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## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Monday July 29, 2019**

PRESENT	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Chair
	Russ Gullett	Michigan Commissioner	
	Sarah Forster	Maine Commissioner	
	Ben Rasmussen	Utah Commissioner	
	Richard Pryor	Communications Associate	Secretary
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	
EXCUSED	Davina French	North Dakota Commissioner	
	Shelley Ramos	Texas Commissioner	
	Shelley Joan Weiss	Wisconsin Commissioner	
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM ET by Committee Chair Commissioner Daron Korte (MN). Roll call was taken by Richard Pryor, Communications Associate.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte introduced the new Commissioner from Idaho Tim McMurtrey to the group. Chair Korte briefed the Committee on:

- Recent EXCOM meetings
- The policies created by this committee were adopted by the EXCOM and are available on the website.
- The EXCOM spent a whole day at the retreat in a strategic planning session, the results have been shared among some Commissioners and the final plan will be rolled out at the Annual Meeting. There will still be an opportunity to make changes.
- Chair Korte also reminded members to register for the Annual Meeting in October.
- Chair Korte informed the members that the National Guard and Reserve Task Force (NGRTF) was created to investigate the plausibility of the National Guard Reserve coming under the rules of the Compact. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) will chair this committee.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

4. **Gender Specific Language** - Chair Korte reminded members of the issue raised by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss and that they were looking into reviewing all policy letters relating to gender neutral language utilization. Chair Korte stated that the national office would investigate the matter and provide feedback to the committee at the next meeting. **[OPEN]**

5. **Enforcement of Statute** - Chair Korte informed the members that he raised this issue with the EXCOM but, along with General Counsel they felt that there was no reason the Compact Commissioner could not be the chair of the State Council.

Commissioner Russ Gullett (MI) disagreed and suggested that there was language that stated there was no requirement to stand up new committee if one existed, especially if Compact business could be conducted. Chair Korte said he would make this an agenda item for the next EXCOM. [OPEN]

6. **Ex-Officio Participation Strategic Planning** – Chair Korte explained that his understanding on this matter was that Chair Kaminar felt he did want organizations to be able to exert influence on the process while others were not involved. Chair Korte suggested that anyone with further questions should reach out to Chair Kaminar.

#### ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

7. **Vacant Commissioner Update** – Communications Associate Richard Pryor briefed the members on several states he felt required intervention by the Compliance Chair. These included:

- Indiana
- Iowa
- New Mexico

Chair Korte agreed and asked for the details so he could follow up with those states to try and achieve a resolution. [OPEN]

#### ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mr. Pryor briefed the members on recent Commissioner departures, Kate Wren Gavlak (CA), Blaine Hedges (KY), Jay Ledbetter (MS). Chair Korte also informed the members that Mr. Pryor was leaving MIC3 and thanked him for his service.

9. Chair Korte gave members the opportunity to raise any issues they had so he could address them with the EXCOM.

#### ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:29 p.m. ET.

Upcoming Meetings: September 10

Respectfully submitted by,



Richard Pryor  
Communications Associate

July 29, 2019

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

PRESENT	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Chair
	Russ Gullett	Michigan Commissioner	
	Shelly Ramos	Texas Commissioner	
	Ben Rasmussen	Utah Commissioner	
	Shelley Joan Weiss	Wisconsin Commissioner	
	Sarah Forster	Maine Commissioner	
	Tim McMurtrey	Idaho Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	
	Beth Workman	Communications Associate	Secretary
EXCUSED	Davina French	North Dakota Commissioner	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM ET by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was taken by Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russ Gullett (MI). Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sarah Forster (ME). Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

4. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte informed the members that the Executive Committee (EXCOM) is preparing for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Colorado Springs. He reminded Commissioners to register and arrange their flights if they have not already done so.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Vacant Commissioners Update** – Chair Korte stated he will reach out to the appointing authority in those member states who do not currently have Commissioners prior to the ABM. He will provide an update to the Compliance Committee when it meets at the ABM.

6. **State Commissioners as State Council Chairs and as Ex-Officio Members** – In response to Commissioner Gullett's inquiry regarding the Compact Commissioner serving as an ex-officio member and the chair of their respective state's council Chair Korte reported the EXCOM is requesting an informal review by General Counsel Rick Masters. Executive Director (ED) Imai forwarded the information to Mr. Masters and anticipates a response by ABM. Commissioner Gullett agreed with the course of action. [OPEN]

## ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

7. **Policy Review** – Chair Korte reviewed two policies approved by EXCOM this past year:

- Guidelines for Commission Meetings:
  - Commissioner Weiss questioned the need for a policy as the MIC3 By-laws state the Commission adheres to Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, she inquired about use of the term "offending" and the penalties resulting from the "offense" and requested further clarification on the policy. Chair Korte asked Members to refer request for clarifications or questions of concern to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission. Chair Korte explained the policy was reviewed and approved by the EXCOM to address the behavior of Members during meetings over the past year. The policy establishes guidelines for meetings, defines appropriate behavior, and provides next steps should such behavior continue.
- Defining the Role of Commissioner, Designee, and Proxy:
  - Chair Korte reported this policy was developed to address questions raised during the 2018 ABM regarding the role and responsibilities of Commissioners, Designees, and Proxies.
  - The policy defines the three roles, and a timeline between 30-60 days for proxy form submittal prior to the ABM. Commissioner Weiss was concerned regarding situations like hers, in which she is caring for her elderly parents, and what the process would be should a Commissioner need to send a proxy to represent their state at the last minute or in the event of an emergency. Chair Korte stated he will forward the comment to the EXCOM for review. [OPEN]
  - Commissioner Weiss questioned the validity of the EXCOM to develop administrative policies and why such policies are not presented to the full Commission for vote. Chair Korte noted administrative policies do not require Commission vote, and only Rules and/or By-laws changes require a full Commission vote.
- 2017-2019 Strategic Plan Key Accomplishments: Chair Korte documented the success of the Commission over the last three years under the current Strategic Plan which was adopted in 2016. Chair Korte expressed pride regarding the

Committee's accomplishments, and stated it has been an honor to lead and serve on the Compliance Committee.

## ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. **New Communications Associate** – Chair Korte welcomed Beth Workman, new Communications Associate to the MIC3 team, and added he and the members looked forward to working with her.

9. **Items for the Executive Committee** – The EXCOM will meet on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Commissioner Korte stated that Members can email the Commissioner Chair or Commissioner Korte if they have questions or comments for the EXCOM.

- **Leadership Development Committee (LDC)**

- Commissioner Weiss asked for an update on status of the LDC, prior to arriving to the ABM.
- ED Imai responded that the LDC met in August to review the nomination applications and there was one application per position: first application is for current Chair, Commissioner Don Kaminar (AK); second application is for current Vice Chair, Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT); third application is for Treasurer, Commissioner Craig Neuenswander (KS). ED Imai informed the Committee that after six years Commissioner Bob Buehn (FL) and current Treasurer had decided not to run for a seventh term. Commissioner Buehn informed the Finance Committee, which the Treasurer chairs, and asked a Member of that Committee to volunteer to run for the position. Commissioner Neuenswander with Commissioner Buehn's support submitted his application for the position of Commission Treasurer. The Docket Book will be released the first week of October and will be available electronically on the website.
- Commissioner Gullett asked if nominations will be accepted from the floor at the ABM.
- ED Imai responded that nominations will always be accepted from the floor at the ABM per Robert's Rules of Order. After the LDC presents the candidates, nominations will be open from the floor. If there are floor nominations, each candidate will have the opportunity to address the commission for two minutes. The voting process will remain the same as it was at the 2018 ABM.

- **Commissioner Committee Assignments**

- Commissioner Weiss asked when the Commission went from individuals requesting or identifying which committee they wished to be on and then the committee members electing a chair, to now the Commission Chair appointing the Committee Chairs and selecting Commissioners to serve on committees.
- Chair Korte responded that the committee chair and committee member appointments are at the discretion of the Commission Chair. The practice of

appointing committee members to each committee was established to help committees reach a quorum every meeting.

- **Meeting Minutes Posted on MIC3 Website**

- Commissioner Weiss requested feedback on the National Office's practice of posting meeting minutes.
- ED Imai responded that the National Office only posts meeting minutes on the website once they have been approved by the committee. ED Imai added that the National Office is currently working with IT to resolve various issues with the MIC3.net site. The Commission's site is currently hosted by Muse, which is an Adobe product, but Adobe had decided to no longer support Muse. That is why the National Office is working to move to a new platform, WordPress, in 2020. The Council of State Governments (CSG), who originally created the MIC3.net site, is also moving all their content to WordPress so the Commission is not the only affiliate of CSG affected by Adobe's decision to drop Muse.

10. Commissioner Weiss stated she sent an email and letter to the EXCOM members regarding several points of concern, yet has not heard back from Chair Kaminar, nor any member of the EXCOM to date. ED Imai mentioned that the issues brought up in Commissioner Weiss' email are on the next EXCOM meeting agenda to be discussed in September, prior to the ABM. Chair Korte responded he would also address the comments and concerns brought up in this meeting with the EXCOM.

## **ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT**

11. Commissioner Sarah Forster (ME) addressed the Members and informed them that she would be stepping down as the Commissioner Designee for Maine and that Mr. Tyler Backus will be replacing her in that role. She expressed gratitude for serving on the Compliance Committee in addition to serving on the Commission.

12. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX). Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beth Workman  
Communications Associate



**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

PRESENT	Daron Korte Bruce DuPlanty Teresa Ferenczhalmy Davina French Misty Nissen	Minnesota Commissioner Arizona Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Iowa Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Beth Workman	Training and Operations Associate Communications Associate	Secretary
EXCUSED	Terry Ryals Shelley Joan Weiss Cherise Imai	Alaska Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner MIC3 Executive Director	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EST by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Beth Workman, Communications Associate. A quorum was established and Chair Korte welcomed the new commissioners to the committee.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Davina French (ND) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Misty Nissen (IA). Motion carried.
3. Commissioner French requested the September 10, 2019 minutes be amended to reflect her from absent to excused. She followed with a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy (NM). Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

4. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte reported the standing committee chairs remained the same, with the exception of the newly elected Treasurer, Commissioner Craig Neuenswander (KS), who will serve as the Finance Chair. Chair Korte reminded members the Commission voted at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to revise the Compact By-laws to make permanent the Leadership Nomination Committee (LNC). He added Commissioners may serve on both the LNC and another standing committee, as the LNC seat is in addition to their appointment to a standing committee. Chair Korte concluded with a summary of the 2019 ABM survey results.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Vacant Commissioners Update** – Chair Korte yielded the floor to Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow who provided an update on the vacancies for California, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Michigan. The request to appoint letters will be sent the week of January

12. Additionally, Chair Korte reported Commissioner Russ Gullett (MI) resigned in December and recognized him for his service on the commission. Chair Korte stated his presence would be missed.

6. **Conflict of Interest (COI) and Code of Conduct (COC) Forms** – Chair Korte reported both forms were distributed and collected at the ABM. Ms. Workman added one commissioner is outstanding and she has followed up with him by email. Forms are due by January 31.

7. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reminded members state councils are required to meet annually once a year. He reported most states are in compliance with zero states above a level one concern, therefore no committee action is required at this time. Chair Korte continued the Texas Commissioner needs to provide a meeting report to the National Office. Committee members did not have comments regarding compliance updates.

8. **State Commissioner as State Council Chair/Ex-Officio Member** – Chair Korte updated the Committee on Commissioner Gullett's request for clarification. General Counsel Rick Masters was consulted and said Commissioners can serve on the state council as a chair or, at minimum, as an ex-officio member. Based on this ruling, the matter was considered closed.

#### ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

9. **Strategic Plan – Review and Discuss Timeline** – Chair Korte requested members review the document provided. He noted the timeline is a work in progress, which is adaptable and asked committee members for feedback.

10. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy supported the proposed timeline as it allows new commissioners to settle into the role. Chair Korte reminded members the Compliance Committee serves as a supportive resource to Commissioners.

11. Commissioner French also supported the timeline and suggested the committee utilize the Tier Groups as a resource. Chair Korte stated that he would take this comment to the EXCOM, which has also been discussing meaningful ways to engage the Tier Groups.

12. Chair Korte yielded the floor to Ms. Workman who explained the committee would discuss Strategic Plan Action Items at the March meeting as the only the timeline would be discussed today. Chair Korte asked members email himself and/or Ms. Workman thoughts and feedback prior to the March meeting. [OPEN ITEM]

#### ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked if committee members had items for him to take to the EXCOM, other than the Tier Group comment. He reminded members issues, questions, and concerns for the EXCOM can always be discussed with him outside of the committee meeting. No other comments were offered.

#### ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

14. There being no further business, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM EST.



Respectfully submitted by,  
Beth Workman  
Communications Associate

Approved March 10, 2020

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

PRESENT	Daron Korte Bruce DuPlanty Davina French Misty Nissen	Minnesota Commissioner Arizona Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Iowa Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Cherise Imai	Training and Operations Associate Executive Director	Secretary
EXCUSED	Teresa Ferenczhalmy Terry Ryals Shelley Joan Weiss	New Mexico Commissioner Alaska Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM EDT by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow, and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Bruce DuPlanty (AZ) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte informed the Members that Communications Associate Beth Workman had accepted another position and was no longer with the Commission. The Chair reported that due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) will not hold the Spring Retreat in Lexington, Kentucky but will meet instead via conference call. Commissioner French asked if a preview of the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force's (NGRTF) preliminary report would be available to Commissioners. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai responded the NGRTF continues to meet and the report is expected by the end of April. She stated the NGRTF is focused on collecting necessary data from the Guard and Reserve Bureau and more information would be made available to the Commission in April.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

4. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reported most states have held at least one state council meeting in the past two years with the exception of Indiana. The Chair asked the National Office to request clarification from Vermont Commissioner David Young regarding Vermont's state council. Chair Korte reported Texas has not held a meeting since It signed onto the Compact and he will contact Texas Commissioner Shelly Ramos to determine how Texas is meeting the requirements outlined in *1-2017 State Coordination Policy*, especially since Texas' Compact statute does not designate a state council. **[OPEN ITEM]**

March 11, 2020

5. **Commissioner Vacancies** – Chair Korte yielded the floor to staff. Ms. Dablow reported communication with California and Pennsylvania have indicated appointments in both states are pending. Michigan has until March 17, 2020 to respond to the request for appointment letter mailed to the Governor.
6. On recommendation of ED Imai, Commissioner French motioned to move Indiana into level three status, which requires further action by the Compliance Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DuPlanty. Motion carried. [OPEN ITEM]
7. The Committee deferred reviewing Mississippi's status until May because ED Imai reported Department of Defense Representative Chuck Clymer is working to resolve the vacancy. [OPEN ITEM]
8. **Conflict of Interest (COI) and Code of Conduct (COC) Forms** – Chair Korte reported the final Commissioner submitted their form therefore the item is closed.
9. **Strategic Plan – Discuss tactics for how the National Office can assist states with Compact Compliance** – Chair Korte reviewed the tactics under Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan and asked the National Office to report on what measures were currently in place to communicate with member states. ED Imai reviewed the on-boarding process for newly appointed Commissioners and detailed how setting expectations and outlining the duties of a Compact Commissioner established the parameters for individuals new to the Commission. Ms. Dablow responded utilizing the media tools and publications distributed by the National Office has also increased awareness of compliance requirements. The use of the Chair Message and "The Wire" newsletter have served as reminders to the Commission regarding new and existing policies, and state council requirements. Chair Korte stated he would discuss ways the Committee can communicate compliance issues with the EXCOM and bring the feedback to the Compliance Committee. [OPEN ITEM]

## ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

10. **Commission Data Collection Requirement** – Chair Korte informed the Committee a constituent contacted staff and various Commissioners requesting the data collected, per Article IX and Chapter 200 of the Compact Rules, by the Commission. The Chair reminded the Members that while the Commission is tasked with collecting data it has not been required in the past due to the many technical challenges and the strain it would have on the Commission's and Department of Education resources within member states. Under the Compact Rules, does the Committee feel the need to collect this data, and to what end? Chair Korte asked the Committee to consider making a recommendation to do one of several options. The Committee could request the Rules Committee review Compact Rule Chapter 200 and either rescind or amend the existing language. The Committee could recommend the Commission require each member state strike the requirement from their Compact statute. The Chair opened the floor for discussion.
11. Commissioner French cautioned against action before researching the topic further. She referred to comments provided by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) via email and questioned utilizing the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and asked how data would be collected? Chair Korte stated some states are collecting information on military-connected students per the Military Student Identifier (MSI) but that information would not detail which students are transferring in or out due to a permanent change of station (PCS). Commissioner DuPlanty asked if the base or

School Liaison Officer would have access to that information and the Chair responded that in some smaller states there may not be a base where the military member is being assigned.

12. ED Imai interjected that DEERS is attached to where the child resides not the military member so this would not be reliable. For example, if the military member is stationed in one state, but the child resides in another state because the non-military parent has custody of the child then this would not be reported. She also cautioned against using the MSI because it requires the families to self-report, and thus far has not been a reliable source of data.

13. Chair Korte concluded the topic stating he would discuss it further with the EXCOM and provide the Compliance Committee with their thoughts at the Committee's May meeting. [OPEN ITEM]

#### ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked for items or comments for the EXCOM but there were no comments from the Committee.

15. **Questions for Mid-Year Survey** – Chair Korte asked the Members to email him any questions they had for the survey.

16. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

17. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

PRESENT	Daron Korte Teresa Ferenczhalmy Davina French Shelley Joan Weiss	Minnesota Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Cherise Imai	Training and Operations Associate Executive Director	Secretary
EXCUSED	Bruce DuPlanty Misty Nissen Terry Ryals	Arizona Commissioner Iowa Commissioner Alaska Commissioner	
GUEST	Don Berry	Arkansas Veterans Coalition	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM EDT by Committee Chair and Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow, and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

1. Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy (NM) motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

2. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Korte discussed COVID-19 and its impact on states and education systems. He updated the Committee on the Stop Movement Order issued by the Secretary of Defense which was extended to June 30, 2020. The Chair stated all Standing Committees of the Commission continue to execute the Strategic Plan and move forward to complete the tactics. Chair Korte completed the report explaining trainings continue through the National Office.

3. Commissioner Weiss asked the Chair to consult the EXCOM regarding insurance the Commission may or may not have in place that would allow the Commission to recoup all or some of the expenses associated with canceling the in-person Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in October. She also requested the EXCOM consider surveying the Commission to ascertain their desire to travel should the ABM be held in-person. How likely are Commissioners to travel given the unknown progression and circumstances of COVID-19?

4. Commissioner Korte asked Ms. Dablow for an update regarding ABM logistics. Ms. Dablow stated the Little Rock Marriott furloughed the event staff so planning for the Fall conference has not progressed. The conference site is willing to move the event to another time without monetary penalty but are not accepting cancellations without penalty at this time. The options for both an in-person and virtual ABM will be presented to the EXCOM when they meet later this month so they may determine how to move forward.

#### ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

5. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte reviewed the state council meeting document with the Members noting most states are compliant except those who have commissioner vacancies. The Chair noted that states continue to hold virtual meetings which is expected given the current situation. Commissioner Weiss stated Vermont and Pennsylvania are not compliant and asked how enforceable is the policy? Chair Korte stated Vermont has held a meeting in the past year but understands the Commissioner's concern. The Chair acknowledged how recently the State Coordination Policy was adopted so the focus has been on compliance not enforcement. He discussed the levels of escalation provided for by the policy and pointed out that those states who have not held a meeting are still at Level One. The National Office is working with those states to establish their councils and schedule their first meeting.

6. Commissioner Weiss asked if the policy regulating state council meetings had a purpose or if it is another task the Commissioner is being asked to do? Chair Korte stated this was discussed two years ago when the policy was passed, and the conclusion was state council meetings are provided for in the Model Compact Language and aid Commissioners in implementing the Compact in their state. In most cases once a Commissioner is contacted the council has met and the Commissioner forgot to report it. Commissioner Weiss suggested, and Commissioner Ferenczhalmy supported, the Chair record a brief video to explain the policy and importance of state councils. Chair Korte agreed to discuss developing a video with the Chairs of the Communication and Outreach, and Training Committee. **[OPEN ITEM]**

9. **Commissioner Vacancies** – Chair Korte informed the Committee that the COVID-19 situation has stalled communications with Governors regarding Commissioner appointments. The Chair yielded the floor to staff. Ms. Dablow reiterated the Chair's comments regarding a delay due to the virus but reported appointments for California and Pennsylvania are pending. The deadline for Michigan to respond to the first notice has passed so the National Office will issue a second notice and update the Committee at the next meeting. Chair Korte reported he has communicated with Indiana and the Governor's Office is aware of the vacancies. The Chair will follow up with Indiana in June. Chair Korte stated that DoD Representative Chuck Clymer has been working towards a Commissioner appointment in Mississippi but as of the Compliance Meeting does not have an update from him. Chair Korte will speak with Mr. Clymer prior to the EXCOM meeting on May 21, 2020 to gather information for the Committee. **[OPEN ITEM]**

7. **Feedback from the EXCOM on Assisting States with Compact Compliance and Data Collection** – Chair Korte reminded Members that at the March Compliance Committee meeting he was asked to get feedback from the EXCOM on two questions. First, how the National Office communicates with the member states regarding compliance issues. Chair Korte reviewed the feedback from the EXCOM. The general response of the EXCOM Members were that the current practices outlined in the Compliance minutes from March 10, 2020 were sufficient and worked well.

March 15, 2020



Chair Korte noted communication from the National Office where Compliance issues are concerned seems to be going well but there is always opportunity for improvement. The Chair opened the floor to questions.

8. Commissioner Weiss asked what assessment methods were in place to determine that the methods being used were sufficient? She also asked if changes are being made to the MIC3.net website. Ms. Dablow replied the Mid-year Survey would be going out this year to Commissioners and a couple questions asked for feedback concerning communication. The organization continues to collect Google Analytics feedback which the EXCOM reviews on a monthly basis. Ms. Dablow reported the use of Constant Contact by the Commission which has a feature that provides feedback on open and click rate allowing staff to stay connected to individuals who have not opened emails in a while. Finally, she informed the Members that MIC3.net is moving to a new platform because Muse is no longer supported by Adobe. Progress has been slowed due to the loss of the Communications Associate and the current work from home order issued by Kentucky's Governor. However, the process continues and the National Office hopes to complete the migration in time to test it before the ABM in October. Commissioner Weiss thanked Ms. Dablow and suggested sharing some of the website analytics in the Commission's monthly newsletter.

9. Chair Korte addressed the second question submitted to the EXCOM for feedback. The Compliance Committee, regarding data collection as outlined in Article IX of the Compact Model Language and Chapter 200 of the Rules, asked what the reporting system is or should be and whether or not, if it isn't enforceable, should the Commission consider recommending member states change the language in their Compact statute. The Chair noted the EXCOM did not support asking member states to compel a statute change. Chair Korte supported the EXCOM's opinion because Minnesota, as well as other states, have divided governments and it is difficult to get consensus on any issue. He also noted the feedback expressed concern about the ability of states to implement these data collection strategies, especially in states without active duty bases.

10. Chair Korte recognized Mr. Don Berry with Arkansas Veterans Coalition who expressed interest in speaking to the Committee on this topic. Mr. Berry understood the difficulty associated with data collection. He stated Arkansas has been a member of the Compact for 12 years and the state has not been counting Permanent Change of Stations (PCS) which, as he understands, is the whole basis for the Compact. Mr. Berry questioned what the value is to the entities that are having to generate the records. He stated it was not the Commission that benefits from that information or the state but the school districts. He suggested the Commission gain compliance on data collection by selling its benefit to each state education institutes. Stating the districts have to understand the value on data collection. He went on to state the Compact cannot assess its success without knowing how many kids are moving between states, and the processes in place in those school districts.

11. The Chair recognized Commissioner French who underlined the current COVID-19 situation and the activation of National Guard and Reserve units for Homeland Defense during this time. Commissioner French proposed developing an exception policy to address those families being displaced due to a family member's activation and she asked Chair Korte to refer the request to EXCOM.

12. Commissioner Weiss stated success of the Compact in Wisconsin is based on how smooth and seamless the transition goes not on the number of transitions each year. She emphasized the voluntary reporting mechanism of ESSA related to military-connected students and the confidential

nature of that data which would not be available to the Commission. Commissioner Weiss stated data collection is close to impossible in those states without an active duty base. She continued that even in those states with active duty bases the parent may not enroll their children in the school primarily attended by children of active duty military members. She requested a conclusion on the topic of data collection.

13. Chair Korte agreed to address the EXCOM and get a conclusion for Commissioner Weiss. He stated there was no support for changing the compact statute but amending the Compact Rule was something that could be achieved. However, data could be valuable to the Commission which is why this topic warrants further conversation and the Commission needs to be aware of the limitations like those Commissioner Weiss highlighted. [OPEN ITEM]

#### ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

14. There being no new business the Chair moved to Other Business and Announcements.

#### ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Chair Korte asked for items or comments for the EXCOM but there were no additional comments from the Committee. The Chair asked Members to email him if they had questions after the meeting.

16. **Questions for Mid-Year Survey - Feedback** – Chair Korte asked the Members to email him or the National Office any questions they had for the survey.

17. **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic** – Ms. Dablow asked the Members to share best practices or information from within their states regarding the state's response to the pandemic, especially focusing on education. The National Office is collecting that information for a broader discussion in the future.

16. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

17. With no further business to conduct, Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:01 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate