

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES Thursday, June 17, 2021

PRESENT	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules
	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	Past Chair
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Training
	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Compliance
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	Comm & Outreach
	Chuck Clymer	DoD Representative	Ex-Officio
EXCUSED	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Chair
	Craig Neuenswander	Kansas Commissioner	Treasure & Finance
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training & Operations Assoc.	Secretary
GUEST	Jenny Cogsbill	Ed. D Candidate, Vanderbilt University	

## ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Vice Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM EDT on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

## ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director. A quorum was established.

## ITEM 3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. Vice Chair Anastasio led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Henry (MO). Motion carried.

### ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2021

5. Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the meeting minutes for May 20, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger (RI). Motion carried.

### **ITEM 6 – REPORTS**

6. **Chair –** There was no Chair Report due to Chair Don Kaminar's absence.

7. **Vice Chair –** Vice Chair Anastasio did not have a report as her topics for discussion were on the agenda.

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8. **Executive Director –** ED Imai gave an update on the Council of State Government's office reopening plan. She noted each CSG office has its own policy but supervisors and employees at the Lexington office will begin phasing in the beginning of June, with all employees returning by September. CSG's southern region is having an in-person conference this year but all the other offices are having virtual conferences. ED Imai said the most recent directory of school liaisons is posted on the new school liaison page on the MIC3 website. Additionally, all the school liaisons have been added to the state pages by service branch and lists the military base.

9. ED Imai said state councils are trying to get their FY21 meetings in for the year, with some extending into July. The most recent meetings were Missouri on 6/2 and Georgia on 6/14, and the District of Columbia and New Jersey holding meetings in July.

10. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow gave an update on trainings held. She recently held a training for the Air Force School Liaisons and reported she is now offering a Compact 201 training for stakeholders who have completed the Compact 101 training. Brian Henry and the MCSAS invited MIC3 to present in Chicago on July 12, 2021, to school leaders and administrators. Additionally, ED Imai noted MIC3 will present at the MCEC National Meeting in July.

11. **Finance** – Due to the absence of Treasurer Neuenswander, ED Imai gave an update on the Finance Committee. As of June 10, 2021, 46 of 51 states have paid the Fiscal Year 2021 dues. She noted the states with outstanding dues are California, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. Commissioner Henry gave an update on Missouri's payment and said he thinks due to a processing timeline it will be remitted at the end of June. She gave an update on the MIC3 balance sheet, revenue, and expenses. ED Imai gave an update on Fiscal Year 2022 dues and said 7 states have paid.

12. ED Imai reported CSG notified MIC3 that employee health benefits could increase 15%. They would try to negotiate to a single digit increase however projections should include the 15%.

13. ED Imai reported CSG reported the Paycheck Protection Program Loan was forgiven and MIC3 will be reimbursed approximately \$30,000 based on two employees. Funds would be deposited into the account by the end of June.

14. **Communication and Outreach Committee –** Commissioner Henry had nothing new to report because the Committee had not met since the previous EXCOM meeting.

15. **Compliance –** Commissioner Daron Korte (MN) said there has not been a meeting since the last EXCOM meeting but gave an update on a few items. The bill in Texas to establish a State Council passed and is on track to be signed by the Governor. Additionally, he noted MIC3 received an appointment letter for a new Commissioner for the state of South Carolina, Tremekia Priester. He and ED Imai announced the current Commissioner vacancies are Indiana and West Virginia.

16. **Rules –** Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) gave an update from the June meeting of the Rules Committee. The Committee reviewed and passed the three new MIC3 policies related to COVID travel and events. She said the Awards Policy will be discussed at the August meeting. She noted there was discussion at their meeting regarding the role of CSG in MIC3. She said the questions were answered by ED Imai and Ms. Dablow and thanked them for their support.

17. **Training –** Commissioner Singleton did not have a report as the Training Committee has not met since the last EXCOM meeting.

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18. **Leadership Nomination –** Commissioner Kraeger reported the committee reviewed documents for the submissions for officers and were able to complete all the work in one meeting. ED Imai stated election applications were released two weeks ago and are due by July 6, 2021, by12:00 midnight EDT. Commissioner Kraeger noted there was some discussion of a succession plan.

19. **DoD Liaison –** Chuck Clymer said approval was given by the military Quality-of-Life Office to have the four services review the state alignments. He anticipates some changes will be recommended to better serve military families. He noted he will consult with any states that will be changed and send updates to ED Imai.

20. He gave an update on the service branches travel permissions regarding the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Air Force and Navy have tentative approval to send military representatives. He said Army and Marine Corps have not been approved to travel and he was not sure their permissions would be granted by the time ABM comes.

21. Mr. Clymer said the Department of Defense (DoD) is migrating to Office 365 with new email addresses and they will temporarily lose access to emails. He said he will send the EXCOM the aliases that the Information Technologies Department said will work during the migration.

22. Commissioner Kraeger said all military legislation was pulled during Rhode Island's legislative session after stakeholders in Rhode Island did not feel comfortable with the rollout and presentation from DoD. This discussion was a follow-up from the last EXCOM meeting. Mr. Clymer said DoD departed from the process the last couple of years and did not include input from the services before compiling their list of priorities. Mr. Clymer said his goal is to make sure that he shares the draft list with EXCOM when he receives it from the DoD. He said this list generally has some education items on it and he hopes

## ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

23. NGR: Adopting New Compact Statute for 50 States and the District of Columbia – Vice Chair Anastasio shared an email discussion from the Commissioner from New York with comments from the Commissioners from Washington and Kansas regarding the National Guard and Reserve issue before the Commission. She asked the EXCOM for their thoughts on this email. Vice Chair Anastasio said Connecticut's State Council has a similar response, in opposition to changing the Compact but recommended tracking legislation to maintain the integrity of the Compact. Commissioner Gable noted she feels states accommodate the moves with military kids and has reservations about taking other actions involving the Compact.

24. Mr. Clymer said the School Liaisons (SL) are required under regulation to support the Guard and Reserve personnel when they are activated. He said the Navy works with any military family that contacts them. Additionally, he said it is a metric the Navy SLs track to determine how many Guard and Reserve families they support.

25. ED Imai highlighted part of the email from Commissioner Debra Jackson (NY) in which she said the National Guard and Reserve component is not advocating for this change. Regarding the issue of a potential dues increase, she suggested the Commission consider a percentage of the total number of National Guard and Reserve children for calculating any dues change. ED Imai said MIC3 will have a better idea of what to prepare for at ABM once the states submit their reports on this topic. She said the emailed was shared to raise awareness of some of the points being shared at state council meetings on this topic.



### **ITEM 8 – NEW BUSINESS**

26. Due to time constraints, ED Imai said she would email the ABM documents that needed approval to the committee. She apologized to guest speaker Jenny Cogsbill and provide a summary of her Capstone Research Project for forwarding to members.

### ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

27. Commissioner Kraeger motioned for the committee to move into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Gable. Motion passed.

28. Commissioner Gable motioned for the committee to move out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Kraeger.

### **ITEM 10– OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

29. Vice Chair Anastasio announced the EXCOM approved a 4% salary increase and a 4% bonus for ED Imai and Ms. Dablow.

### **ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT**

30. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Gable motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kraeger. Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM EDT.