

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

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

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM EDT 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 Davina French (ND) moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Khieem Jackson (CA). Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. Commissioner Nickolas Sojka, Jr. (NC) moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Executive Committee** – Chair Korte noted everything in the Executive Committee (EXCOM) Report would be reviewed as the agenda items were discussed and proceeded with the agenda.

**ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS**

6. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reported Idaho and Connecticut held meetings since the last Compliance Committee meeting.
7. **Commissioner Appointments and Vacancies** – The Chair reported commissioner vacancies still exist in Indiana, Mississippi, West Virginia, and South Carolina. Executive Director Cherise Imai

has followed up on the vacancy in West Virginia and Ms. Dablow has been in contact with the appointing authority in South Carolina. At this time there is no change in status for either West Virginia or South Carolina, but staff will continue to work with the appointing authorities to fill those. [OPEN ITEM]

8. **Texas State Council Legislation Update** – Chair Korte noted the Texas legislative session will conclude soon and said there is bipartisan support for the legislation for Texas to establish a State Council. The latest email communication from ED Imai to the Commission's EXCOM was attached for the Committee's information. [OPEN ITEM]

9. **End-of-Year Reporting** – Chair Korte stated Mr. Don Berry with Arkansas Veterans Coalition Government Affairs has expressed concern via email on the End of Year Reporting. Mr. Berry's concern is that only 17% of the states submitted the End of Year Report last year. Chair Korte said there was a discussion at EXCOM regarding Mr. Berry's communication. As a carryover from the Compliance Committee's March meeting staff has developed an End-of-Year Report template. The template will be an online fillable form so Commissioners can easily report the information outlined in the State Coordination Policy. Chair Korte reviewed the template example. He said there would be targeted communication with reminders that the End-of-Year Report is due prior to the deadline.

10. Commissioner French noted she was very pleased with the fill-in-the-blank type of form. Commissioner Jackson suggested perhaps adding a box on the form inquiring as to whether the state's dues are current. ED Imai responded this information is tracked by the National Office and the Finance Committee. She said there had been discussion of creating an infographic that would show Commissioners what documents or items are outstanding for their state. [OPEN ITEM]

## ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

11. **Arkansas Senate Bill 638** – ED Imai said there was legislation in Arkansas that would recall the original Compact statute and combine it with two additional pieces of military focused legislation. Once the National Office discovered this, ED Imai and Ms. Dablow flew to Arkansas to meet with legislators and related personnel. They informed the bill's sponsor, members of the Governor's Office, and the Attorney General's Office that if this bill passed it would jeopardize Arkansas' status and compliance with the Compact. The issue was resolved, and the language was removed from the legislation. ED Imai noted the need to inform states regarding Compact law and that it must remain a standalone legislation. She met with the Council of State Governments to make sure this is emphasized in their training of legislators as they work to pass legislation related to military spouse licensure.

12. **Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Forms** – Chair Korte noted Vermont is the only state that has not submitted its Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms. Vermont's Commissioner has been sent three notices from the National Office, Chair Korte asked if the Committee would like to send a letter with a reminder. A suggestion was given to possibly make a phone call to the Commissioner instead of a letter. Chair Korte noted he would follow up with a phone call. [OPEN ITEM]

## ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. **Items for the Executive Committee** - No items were mentioned for the Executive Committee.

14. ED Imai announced the 2021 ABM will be held in-person November 4-5, 2021, in Little Rock, AR. She noted there will be a virtual option for commissioners unable to attend in person. She noted the May Chair Message would be disseminated to the Commission later that afternoon.

**ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT**

15. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:28 PM EST.