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## RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 16, 2019**

PRESENT	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Chair
	Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner	
	Alex Erwin	North Carolina Commissioner	
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	Taneka Miller	District of Columbia Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Douglas Ragland	Alabama Commissioner	
	Cherise Imai	MIC3 Executive Director	Secretary
EXCUSED	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	

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**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair and Maryland Commissioner, Mary Gable, called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EST.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Douglas Ragland (AL). Motion carried. Commissioner Berg (HI) motioned to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Ragland (AL). Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee – New Strategic Plan** – Chair Gable reported the Executive Committee (EXCOM) has incorporated the Strategic Plan Commissioner Survey feedback into the Strategic Plan. The draft will be reviewed at the EXCOM's next meeting. If approved, the plan will be finalized and released in September. The plan will be presented to the Commission at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in October. The Chair reminded members to register for the ABM if they have not already done so.

**ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Unique Case Submissions** – The members reviewed a new case submission from DoDEA and requested additional information regarding the case prior to publishing. MIC3 Associate Lindsey Dablow will request additional information and follow-up with the members at the Rules Committee meeting in August. **[OPEN]**

**ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Promulgation of Rules and Rules Guide** – Chair Gable once again thanked the Committee members and National Office staff for their work on the document. She reported the approved final draft of the Promulgation of Rules and Rules Guide premiered in MIC3's July

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newsletter. She concluded by informing the Committee they would be presenting the guide and process at the ABM.

6. ***FY2018 National Office Case/Inquiry Report*** – ED Imai reported that as of the end of FY19 roughly 85 cases have been received and processed by the National Office. This is more than double the number of cases in FY18. The increase in cases can be contributed to the amount of trainings and briefings held this past year.

The majority of cases have been unrelated to the Compact because it does not fit the Compact's provisions, but that does not mean that an accommodation was not made. The Compact related cases have mainly focused on course placement and transfer of credit. Again, graduation and kindergarten entry age continue to be an area of focus for the Compact. ED Imai encouraged the members to review the detailed accounts of each case to gain a better understanding of how the case was resolved or why a case could not be.

The Rules Committee can use the case report to determine if some Rules need more clarification or if Compact language needs to be supported through the development of a new Rule. The members will see at ABM that Rules does not have a specific task on the new Strategic Plan, but the Committee is committed to strengthening the Compact through the Rules.

Commissioner Berg requested a visual aid to demonstrate the trends over the past three fiscal years. ED Imai agreed to develop something for the ABM. Commissioner Berg also requested copies of any cases related to National Guard or Reserve that have been addressed by the National Office and are listed on the Case/Inquiry Report. **[OPEN]**

## **ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **Items for the Executive Committee** – There was discussion surrounding the exact year of the first ABM. The members agreed that major anniversary years should be celebrated by the Commission as they arise. There being no further comments from the Committee Members for the Executive Committee Chair Gable thanked everyone for their participation.

## **ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM ET.**

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**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 20, 2019**

PRESENT	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Chair
	Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner	
	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	
	Darrell Floyd	Oklahoma Commissioner	
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	Taneka Miller	District of Columbia Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	Secretary
ABSENT	Alex Erwin III	North Carolina Commissioner	
	Douglas Ragland	Alabama Commissioner	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair and Maryland Commissioner, Mary Gable, called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM EST.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK). Motion carried. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) motioned to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee** – Chair Gable reported the Executive Committee (EXCOM) is finalizing the 2020 - 2022 Strategic Plan for presentation and final revisions from the Standing Committees at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

**ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS**

4. **MIC3 Bylaws Change Proposal** – The members reviewed the proposed language change to the MIC3 bylaws. Commissioner Berg explained her thought that the Committee's proposed name reflected their mission and Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin, who serves on the current ad hoc committee, confirmed the new Leadership Nomination Committee would coordinate the annual leadership elections for the Commission.

5. Commissioner Berg motioned to accept the proposed language for the MIC3 Bylaws change. Seconded by Commissioner Taneka Miller (DC). Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS**

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6. **Guidelines of Commission Meetings** – Chair Gable informed the Members that this agenda item and the following were policies recently passed by the EXCOM. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow added the policies are currently available on the MIC3 website.

7. **Defining the Roles of the Commissioner, Designee and Proxy** – Chair Gable explained these documents were provided to the Committee for their information. Commissioner Miller asked if there was a provision for emergency situations where the Commissioner intended to attend ABM but was unable to and it was after the 30 day provision. Chair Gable confirmed there is, and Ms. Dablow added that in emergency cases such as described the EXCOM would review.

8. **Strategic Plan 2017-2019 Key Accomplishments** – The Chair stated this document outlined the accomplishments of the former Strategic Plan by Strategy and then Committee. Ms. Dablow said the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan would feature this document and outline the former strategies that were being rolled over into the new plan.

#### ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS

9. **Unique Case Submissions** – The Chair asked Ms. Dablow to review the unique case submission from July's Committee meeting. Ms. Dablow asked the Committee for guidance on next steps. After discussion the Members asked staff to clarify the details of the case with the submitter as well as the Commissioner noted in the case. They felt the submission should reflect both Compact and non-Compact related information as including non-Compact was also valuable information. The Committee asked that the non-Compact related information be identified through highlights or some other method. The Committee requested that information be redacted as necessary. The Committee also recommended adding a section for additional comments from the sending or receiving Commissioner (the Commissioner who did not submit the case). [OPEN]

10. **ABM Presentation and Presenters** – Chair Gable asked the Members to consider presenting one of the topics, *Unique Case: Form and List* and *Promulgation of Rules and Rules Guide*, at the ABM. The Chair stated the *Unique Case* presentation could include explaining the form, making a plea for submissions, and reviewing the cases on the Commissioner Portal. Commissioner Floyd volunteered to assist with the *Unique Case* presentation.

11. *Promulgation of Rules and Rules Guide* was discussed next and Commissioner Berg volunteered to assist with that presentation. Chair Gable informed the Members that details did not need to be worked out at this meeting, but she would prefer others present along with her because the Committee Members have gotten the work done by providing input and insights to move these projects forward. The Chair requested that Ms. Dablow help coordinate the presentations which should be succinct but informative. [OPEN]

12. **FY2019 National Office Case/ Inquiry Report** – Ms. Dablow reported that for the first few weeks of FY19 the National Office has logged 13 cases, but additional cases need to be added to the report by Executive Director Cherise Imai, so the number is greater than reflected. At this time last year in FY18 the National Office had been contacted six times so Members can

see the increase that awareness of the Compact has brought with it. Ms. Dablow reviewed the Case Summary Report noting most of the calls have been from parents and it is almost evenly split between Compact related and non-Compact related cases. Again, that can be contributed to the time of year since parents are currently enrolling their children into new school systems after PCSing over the summer. Commissioner Berg requested any case details surrounding National Guard or Reserve cases for the National Guard and Reserve Task Force. [OPEN]

#### **ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gable welcomed Dr. Floyd, newly appointed Oklahoma Commissioner, to the Rules Committee. Dr. Floyd was welcomed by all members. Ms. Dablow and others noted that Richard Pryor has left MIC3 for another position still serving students. Richard will be missed. The National Office will be very busy preparing for ABM. Ms. Dablow reminded members to reserve their hotel room for ABM as space is limited. There being no further discussion Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM ET.**

**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 17, 2019**

PRESENT	Mary Gable Kathleen Berg Daniel Dunham Darrell Floyd Douglas Ragland	Maryland Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Oklahoma Commissioner Alabama Commissioner	Chair
	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate	Secretary
ABSENT	Alex Erwin III	North Carolina Commissioner	
EXCUSED	Deanna McLaughlin Taneka Miller	Tennessee Commissioner District of Columbia Commissioner	Vice Chair

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**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair and Maryland Commissioner Mary Gable called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EST.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI). Motion carried. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) motioned to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee** – Chair Gable yielded the floor for MIC3 Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow to introduce MIC3's Communications Associate Beth Workman.

**ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS**

4. No new business was reported.

**ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Presentation - Unique Case Submissions** – Commissioner Floyd volunteered to present the Unique Case Submission presentation with Chair Gable at the ABM. The Committee reviewed the presentation and provided edits and feedback. Chair Gable stressed highlighting best practices, Compact related and non-Compact related information, and the process the Rules Committee follows.

Approved February 19, 2020



6. Ms. Dablow informed the members that the Unique Case Submissions presentation would be during the Commissioner Only Session on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 between 8:00AM – 9:00AM. Ms. Dablow will also add a slide detailing where the available cases can be found on the mic3.net site. Updated slide decks will be emailed to the Committee Members.
7. **Presentation – Promulgation of Rules Guide** – The Chair asked that Commissioner Berg's name be added as the lead presenter for this presentation. Commissioner Berg asked for Slide 5 to be corrected to add an "s" to "Proceed with it's original submission." The Chair expressed her appreciation for the Committee, specifically Commissioner Berg's role in developing this guide.
8. Commissioner Berg will review the presentation for additional edits.
9. **Unique Case Submissions (Update)** – Chair Gable reminded the Members that during the August Rules Committee meeting it was decided that the Committee would request additional information to clarify the case submission dated October 31, 2018 from both the submitter and the receiving state. The Chair asked Commissioner Designee Dunham if he had a chance to review the request and if he had additional comments regarding the case. Commissioner Designee Dunham stated he provided those comments via an email response but would resend them to ensure receipt.
10. Commissioner Dunham expressed appreciation for being given the opportunity to respond and the framework of the questions asked in the inquiry letter.
11. **FY2019 National Office Case/Inquiry Report** – The Chair asked Ms. Dablow to review the FY19 Case/Inquiry Report. Ms. Dablow stated the Executive Director added the cases she had worked over the last few weeks, so the number of cases increased from 13 to 20. The Summary report showed the majority of inquiries have come from parents which due to the time of year, back to school tends to be when the most issues arise. Most of the Compact Related cases received at the National Office have been regarding Course Placement, which again is expected at the start of the school year.
12. Ms. Dablow informed the Members that the states with the most inquiries, Texas and California, were typical due to being highly impacted but highlighted Mississippi with three cases. Ms. Dablow explained that Mississippi is without a Compact Commissioner currently so that has led to more parent inquiries being directed to the National Office. The National Office is working with the Compliance Committee to obtain an appointment from the Mississippi Governor's Office.
13. Chair Gable asked the Members to discuss their experience the past few months with cases inquires in their state. Commissioner Designee Dunham said he experienced a busy summer with cases related to enrollment, placement, eligibility, and graduation. Commissioner Floyd stated he had addressed a couple preschool enrollment cases. Dr. Ragland reported this Summer was less active than previous years with only a few inquiries regarding graduation and courses taken abroad. The Chair explained that the custody case on the Case/Inquiry Summary originated in Maryland, but outside of that case she had only received an inquiry surrounding anticipated moves by military members not actionable cases.

## **ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT**

14. Dablow will follow-up with the Members presenting at ABM and send out the presentations once they are edited. There being no further discussion Chair Gable adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Colorado Springs, CO**

**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 18, 2020**

PRESENT	Mary Gable Kathleen Berg Daniel Dunham Darrell Floyd Susan Haberstroh Cindy Hunt Deanna McLaughlin Ben Rasmussen	Maryland Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Oklahoma Commissioner Delaware Commissioner Oregon Commissioner Tennessee Commissioner Utah Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
ABSENT	Douglas Ragland Lindsey Dablow	Alabama Commissioner Training and Operations Associate	
GUEST	Carlie Fisherow	Mayor's Office DC, Chief of Staff	

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**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EST. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai called roll and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Dunham (VA). Motion carried. The minutes from September 17, 2019 as amended were motioned for approval by Commissioner Berg, seconded by Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK). Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) abstained because she was not a member of the Committee in 2019. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

3. **Executive Committee** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to ED Imai who reported the Executive Committee (EXCOM) has been assisting the Standing Committees as they begin holding meetings in 2020 so they can accomplish the tasks assigned them on the Commission's newly adopted Strategic Plan.

**ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS**

4. **FY2019 National Office Case/Inquiry Report** – Chair Gable informed the Committee that the last unique case was being edited to reflect both the sending and receiving state's comments in order to present a full account of the case. This case will be posted to the website once completed.

5. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) asked if the request from Captain Brown regarding Grade Point Average and class ranking would be reflected on the Case and Inquiry Report? ED Imai stated the case could be added.

6. Commissioner Berg requested clarification on the one National Guard case reflected in the document. A National Guard family contacted the National Office and asked if the Compact would cover their move under Title 32 orders, but they were informed the Compact did not apply. ED Imai reported the family was referred to the School Liaison Officer (SLO) for assistance.

7. ED Imai stated the interesting trend shown by this document is the increase in parents contacting the National Office demonstrating how Commissioners are working in their states to communicate the Compact. The National Office gets a lot of non-Compact related questions, like homeschooling, but working through those issues helps staff increase their knowledge and awareness of the provisions of the Compact.

8. Commissioner Dunham pointed out the number of Special Education (SPED) cases the National Office has addressed and wanted to discuss #13 on the report where the case was referred to the School Liaison Officer. He asked why the parent was not put in contact with the state Department of Education instead of being referred to the SLO. ED Imai replied that in that particular state there is currently no Commissioner or point of contact in the Department of Education so at this time the only recourse was to direct them to the SLO for assistance.

9. ED Imai reviewed the case resolution process and Commissioner Dunham recommended keeping the DoD Representative Chuck Clymer in the loop on SPED cases. He recommended the Commission and National Office stay up to date regarding the role of the SLO.

10. ED Imai pointed out that Tier Group 3 states, which have 2,000-5,999 school aged military dependents, have produced the most cases to date which is unusual because it is usually higher impacted states. This document is presented at the Annual Business Meeting and she recommended that Commissioners also collect similar data on the cases they address in their role as Commissioner.

## ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

11. **2020-2022 Strategic Plan** – Chair Gable asked the Members to review their duties in support of the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. The Rules Committee does not have any specific tasks on the Strategic plan so the Committee will serve as needed.

12. **Development of Policies** – Chair Gable reviewed the language from the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) directing the Committee on developing policies.

*The Rules Committee will develop a transparent set of procedures on how the Commission will develop policies and procedures that reflect clarity and allow for input from all Commissioners. The procedures will include how to develop new policies, how to amend existing policies, and how to rescind existing policies.*

The Chair recommended utilizing the same process as established during the Promulgation of Rules where a draft was developed by staff and then the Committee refined and edited the language to get to the final document that the Committee adopted. She stated the draft document in the meeting packet is simply a starting point and is meant to be altered based on the thoughts and interpretations of the Members.

13. The Committee reviewed the Policy Development and Approval document. Commissioner Berg asked if the document was from another affiliate of CSG or if it came from the Compact language. ED Imai responded that the language was based on the Promulgation of Rules guide and other guidance documents of the Compact. The Chair individually reviewed the sections of the document.
14. Commissioner Cindy Hunt (OR) asked if the document needs to state it applies to the adoption, approval, and revision of policies on or after a certain date to clarify this is not the process that necessary were approved prior to this document. Commissioner Haberstroh supported the suggested change. The Chair offered "This policy takes effect..." and it was agreed to add that language.
15. The Members reviewed the first paragraph under *II. Policy*. ED Imai agreed with the Chair that the paragraph, based on language in the By-laws and Compact Model Language, provides for the promulgation of binding Rules and operating procedures, but if something does not directly relate to that then there is a role for the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of the Commission. Commissioner Berg asked if the italicized language was direct quotes and ED Imai confirmed it was.
16. Commissioner Haberstroh stated the paragraph was confusing with both the italicized language and the not italicized, and could it be simplified. Commissioner Hunt replied her impression was this paragraph was meant to establish the authority of the policy. Chair Gable state that she thought this paragraph was meant to clarify what this applies to and then separate anything that it does not apply to.
17. ED Imai asked if Section II became Authority and included this paragraph and then make *Section II Policy* into *Section III* would that help to clarify the purpose of the text? Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Floyd supported the change.
18. Commissioner Berg asked if the authority is that the Commission's activities are defined and the EXCOM's activities are anything that is not defined by the Commission. The Chair asked that two paragraphs be created with the full language and clarify the authority of each.
19. The Committee requested additional language be added to the Purpose statement reflecting the Rules Committee was asked to develop a policy to provide clarity and transparency to the process by which policies are developed. The Chair asked that the first paragraph be named Purpose and then adjust the numbering from that point.
20. The Committee reviewed Policy, Section A, 1-2. Commissioner Harberstroh asked for a title change to "Submitting New Policies and Amending Existing Policies." Commissioner McLaughlin asked for clarification on the process and how the sponsor would be involved in the process as it moves through a Committee or from one Committee to another. "Please have supporting documentation from the sponsor of the change or new policy. How they came about presenting the topic." Commissioner Berg asked to review the Promulgation of Rules and how Rules are submitted. She cautioned against allowing a single Commissioner to propose a policy. The Committee agreed that there should be parameters on allowing only one Commissioner to propose policies.

21. ED Imai cautioned that policies developed are strictly on operations and protocols governing the Commission and would not want a parent or state legislature requesting changes to policy. Commissioner McLaughlin clarified her earlier statement that the Commissioner would initiate the recommendation but would like to provide supporting documents from their state council or state legislator who support the policy.

22. Commissioner Dunham stated that the proposed language outlined the role of the Standing Committee(s) to determine whether proposed new policies or amendments to existing policies move forward. Commissioner Hunt stated she understood proposed new policies or amendments shall be submitted to the National Office for a referral to either EXCOM or appropriate Standing Committee as follows...so how does it get to EXCOM or an appropriate Standing Committee? Is it through this process identified in Subsection 1 and 2 where it says any Commissioner may submit a proposed policy or policy amendment for referral during any Standing Committee meeting, etc. ED Imai discussed how prior policies have been developed. Commissioner Dunham reiterated that the process itself is the gatekeeper.

23. The Chair asked the language in A. be changed to dictate all proposed new policies or amendments to existing policies will be provided to the EXCOM for assignment to a Standing Committee.

24. The Committee agreed to meet briefly for an hour before the May 12, 2020 meeting to discuss the remaining portion of the document. [OPEN ITEM]

25. **Request to Place an Item on a Committee Agenda** – Commissioner McLaughlin asked what the process was for the Rules Committee to have an item added to the meeting agenda. Chair Gable replied that Members could request an item be added to the agenda in two different ways. Members can contact the Chair prior to the meeting and ask to have an item added to the next meeting agenda. They can also ask that an item be added when voting to approve the agenda at the meeting and time permitting the topic will be added. [OPEN ITEM]

26. **Mid-Year Survey Questions: Best Practices and Implementing the Compact** – Discussion was deferred until the May 19, 2020 Committee meeting. [OPEN ITEM]

## ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary

**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**April 7, 2020**

PRESENT	Mary Gable Kathleen Berg Daniel Dunham Darrell Floyd Susan Haberstroh Deanna McLaughlin Douglas Ragland Ben Rasmussen	Maryland Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Oklahoma Commissioner Delaware Commissioner Tennessee Commissioner Alabama Commissioner Utah Commissioner	Chair
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate	Secretary
ABSENT	Cindy Hunt	Oregon Commissioner	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM EDT. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

2. Chair Gable asked the Members for an update both personally and from their state regarding the COVID-19 situation, especially anything education related. Following the open forum Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT). Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – OLD BUSINESS**

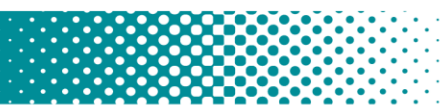
3. **Policy Development and Review** -. The Chair reviewed changes to the Policy Development and Review document made at the February 18, 2020 Committee meeting. The Members had no additional changes to *Article I* or *II*, so the Chair discussed *Article III. Policy*.

4. *Article III, A.1.* was corrected to reflect “Committee” instead of “Commission”. *Section B.1.* was corrected to reflect the Executive Committee would designate the proposal to a Standing Committee not the National Office. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) asked for clarification on the development of the policy draft document and Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) recommended inserting “policy proposal” into *Section A.1.*

5. In *Article III, C.* Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) suggested adding language to demonstrate a quorum was present at the Committee meeting prior to voting on any proposed policy or amendment to an existing policy.

6. The Committee discussed several topics and their inclusion into the document. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) requested feedback from the Committee regarding language that the original sponsor be included throughout the process to provide background information on the initial intent or purpose of the proposal. The Committee also discussed public comment periods for policies, best practices, and efficiency. **[OPEN ITEM]**

**ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS**



7. **Grade Point Average (GPA) – Discussion** - Chair Gable yielded the floor to Commissioner McLaughlin for explanation. Commissioner McLaughlin was requesting guidance on creating a Rule or policy that states when a high school senior transfers to a new school that the receiving school assign additional points for honors, dual credit, or advanced placement course if the sending school has not done so already. The intent is to level the playing field for military children regarding overall GPA and class ranking for graduation.
8. Commissioner Designee Dunham commented that Virginia addresses this issue regularly because some of the state's schools do not have an International Baccalaureate program or the school doesn't offer the same AP course. He stated that not every school offers Honors so students cannot receive special or additional credit for those classes. He concluded his comments acknowledging the complexity and challenge of implementing a universal GPA.
9. Commissioner McLaughlin stated the parent could research what the uniform grading policy is in the receiving school system where the family will settle once the permanent change of station (PCS) takes place and then work with the sending school to note on the transcript how the classes would be weighted based on the sending school's grading system to negate the issue. She stated that this became an issue for the Tennessee state council 18 months ago, especially the issue with class ranking so Tennessee's state council wanted to get feedback and best practices from other states.
10. Commissioner Floyd, as a superintendent and principal in both Texas and Oklahoma, cautioned against trying to mandate GPA. He explained the issue is not a new one or one specific to military-connected students.
11. Commissioner Berg stated educating stakeholders about how colleges and universities view GPA and how it is treated by those institutions is a best practice that should be used to help students and parents understand the situation. Commissioner Designee Dunham supported her comments and detailed how Virginia's state council invited an Admissions Officer from Virginia Tech to address the council and provide information on how college entrance applications are analyzed and how colleges and universities consider many factors, including course rigor, prior to making their decision.
12. Commissioner McLaughlin thanked the Committee for their feedback. Chair Gable concluded the discussion stating Maryland has 24 local school systems and there is not consistency where grading is concerned. Commissioner McLaughlin stated the next course of action for Tennessee might be to explore legislative options within their general assembly.

## **ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow  
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary



**RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**June 16, 2020**

PRESENT	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Chair
	Kathleen Berg	Hawaii Commissioner	
	Daniel Dunham	Virginia Commissioner Designee	
	Darrell Floyd	Oklahoma Commissioner	
	Susan Haberstroh	Delaware Commissioner	
	Cindy Hunt	Oregon Commissioner	
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	Douglas Ragland	Alabama Commissioner	
	Ben Rasmussen	Utah Commissioner	
	Nicole Russell	NMFA	Ex-officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	Secretary
GUEST	Lakeeshia Fox	Director of Legislative Affairs, District of Columbia (D.C.) Deputy Mayor for Education	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

1. Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM ET. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.
2. Chair Gable welcomed new member Lakeeshia Fox, the Director of Legislative Affairs for the D.C. Mayor Education Office and noted Ms. Fox will be the compact commissioner.

**ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES**

7. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Designee Dan Dunham (VA). Motion carried.
8. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the minutes from May 19, 2020. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3 – REPORTS**

9. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Gable reported the EXCOM discussed moving the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to a virtual meeting, and considered factors such as the hotel's ability to hold the event under pandemic guidelines, the increase of COVID-19 related cases in Arkansas, as well as the ability of commission members to travel and attend the meeting. After deliberation, the EXCOM determined it was in the best interest of the Commission to move the meeting from in-person to a virtual format. Chair Gable noted staff is researching the logistics of the meeting and additional information would be released in the next several weeks. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow stated a notification would be released to the Commission shortly and encouraged members to submit questions to the National Office.

10. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) stated the Oklahoma State Superintendents recently held a virtual conference and utilized the WHOVA platform. Executive Director Cherise Imai thanked Commissioner Floyd for the suggestion. She noted the Commission is examining several platform options, such as Zoom, and including the current system, *GoToMeeting and Webinar*, which the Commission currently utilizes for all meetings and pays an annual fee for.

11. Chair Gable noted Maryland has prohibited the use of Zoom on their government system. Overall, ED Imai stated the platform needed to be secure and meet the needs of the Commission to hold the meeting.

#### ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

12. **Policy Development and Review**– The Chair reviewed changes to the Policy Development and Approval document made at the May 19, 2020 Committee meeting.

13. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) asked for clarification on *Article III, D. EXCOM Proposals* that proposed policies developed by the EXCOM would be reviewed by another Standing Committee of the Commission and the procedure for committee referral. The Committee agreed to clarify that the policy would be reviewed by a second committee prior to adoption. The Members also added language clarifying the vetting process would remain the same as outlined in *Section III, C Approval*.

14. The Committee changed “voted on in favor” in *Article V* to “approved”.

15. Commissioner Berg noted a typo in *Article II Authority, B. Model Compact Language, Section C. Executive Committee, Officers, and Personnel, Subsection 1a* and requested “156” be deleted to correct the entry. The Members agreed to delete the typo.

16. Commissioner Berg motioned to approve the policy as amended with referral to the EXCOM for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Floyd. Motion carried.

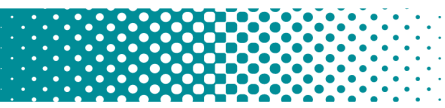
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17. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – The Chair asked for any comments or questions for referral to the EXCOM. None were received.

18. **Next meeting** – Chair Gable noted the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21. Commissioner Floyd asked if there was a need to hold the meeting as the committee business was concluded. The Chair yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow and she responded that meetings are scheduled in accordance with the Commission By-laws and Rules. If there is a proposed new Rule or amendment to an existing Rule, then Rules Committee must meet 30 days prior to the ABM to review the proposal. Although, currently no Standing Committee is developing such a proposal the meetings must stay on the calendar for now but can be canceled by the Chair if there is no need to meet.

19. Commissioner Berg stated the National Guard and Reserve Task Force is currently preparing the Task Force’s recommendation to the Commission regarding extending coverage



to the aforementioned groups. Commissioner Berg informed the Members that at this time she was uncertain if that recommendation would lead to a Rules change or not because the Task Force is waiting on guidance from General Counsel Rick Masters and Council of Governments Deputy Director and General Counsel Jason Moseley.

20. Chair Gable stated the committee meeting would stay on the calendar but be cancelled if the Committee did not have any business to conduct.

21. Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) thanked the members for their work, acknowledged the staff support, and thanked Chair Gable for her leadership.

22. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, Commissioner Haberstroh motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berg. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by:

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