ED Imai encouraged members to register for the next townhall on February 24, 2021 entitled *Duties & Responsibilities of a State Commissioner and State Council*.

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

23. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM EST.