

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) at 2:00 PM EDT.

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 Susan Haberstroh (DE) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2021

4. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) brought up an error on Page 2, Paragraph 8, on the February 9, 2021, minutes. She said Mrs. Obama should be changed to Mrs. Biden. Additionally, on Page 2, Paragraph 8 the apostrophe needs to be removed to changed ED's to EDs since it is not possessive. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow noted Mrs. Obama was asked to speak at a previous ABM and suggested the sentence be rewritten to make that clearer. Commissioner Berg also suggested deleting the phrase "to the Task Force" in Paragraph 20 due to redundancy.
5. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) asked that the minutes reflect he is not a Commissioner but a Commissioner Designee. The changes should be made in his title in Paragraphs 12, 13, and 23.
6. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021, meeting with the corrections noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

7. **Executive Committee** – Commissioner Gable gave a brief report that the ABM will be an in-person meeting in November with a hybrid option. She reminded the committee a report regarding the National Guard and Reserve issue is due from State Councils at the end of August. She reported the Compliance Committee will develop a template to assist with states' annual reports. Commissioner Gable asked if Commissioners could submit what they submit to their state legislature and ED Imai said that would be fine. ED Imai gave a brief overview of what the feedback regarding the National Guard and Reserve issue has been. A question was asked regarding the end time for the Friday of the 2021 ABM and ED Imai said the EXCOM considered Commissioners' travel plans and elected to end at 10:30 AM CT on Friday.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

8. **FY21 Case and Inquiry Report** – Ms. Dablow referenced the FY21 Case and Inquiry Report which includes 44 cases. She noted there are 6 cases from FY21 that have not been logged. Ms. Dablow said people have started to reach out via social media to inquire about the Compact. She noted out of the 44 cases, 13 are Compact related with the leading topics being Art. V - Placement & Attendance: Education Program Placement and Art. VI – Eligibility for Enrollment. Additionally, she said two cases will roll into FY22 if they are not resolved by the end of June.

9. Commissioner Haberstroh commented there is a new Department of Defense (DoD) Regional Liaison for the Northeast named Christopher Arnold that is working two pieces of legislation for the DoD. One is related to Purple Star and the other allows for a military family to register in their new location's school district prior to obtaining proof of residency.

10. Commissioner Floyd asked why some cases are designated as "no state." Ms. Dablow said on some cases it is because the parent does not identify the state or perhaps it is from an international school. ED Imai added it could also be a clarification on a rule and listed as no state.

11. Ms. Dablow noted there is a resource provided by Military OneSource that tracks military-related legislation. Several commissioners noted their states are now allowing military families with PCS orders to register in their new school districts without proof of residency.

12. Commissioner Gable thanked ED Imai for her COVID reports detailing the status of various states.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

13. Commissioner Gable introduced three policies to be voted on by the Committee. ED Imai noted MIC3 generally adopts the policies the Council of State Governments puts out and said the three policies to be voted on are related to staff travel during the COVID-19 pandemic and staffing at meetings. She said the policies are exactly as how CSG presented them, the organization name was just changed to MIC3. One of the requirements for all CSG related travel is to be fully vaccinated. ED Imai reported all the MIC3 employees are fully vaccinated. She stated these policies are in place until the CDC recalls the COVID-19 public health pandemic.

14. The first policy is Staffing In-Person Meetings During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Commissioner Berg motioned for the policy to be adopted, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. Motion carried.

15. The second policy is Attendance by MIC3 Employees at In-Person Events Convened by Other Entities During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Commissioner Berg motioned to accept the policy; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Designee Dunham. Motion carried.

16. The third policy is Establishing Health and Safety Protocols for In-Person MIC3 Events Convened During the COVID-19 Pandemic. ED Imai said due to CSG having several regional offices this is an over-arching policy to align with the CDC's guidelines nationwide. Commissioner Floyd motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion carried.

17. Commissioner McLaughlin asked the necessity of adopting CSG's policies when MIC3's staff is all in Kentucky. ED Imai noted MIC3 follows all of CSG policies since our employees are CSG employees. Commissioner McLaughlin noted MIC3 employees respond to EXCOM and asked why these policies could not be generated by EXCOM. ED Imai responded that MIC3 abides by several policies from CSG. ED Imai noted these policies have been approved by the EXCOM. ED Imai said MIC3 is an affiliate organization of CSG embedded in their headquarters. She praised CSG's operations and logistics and how they work for all affiliates to maintain compliance.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. Commissioner Gable asked if anyone had any items or questions for the EXCOM. Commissioner McLaughlin asked when EXCOM would be made aware if CSG is increasing the price of employee health benefits. ED Imai said she recently received a memorandum from CSG that the cost of benefits would increase up to 15%. She said the rate may be negotiated down and was not sure if the cost would be passed on to employees. Commissioner McLaughlin noted the increase seems higher than other comparable organizations and asked why MIC3 needed to follow CSG rules since we are a separate organization. She questioned the need to obtain employee health insurance through CSG and why we did not seek bids on our own. ED Imai explained MIC3 is an affiliate organization of the CSG, and as employees of CSG, we need to obtain health insurance, and other benefits through the organization to leverage costs. Commissioner McLaughlin stated she wanted MIC3 staff to receive health insurance but questioned the cost to provide this benefit. ED Imai provided a summary on the timeline and process by CSG Human Resources to negotiate the benefits annually for CSG and affiliate employees. Commissioner Gable said she would share the question regarding benefits with EXCOM and the Finance Committee at the next EXCOM meeting.

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

19. 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 2:53 PM EDT.