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RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL ON
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

PRESENT	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Chair
	Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner	
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	
	Taneka Miller	District of Columbia Commissioner	
	Robert Staver	Pennsylvania Commissioner	
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
	John Matthews	Program Specialist	
	Richard Pryor	Operations Coordinator	
ABSENT	Diane Douglas	Arizona Commissioner	
	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	
	Pete Koehler	Idaho Commissioner	
	Mike Reed	Mississippi Commissioner	
	Rick Masters	General Counsel	

ITEM 1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM ET and the roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director. Five of nine voting members and three staff members were present.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. Don Kaminar, Arkansas Commissioner and Rules Committee Chair, added the "Rules Interpretation Request" made by Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg, Hawaii Commissioner to the meeting agenda. The agenda and minutes were approved.

ITEM 3 – SELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR

3. Taneka Miller, District of Columbia Commissioner, was nominated and approved by the Committee to be the new Committee Vice Chair.

ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

4. **Temporary Housing** – Chair Kaminar reported that the consensus of the Military Impacted Tier Breakout Session at the 2016 MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) was that no rule change was necessary. Rather than a rule, other less rigid options should be explored and best practices should be shared. Mary Gable, Commission Vice Chair and Maryland Commissioner, concurred with the report. The Committee requested that the National Office brief on cases accordingly and prepare best practices based on the results at the next Rules Committee meeting. (Open Item)

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

5. **Strategic Plan – Goal #1: Identify partners (current and future) at the national, federal, state and local levels that have mutual interests and common goals:** Chair Kaminar inquired whether the national office requested a list of organizations and memberships from the states. Imai reported that the national office does not. Gable clarified that at the ABM, the Committee wanted to look at what value an organization brought to the Commission rather than just providing a list of organizations. The focus

Approved March 14, 2017

should be on the current ex-officio members and their value to MIC3. From there, the Commission should assess what is missing and what is needed. Brig Gen (Ret) Berg concurred and added that there was strong push back against establishing Memorandums of Understanding due to legal implications.

6. Imai explained that the Executive Committee wanted the national staff to extend their outreach to other organizations. As part of this effort, the national staff attended the Summit of the States sponsored by the National Center for Interstate Compacts, part of the Council of State Governments. This allowed for networking with other interstate compacts. She requested that members of the Committee send the national office any organizations that the Commission should research, contact, and possibly attend their meeting or conference.

7. Imai also briefed the Committee on the recent meeting that she and Rick Masters, MIC3 General Counsel, had with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). She explained that the USDOE has a military affairs team that works specifically on issues related to military-connected children. They offered their assistance with promoting the Interstate Compact and the Commission. Brig Gen (Ret) Berg stated that the national office should establish a definition of partnership and what activities and events fit into that definition. Taneka Miller, District of Columbia Commissioner, stated that it also needs to be clear about what is the responsibility of the Commission and the responsibility of the states. Chair Kaminar and Imai will work on a definition of partnership to include different levels of partnership and report back at the next Committee meeting. (Open Item)

8. **Strategic Plan – Goal #2: Develop a communication mechanism for dissemination of information through partnership changes to convey our message and promote our vision (In conjunction with the PR and Training Committee).**: Brig Gen (Ret) Berg questioned the word “changes”. National Staff was asked to check whether this was correct. She stated this goal seems to be tied to the definition of partnership. Chair Kaminar stated that he would contact the Chair of the PR and Training Committee regarding this goal. (Open Item)

9. **Rule Interpretation Request by Hawaii** – Brig Gen (Ret) Berg explained a request for a rules interpretation sent to the national office regarding Kindergarten age and enrollment. This request is being made to help with addressing cases where parents send the child someplace other than the address of residence to get around the age and enrollment requirements of the state. National staff would look to add a resource to the website about the Kindergarten age dates for each state. Chair Kaminar asked that this item be kept on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. Imai and Masters should report back on whether a rule change is necessary. (Open Item)

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cherise Imai
Executive Director

Approved March 14, 2017



**MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL ON
MARCH 14, 2017**

PRESENT	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner, Committee Chair	
	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	
	Pete Koehler	Idaho Commissioner	
	Taneka Miller	District of Columbia Commissioner, Committee Vice-Chair	
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director, Secretary	
	Richard Pryor	Operations Coordinator	
	Rick Masters	General Counsel	

ABSENT	Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner
	Diane Douglas	Arizona Commissioner
	Mike Reed	Mississippi Commissioner
	Robert Staver	Pennsylvania Commissioner

ITEM 1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. Committee Chair John Kaminar, and Arkansas Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM EDT and the roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director. Five of nine voting members and three staff members were present.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

ITEM 3 – OLD BUSINESS

3. **Partnership Discussion** – The committee discussed the definition of partnership and reviewed the partnership matrix. Ms. Imai asked that members to provide any other organizations or groups that MIC3 could connect with to strengthen relations. The matrix will be provided periodically to keep the committee updated on MIC3's progress.

4. **Discussion with PR and Training Chair** – Chair Kaminar reported that he will be connecting with PR and Training Chair, Davina French to discuss options to collaborate. (OPEN ITEM)

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

5. **Case Collection** – The committee discussed the draft document and made several revisions. Staff will revise the document which will be reviewed at the next meeting in June.

6. **General Counsel** – Mr. Masters reported a summary of Compact issues recently addressed by the national office, which includes a question on the inclusion of the National Guard and Reserves on the Compact. He reviewed the recent case with Utah and reviewed recent communication with the Executive to clarify and resolve their concern and perception of exclusion. Masters also reviewed the draft Legal



Advisories for the Kindergarten Rule and Coast Guard Eligibility inquired by the states of Hawaii and Washington. Masters reported that neither case requires a rule change.

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to discuss, Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 2:56 PM ET. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cherise Imai'.

Cherise Imai
Executive Director

Approved June 13, 2017

**MINUTES OF THE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL ON
JUNE 13, 2017**

PRESENT	Don "John" Kaminar Taneka Miller Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg Daniel Dunham Pete Koehler Alexis Susdorf for Diane Douglas Greg Lynch Cherise Imai Richard Pryor Rick Masters	Chair and Arkansas Commissioner Vice-Chair and District of Columbia Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Idaho Commissioner Arizona Commissioner Washington Commissioner Executive Director, Secretary Operations Coordinator General Counsel
EXCUSED	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner
ABSENT	Douglas Ragland Mike Reed Robert Staver	Alabama Commissioner Mississippi Commissioner Pennsylvania Commissioner

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Committee Chair and Arkansas Commissioner, John Kaminar, called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM EDT and the roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director. Six of nine voting members, one additional Commissioner, and three staff members were present.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The meeting agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

ITEM 3 – OLD BUSINESS

3. **Case Report Form** – The committee reviewed the second draft based on changes discussed at the last meeting. It was restated that the purpose of the form was to collect best practices and to share information on cases that would be helpful for Commissioners. The form is not mandatory and may be submitted by Commissioners, school personnel, etc.

4. The committee reviewed the Strategic Plan. Specifically, **Strategy #3 – Establish and cultivate strategic partnerships that leverage the vision of MIC3**

5. **Goal #1: Identify partners (current and future) at the national, federal, state and local levels that have mutual interests and common goals. Discussion with PR and Training Chair** – Ms. Imai highlighted relevant updates, provided to keep the committee updated on MIC3's progress. Commissioner Berg asked that the matrix clarify acronyms and additional detail for readers not familiar with the report. She will forward her suggestions to the national office for review.

6. **Goal #2: Develop a communication mechanism for dissemination of information through partnership changes to convey our message and promote our vision. Discussion with PR and Training Chair** – Chair Kaminar reported that he spoke with Public Relations and Training Chair, LTC Davina French, on opportunities to assist. French requested assistance for training at the Fall Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner Berg and Commissioner Designee Dunham volunteered.

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

7. **General Counsel – Executive Committee (EXCOM) Proposal to separate the Public Relations (PR) and Training Committee into two standalone committees.** Imai stated that this item is informational only, and that action is not required by the committee. She reported that the EXCOM, with concurrence from the PR and Training Chair, has proposed the above. The Committee's scope and oversight has expanded since the Compact was developed, and the separation into two committees supports the implementation of the strategic plan and our mission. Berg noted this change has a fiscal impact, and would require an additional committee chair to be added to the EXCOM. Imai added that this change requires a revision to the By-Laws and a full Commission vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Therefore, a public notice will be released during the summer for review and comment.

8. **General Counsel – Legal Advisory (Nevada)** – Masters reviewed the case submitted by Commissioner Scott Bensing, regarding course requirements waivers, including end of course exams, for any students, and those who transfer during their senior year. The inquiry questioned if the clause covered all students or only students that transfer during their senior year. Masters said the clause is inclusive of all students in grades K-12. The advisory is pending approval by the EXCOM this week. Once approved, the advisory will be released to the Commission.

9. **General Counsel – Rules Amendment Proposal on Expanding Coverage of MIC3 to Spouses of Military Members.** Masters reviewed the submittal and his legal memo in response to the request. Based on the above statutory language, students who are spouses of active duty military members are not covered by the Compact however, states may choose to make accommodations. A mandatory accommodation for spouses would require an amendment to individual state statutes by all the member states and the District of Columbia. Due to the legal memo, both Commissioners Lynch and Berg motioned that a *Legal Opinion Advisory* be drafted by Masters on this issue. In addition, they asked that the national office query the National Commission if the Commissioners have encountered this type of case in the past. The Committee was fully supportive of this request.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Kaminar adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cherise Imai
Secretary