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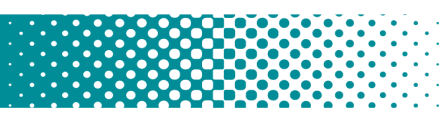
RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

FISCAL YEAR 2021

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RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 21, 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
EXCUSED	Lakeeshia Fox	District of Columbia	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

1. Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM ET. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA AND MINUTES

2. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT). Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEM 3 – REPORTS

4. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Gable announced that the EXCOM has decided to hold the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) virtually using the GoToWebinar platform. This is the same platform the Commission uses for the Standing Committee meetings. Chair Gable announced the Mid-Year Survey results have been reviewed by the EXCOM and would be provided to the full Commission soon. The Chair concluded her report by updating Members on the website migration from Muse to WordPress.

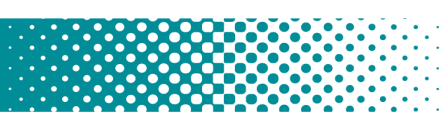
ITEM 4 – OLD BUSINESS

5. There being no Old Business Chair Gable proceeded to New Business.

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

6. **2020 Annual Business Meeting FAQ** – Chair Gable referenced the 2020 ABM being held virtually and noted the EXCOM and staff are developing an FAQ to help address questions the Commission may have regarding a virtual meeting. The Chair noted that many within the Commission have been participating in virtual meetings everyday and can provide useful insight into what attendees may need to know to effectively participate in the 2020 ABM.

7. Commissioner McLaughlin noted it would be helpful to outline the proper procedure for recognizing a speaker. How does a Commissioner indicate they want to speak? How will a Commissioner that has indicated they wish to speak be recognized?
8. Commissioner Rasmussen asked the FAQ to provide clarification on the voting process.
9. Commissioner Berg requested information be provided to the attendees on how to mute/unmute themselves, and how to use or disable the webcam. She requested the Commission hold training sessions prior to the ABM. Finally, she requested the FAQ include information about how to troubleshoot if you are unable to log in to the meeting.
10. Commissioner Cindy Hunt (OR) recommended having a separate staffer monitor the chat feature. Commissioner Hunt commented that for other virtual meetings she participates in there are two separate numbers provided, one is for meeting participants and the second is for general audience members who will not be participating or speaking during the meeting. She noted how well that has worked and promoted considering a similar practice for the ABM.
11. Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE) asked if hard copies of the docket book would be provided or if only electronic versions would be available and Ms. Dablow answered hard copies would be available and attendees could indicate their preference on the registration form.
12. Commissioner McLaughlin requested page numbers on the slides corresponding with the appropriate page in the docket book.
13. Chair Gable thanked the Committee for their comments and encouraged them to send any additional questions or comments to her or the National Office so they could be included on the FAQ.
14. **2020 ABM Policy Development and Approval Presentation** – Chair Gable reminded the Committee the newly adopted Policy Development and Approval process would be reviewed at the ABM and asked the Members to review the PowerPoint presentation and provide feedback. Commissioner Berg asked if the presentation and policy would be provided in the docket book which the Chair confirmed it would be.
15. Commissioner McLaughlin suggested adding a reference to the document indicating where the document is located on the mic3.net site. Chair Gable asked Ms. Dablow to add the names of the Committee Members to the presentation.
16. Commissioner Berg requested a summary slide at the end indicating the important points of the policy: Development, Approval, and Ratification.
17. Per Commissioner McLaughlin's suggestion to add page numbers Ms. Dablow indicated the electronic docket book would have page numbers that allow users to toggle to the appropriate place in the docket book and the slides would reference those numbers so attendees can follow along with the presentation.
18. Chair Gable thanked staff for their assistance with the development of the document and edits provided during the Committee Meetings.



19. FY20 Case Summary and Detail Reports – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow for the report. Ms. Dablow indicated the report was for Fiscal Year 2020 which ended on June 30, 2020 so this is the final, complete report. There were 55 cases where the National Office was contacted. 23 of those cases, or 42%, were Compact Commissioner's requesting input or assistance from the National Office and second most inquiries were from Parents requesting assistance 19 times or 35%.

20. More than 35% of the cases were Compact related and 64% were not. Of those Compact related cases the majority, 50%, dealt with Article V, Placement and Attendance:Course Placement.

21. Finally, the majority of cases were reported from Tier 1 or states highly impacted by the military such as California, Texas, and Virginia.

22. Commissioner Berg noted the detail chart was split between two documents and requested the document be reconciled so the Committee could see the final outcome for each case. Ms. Dablow noted the request and will send a final document out to the Committee.

23. Commissioner Berg brought a case to the Committee where the family did not follow the military sponsor so their residence is not with the eligible member and asked what type of coverage is afforded to that family? Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) commented that Virginia has had similar cases and it was determined the circumstances and family request would have to relate to their transition. If the family was not in an active transition state or deployment then the Compact was not applicable.

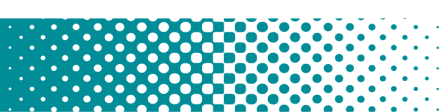
24. ED Imai interjected that Commissioner Designee Dunham was correct but each case is unique and depending on the circumstances, child custody or spousal separation, and the state some cases could be resolved by the Compact Commissioner and the provisions of the Compact. She reiterated that Compact applicability tends to be determined if it is the result of a Permanent Change of Station.

25. Chair Gable asked the Committee if they ask families to present orders? ED Imai replied the Commissioner or School Liaison Officer (SLO) should request to see the orders to determine the situation. She noted the Commission does not want to be unfeeling to the families but having the orders helps the Commissioner understand the situation better and assist those families when they can. Commissioner Designee Dunham commented that Virginia has the same rule as Maryland regarding orders to help facilitate online enrollment. At times the military member cannot present those orders so Virginia allows them to use a letter from command. ED Imai also noted that SLOs can verify in their system that the information being presented is accurate.

ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

27. Chair Gable asked the Members to share if their states have determined next steps for school in the fall. Commissioner Berg stated Hawaii announced schools have a choice of in-



person, remote, or a hybrid format. She noted one school is having students in-person one day a week and then the rest will be remote learning.

28. Commissioner McLaughlin stated Tennessee is offering multiple options similar to Hawaii but recently Nashville Metro Schools announced it will only offer virtual learning. The announcement has created backlash because within that school district there are economically disadvantaged families unable to meet the obligation of providing wifi and childcare for students who are attending school virtually. She noted each school district determines what options they offer families and there is no consistency.

29. Commissioner Douglas Ragland (AL) stated Alabama is providing similar options but at this time most of the school are opting for a virtual start to the school year. He noted Alabama is unfortunately increasing in COVID-19 cases daily so the Governor, to support rural or disadvantaged areas, has designated 70 million to support those areas within the state that need assistance with mobile, wifi or hot spot technology.

30. Commissioner Designee Dunham confirmed Virginia is also offering several options to families. One option is a four day week where the students attend in-person class and then the fifth day is for teachers to plan and provide additional assistance to those students who need help.

31. Commissioner Berg added Hawaii is trying a bubble method where classes are kept together during the day so students only interact with the same people all day to limit exposure. ED Imai asked for feedback on what states are doing for fall sports. Commissioner Berg responded it is unclear in Hawaii but the announcement was made that coaches could not contact students for the next four weeks.

32. Commissioner Rasmussen stated Utah plans to have fall sports at this time and the athletics association has rules in place. Commissioner Ragland added Alabama also plans to hold fall sports but the athletics association is monitoring the pandemic and will hold a meeting to determine next steps.

33. Commissioner Hunt commented Oregon is still reviewing holding fall sports.

34. Chair Gable concurred, Maryland is doing the same as other states.

ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

35. Adjournment – There being no further business, Commissioner Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lindsey Dablow
Training and Operations Associate, Secretary

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) at 2:01 PM EST.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Lindsey Dablow, Trainings and Operations Associate. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Susan Haberstroh (DE). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) stated “not” needed to be inserted before “applicable” on Page 3, Paragraph 23. Additionally, further clarity was requested on Page 3, Paragraph 24 on Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai’s statement.

5. Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK) motioned to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting with the corrections noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

6. **Executive Committee** – Chair Gable reported the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) met with the Ex-officio representatives on January 7, 2021. There is a new MCEC representative, Dr. Becky Porter. There was discussion on the Annual Business Meeting as well as how to further involve School Liaisons. There was also discussion of the U.S. Department of Defense's initiative to dedicate a Judge Advocate General to assist Navy families with special needs. The National Office has assisted 6-7 states with providing a platform to hold their state council meetings, support administrative needs, and draft meeting minutes. Ms. Dablow said second reminders for dues will be sent in the next two weeks.
7. ED Imai reported the Commission was notified Mississippi had appointed a commissioner; however, the appointment letter is pending. She added the South Carolina Commissioner, Yolande Anderson, resigned and the state is working on filling the vacancy.
8. With the Biden administration in office, Commissioner Gable reported ED Imai sent an introductory letter to Dr. Jill Biden. MIC3 was a member of the Joining Forces Initiative during the Obama Administration, and the new Administration has interest in restarting the initiative. Commissioner Berg recalled when she was Chair of MIC3, the former EDs worked on the initiative. She added the Commission previously invited Mrs. Obama to speak at an ABM, but due to security concerns, it did not occur.
9. Lastly, ED Imai reported the EXCOM developed a guidance for State Commissioners on the National Guard and Reserve and developing a state position on the expanding coverage of the Compact.
10. A question was asked to Ms. Dablow how one would know if their state has paid its dues. Ms. Dablow replied a receipt is emailed to the Commissioner and payment authority once payment is received.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

11. **FY21 Case and Inquiry Report** – ED Imai briefed on the specific cases and inquiries that have come to the National Office. This is just a snapshot of cases that are brought to the National Office, it doesn't reflect all the cases handled at the state level. Cases are tracked until they are closed and posted on the Commissioner Portal.
12. Commissioner Berg commented in Hawaii parents have requested to continue their child's distance learning in Hawaii even after they move to another state. She said schools in the future may want to consider continuing distance learning options which could benefit military families who leave prior to the end of the school year. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) said Virginia reviews requests on a case-by-case basis because sometimes the continuation of virtual instruction isn't in the best interest of the student.
13. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked for a clarification on Case #9 involving a student identified as Gifted and Talented who moved from Virginia to Arkansas. ED Imai said the student did not meet Arkansas' requirement and they had complications with testing due to distance learning due to COVID. ED Imai stated under normal circumstances the receiving

school would need to include the student in the Gifted and Talented Program and retest if needed. Chair Gable asked ED Imai to review the notes for accuracy.

14. **NGRTF Report and Recommendation (For Discussion)** – Chair Gable asked ED Imai to provide a refresher on the NGRTF Report and Recommendation for the committee. ED Imai gave a summary of the NGRTF Task Force's report. EXCOM developed a guidance for Commissioners that will be released with the Chair's Message this month. The guidance includes five potential courses of action with pros and cons included. The guidance was developed for Commissioners to share with their State Councils. Commissioners are asked to develop a position with their State Council and provide a report to the National Office by August 31, 2021. This report should capture any concerns or additional research the National Office needs to conduct in preparation for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

15. Commissioner Berg noted, depending on what the Commission decides, this may be such a low impact change it would not require a dues change. She praised the EXCOM for their guidance on the NGRTF report.

16. **Compact Rules Review** – Chair Gable referenced the link provided on the agenda to review the Compact rules.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

17. No Old Business was presented.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. Chair Gable stated Commissioner's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms were due January 31, 2021. Chair Gable requested those be sent to the National Office if they were still outstanding.

19. **Webinars and Town Hall** – Chair Gable reminded members the *NFHS & Extracurricular Activities for Military Students* webinar and *The Pandemic and its Impact on Schools* townhall meeting are posted on the MIC3 website.

20. Commissioner Berg asked Chair Gable to convey to the EXCOM the positive impression she and Commissioner Rasmussen have on their work with the NGRTF guidance. She also asked EXCOM to send the NGRTF a progress report, so they know what has become of their work.

21. Chair Gable noted the next meeting of the Rules Committee is on April 20, 2021.

22. ED Imai encouraged members to register for the next townhall on February 24, 2021 entitled *Duties & Responsibilities of a State Commissioner and State Council*.

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

23. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM EST.

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Lindsey Dablow, Trainings and Operations Associate. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

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

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

19. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM EDT.