

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 9-10, 2021**

PRESENT	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut Commissioner	Chair	
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Vice Chair	
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	Treasure & Finance	
	John "Don" Kaminar	Arkansas Commissioner	Past Chair	
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules	
	Shelly Ramos	Texas Commissioner	Training	
	Steven Bullard (present on Day Two only)	Kentucky Commissioner	Compliance	
	Chad Delbridge	Wyoming Commissioner	Comm & Outreach	
	EXCUSED	Chuck Clymer	DoD Representative	Ex-Officio
	STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
Lindsey Dablow		Training & Operations Assoc.		
Stephanie Ramsey		Communications Associate		

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

1. Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM ET on Wednesday, December 9, 2021. She welcomed new Communications Associate, Stephanie Ramsey to the Commission. She also welcomed the newly standing committee chairs to the committee.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director (ED). A quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

4. Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar (AR) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY). Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5. The minutes from the November 8, 2021, meeting was postponed to the January pending revisions by Chair Anastasio and Commissioner Kaminar.

6. Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

7. **Chair** - Chair Anastasio expressed appreciation for members support and attendance at today's meeting. She welcomed new members and stated she looked forward to working closely with the committee to support military kids. She asked members to report on their committees at each Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting.

8. **Vice Chair** - Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) expressed the same sentiments as Chair Anastasio. She said she did not have a report at this time as the Ex-Officio group will hold their first meeting in January.
9. **Executive Director - CSG Staff Return to Office** - Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai reported the Council of State Governments (CSG) informed her the office building reopening is still targeted for January 15, 2022, however the date may be extended depending on the status of COVID in Kentucky. Staff will continue to work two days a week in-person and three days remotely until CSG provides next steps.
10. **New CSG Strategic Plan** - ED Imai reported CSG has informed affiliate organizations of a new strategic plan which includes a reassessment of affiliates and value to CSG. She is unsure of the impact on MIC3's partnership with the CSG and will keep the EXCOM informed of the status.
11. **Webinar and Trainings** – ED Imai reported training sessions were conducted by the National Office for South Carolina schools and Hawaii Public School district staff last week. She added a new webinar series is scheduled for release in 2022 and include: 1/26 National Military Family Association's Teen Mental Health Report; 2/16 Military Child Education Coalition's SchoolQuest Program; and 3/30 Legal Perspectives of the Compact. She noted webinars continue to be well-received by members.
12. **Finance** - Treasurer Brian Henry (MO) reported New Jersey is the sole state with outstanding FY21 dues, and staff continue to follow up with Commissioner Tony Trongone on payment. Treasurer Henry also reported the FY22 fund balance was \$1.85M, and current expenditures are typical for this time of year. He noted the figure does not include expenses for the Annual Business Meeting which will likely be reflected in the next few months as invoices are paid. Regarding investments, the initial portfolio investment was \$350,000, and it continues to perform well with the current balance at \$567,207. In comparison, the balance was \$502,891 in December 2021.
13. **Communications and Outreach** - Commissioner Delbridge stated he was excited to be part of the EXCOM. He reported he did not have a report at this time as the committee will hold its first meeting in January.
14. **Compliance** - ED Imai reported on behalf of Commissioner Steven Bullard who was unable to attend today's call due to a conflict with his schedule. ED Imai reported staff will continue to work with Commissioner Bullard to follow up with the 5 states that have not submitted their End-of-Year reports. She noted the National Office continues to track the status of state council meetings and referenced the report provided to the committee.
15. **Rules** - Commissioner Gable reported she did not have a report at this time as the committee will meet in the new year, however she looked forward to working with the committee, especially new members on the Commission.
16. **Training** - Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX) stated she did not have a report to share however was honored to be a part of the EXCOM and looked forward to working with everyone.
17. **Leadership Nomination** - Commissioner Kaminar reported the committee met on November 15 to debrief the Annual Business Meeting electoral process with Immediate Past Chair Rosemarie Kraeger (RI). The committee will meet next in March.
18. **U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Representative** - ED Imai reported on behalf of Mr. Chuck Clymer who was unable to attend today's call. ED Imai stated as reported at the ABM, the DOD

reviewed and realigned the state DOD representative assignments by service. Post ABM, the states with new service assignments were contacted and informed of the new point of contact. She stated they hold regular meetings to discuss challenges, discuss solutions, and collaborate. She expressed appreciation for Mr. Clymer's efforts and partnership with the DOD.

#### ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS

19. **2021 Annual Business Meeting** - ED Imai reported the post event survey was released to the commission and ex-officio members, and noted staff is reviewing the responses. The EXCOM will review the report in January. She stated a media release was disseminated regarding the ABM and the election of new officers. She asked members if they were interested in a release specifically for their state to contact her. Vice Chair Singleton noted she sent the release to her the Louisiana Department of Education Communications and they shared the information through their channels. (OPEN ITEM)

20. **Tier Groups** - ED Imai reported newly revised Tier Group initiative will be launched this year and noted this initiative is a strategic plan priority for the EXCOM. As there were new members, she reviewed the Tier Group Guidance document with the committee and stated the four groups have a Facilitator appointed by the Commission Chair. Due to the ABM held virtually, the launch and meetings will be held virtually in 2022. She asked members to email her any comments or feedback regarding the program's relaunch. (OPEN ITEM)

21. **National Guard and Reserves (NGR), Expansion of the Compact** - Chair Anastasio reported she and ED Imai met on November 30 with Darren Embry and Samantha Nance of Embry and Associates, one of the Commission's outside General Counsel's to discuss the way forward. ED Imai noted Embry was secured on retainer in November 2019, however we have not utilized their services until now. Chair Anastasio stated Embry is conducting a legal review of the NGR documents and will provide an analysis in February for EXCOM review. The intent is to share the way forward with the Commission in the Legal Perspectives webinar scheduled for March. ED Imai stated Mr. Clymer was checking on the availability of data on the NGR as well. (OPEN ITEM)

22. **Response to the Inquiry from Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI)** - Chair Anastasio reported Commissioner Weiss had emailed her and ED Imai feedback on multiple topics for consideration by the EXCOM. The committee reviewed the email, discussed the responses, and directed ED Imai to draft a letter for review in January. (OPEN ITEM)

#### ITEM 6 – RECESS

23. Chair Anastasio recessed the meeting at 2:32 PM ET.

#### ITEM 7 – RECONVENE

24. Chair Anastasio reconvened the meeting at 1:03 PM ET on Thursday, December 10, 2021.

#### ITEM 8 – ROLL CALL

25. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director (ED). A quorum was established.

#### ITEM 9 – OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

26. **Commissioner Dan Dunham (VA) Concern Regarding the Legal Memorandum on Purple Star** - Chair Anastasio stated Commissioner Dunham had expressed concern during the ABM

regarding the legal memorandum that the references the State of Ohio and Tennessee having requested commission funds for the program was inaccurate. The committee directed ED Imai to contact General Counsel Rick Masters to discuss the concerns and report back to the committee in January. (OPEN ITEM)

#### ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

27. Commissioner Kaminar motioned to move into Executive Session, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. Motion carried. The committee moved to Executive Session to discussed personnel business.

28. Chair Anastasio reconvened the general session at 1:42 PM ET.

#### ITEM 11 – NEW BUSINESS

29. **Awards** - ED Imai reported Commissioner Daron Korte (MN), formerly the Compliance Committee Chair, moved off the EXCOM. This was not known prior to the ABM; therefore she proposed the EXCOM bestow the Arflack Award for his years of service on the leadership team. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the award, seconded by Commissioner Singleton. Motion carried.

30. ED Imai reported Christina Spielbauer, Superintendent, Carlisle Area Schools, PA was leaving her position with the district. PA Commissioner, Barbara Clemmer requested an MIC3 Community Award for Superintendent Spielbauer. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the award, seconded by Treasurer Henry. Motion carried.

31. **Standing Committees** - Chair Anastasio reported appointments to committees have been completed and presented the list for review. She noted she tried to accommodate preference requests as much as possible, while maintaining a similar number of members for each committee. She stated the Leadership Nomination members include new members with the exception of 3 returning members for continuity. ED Imai stated the meeting dates have been posted on the website. In addition, she reported the committee list and dates will be released to the members tomorrow via Constant Contact. She noted staff would be sending out meeting notices in outlook over the next few weeks and would contact the appropriate chairs to prepare for upcoming meetings in January.

#### ITEM 12 – OTHER BUSINESS

32. **Communications Associate Update** - Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey introduced herself and provided an overview of her role and responsibilities. She stated she looked forward to working with everyone.

33. **Move to Zoom Platform in January** – ED Imai reported the commission meetings would move from GoToMeeting to Zoom beginning in January. CSG and affiliate organizations have made a similar move due to cost savings. GoToMeeting is currently \$600/year while Zoom is \$200/year.

#### ITEM 13 – ADJOURNMENT

34. With no further business to conduct, Treasurer Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting at 1:58 PM ET.