

CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

PRESENT	<p>Khieem Jackson John Burns Christian Mendoza Jesse M. Najera Stephanie Papas Cecilia Yacuta Patricia Rucker Senator Tom Umberg</p>	<p>Compact Commissioner Facilitator and Chair School Liaison Officer Travis AFB School District Representative, Silver Valley USD California Department of Education DoD Liaison, Regional School Liaison Officer California State Board of Education California State Senate</p>
EXCUSED	<p>Sylvia Crowder</p>	<p>Military Family Education Liaison</p>
GUESTS	<p>Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Kelli May-Douglas Pete Callas Kelly Frisch Shama Hearn Pete LuPiba</p>	<p>Executive Director, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate, MIC3 Office of Secretary of Defense, California Liaison California Department of Education Regional EFMP Special Education Liaison Regional EFMP Program Manager Ohio Compact Commissioner</p>

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

1. The meeting was called to order by California Compact Commissioner Khieem Jackson.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Commissioner Jackson thanked the National Office for their assistance with meetings. Jesse Najera motioned to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting. Mr. John Burns seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. There being no public comment Commissioner Jackson moved to the next agenda item.

ITEM 4 – SPECIAL SERVICE RECOGNITION

4. Mr. Najera recognized State Council Member Kelly Frisch for her service to military children as she concludes her role as the Regional School Liaison to the Compact. Ms. Frisch thanked the State Council and the National Office for their support.

ITEM 5 – UPDATE SCHOOLS REOPENING

5. Mr. Najera stated his school district, Silver Valley, has been learning in person since

October. He reported there were no outbreaks in the district and hopes to have five days per week classes next year. Commissioner Jackson inquired if there will still be state testing. Mr. Najera stated there is some flexibility with the testing but are requiring state testing at this time.

6. Mr. Burns commented the data from the tests should be suspect given the unique circumstances of the school year. Patricia Rucker from the California Department of Education noted the testing is to gather data on academic progress and learning losses from pandemic learning.

ITEM 6 – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

7. Ms. Kelli May Douglas reported on the Purple Star Schools Program and updated participants on the state's status. She noted in March there was a resolution introduced in the California legislature to encourage the Purple Star Schools Program. The Compact Commissioner from Ohio Pete LuPiba spoke on the Purple Star Schools Program in his state.

ITEM 7 – US NAVY EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PILOT PROGRAM

8. Ms. Frisch introduced the new pilot program the Navy is launching to support the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). She stated her new role is the Region EFMP Special Education Liaison and the team includes a program manager and staff attorney. The case liaisons will provide Special Education Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 support and attend IEP meetings. She stated this will provide families an extra layer of support if needed.

9. Ms. Frisch stated this will ensure the special education component of the Compact is being followed. She said her desire is for families to feel supported and empowered in their child's education. If needed, the Navy EFMP attorney can provide additional support in ensuring the child's legal rights regarding their education.

10. Ms. Frisch said the program supports families with children ages 0-3 with special needs. Members commented this was a wonderful resource and expressed how difficult it is for parents to navigate special education resources. Ms. Rucker said the pilot program will be included in her report at the State Board Meeting in May.

11. Shama Hearn, Regional EFMP Program Manager spoke briefly on the program.

ITEM 8 – CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION (CIF)

12. Ron Nocetti, Executive Director of the CIF introduced Ms. Michelle McKay Underwood, the CIF's Legislative Advocate, and Mr. Brian Seymour, CIF's Executive Director. He stated CIF was founded in 1914 and has served education-based athletics in California as a 501(c)(3) organization with 1,600 member schools. He stated California is divided in ten semi-autonomous sections where initial eligibility questions are resolved.

13. Mr. Nocetti requested Commissioner Jackson provide CIF with a one-page document on the Compact Rules regarding athletic eligibility.

14. Ms. Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director, asked school liaisons in California to let the National Office know any common sports-related questions specific to California regarding the Compact.

ITEM 9 – ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

15. Commissioner Jackson stated he is working on the appointment of Chris Ward to the Council as the Assembly Representative. He stated it is currently in the approval process.

16. Ms. Cecilia Yacuta reported the school liaisons did trainings with the National Office during the last quarter. She stated the trainings were very helpful and thanked the National Office. Mr. Christian Mendoza reminded participants April is Month of the Military Child.

17. Ms. Rucker noted the state board is monitoring the return to in-person instruction. She stated it was helpful for families to know all their options for instruction when transferring schools. She said California's grading policy gives a lot of flexibility in grading and noted the policies may differ from other states' grading systems.

18. Ms. Stephanie Pappas reported on various webinars the Superintendent's office has done. She stated these were archived on the California Department of Education Facebook page.

ITEM 10 – APPRECIATION: MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

19. California State Senator Tom Umberg introduced himself. He stated he and his spouse were veterans. He noted he is very familiar with the stressors of military families having stayed home for 7 months while his wife was deployed during the Gulf War. He asked for suggestions from the council for ways the Senate can be supportive to military children and families.

ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

20. Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone in attendance and having no further business to discuss, adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM PST.