



RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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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 Cherise Imai, Executive Director (ED). A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 3. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2021

- 4. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. Executive Committee – Commissioner Gable was absent at the last EXCOM meeting and asked the National Office staff to give the report. ED Imai summarized the meeting from July 15th, 2021. ED Imai said she reported on State Council meetings she had attended: New Jersey, California and Hawaii. The EXCOM reviewed the recent training during the National Training Seminar held by the Military Child Education Coalition that was held in July; Midwest Superintendent meeting in Chicago was also in July; Military Impacted Schools Association virtual summer meeting and a training in Alabama. ED Imai also said there is an article being written on the Commission and that more information would be released in the upcoming ED Update. She also stated they had been approached by the Office of Migratory Education that handles migratory students and their leadership want to have a meeting to find out more about creating their own Interstate Compact Commission. She also said that CSG has applied for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan and MIC3, as an affiliate, was included in the loan. MIC3 did receive reimbursement from that process. They discussed the Successful Compact Transition Video program the Communication and Outreach (C&O) Committee

launched and that had not received any submittals. They will relaunch in the fall and hopefully will receive videos. C&O also released a cover letter and updated toolkits completing one of their priorities in the strategic plan. Training is working on making shorter training videos to expand training resources. The first video will be the graduation video to be released at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Leadership Nominating Committee is preparing for elections in the fall and are considering what the format will be if it is virtual. The operations audit, under guidance of the Finance Committee, is in process and the result will be released at the ABM. Approval was given to the Federal and State Legislation Policy Tracking Report. This will help the states that are not plugged into their state's military education policy. They discussed ABM and awards. The organization Partners in Promise's Executive Director presented an overview of their organization. Commissioner Rasmussen (UT) had a question regarding the PPP loan. ED Imai answered the PPP loan is a reimbursement that covers salaries and benefits due to the employees during the pandemic. Since MIC3 is an affiliate of CSG they were included in this. Ms. Dablow also added that it is a payment protection program. It helped employers retain their employees throughout COVID-19, it is a federal government program. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked if that meant that CSG now has extra funds. ED Imai answered it was reimbursed to last year's fiscal year. It will show as a revenue and the Finance Committee will review it. The money goes into the reserve. Commissioner Berg said that the money could be used to cover any loss from ABM. Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) added that ABM was already included in the budget and that this money is just extra that will be in the reserves. ED Imai said that was correct. Commissioner McLaughlin also asked if they will be voting on the National Guard and Reserve at ABM. ED Imai answered that voting is the intent.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

6. **Amend Policy**– Commissioner Gable explained they needed to vote on the addition of the MIC3 Merit Award that would be added to the Awards Policy. Commissioner Berg motioned to approve the policy, Commissioner Cindy Hunt (OR) seconded. Commissioner Gable opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Berg had two questions; her first regarded section IV and V and wanted to know if Commissioner Designees could also be added alongside State Commissioners. ED Imai answered that they can be added to both sections. Commissioner Berg's second question regarded Section V. B; she stated that a verb was missing. Commissioner Gable summarized that Section IV. A and Section V. A needed an "and designee" added. ED Imai said that section VI. A should be "and/or" and that it will be corrected. Commissioner Gable added that Section V. B should be changed to "the award is made when" and that Designee should also be added. Commissioner Gable asked if there were any other concerns. Commissioner Berg said that in the very last paragraph (VI. B) that State Designee should also be added. She suggested the easiest way to do it would be to add "/State Designee" after State Commissioner. ED Imai noted for the record that this award was a task from the strategic plan for the Executive Committee and the award policy will close out one of their goals. ED Imai also noted that this award will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting during the reception, and it will be launched this year in 2021. Commissioner Berg motioned for the policy to be passed with the corrections. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **FY21 Case and Inquiry Report** -- ED Imai presented the Case and Inquiry Report and started with the summary. ED Imai stated the report only covers the cases that have been sent to the National Office. She noted that the total cases were 54; slightly lower than years past, but that this could reflect COVID-19. She stated most cases were from parents and most inquiries were not Compact related. The highest not applicable case topics were school choice and school enrollment documents. ED Imai

also highlighted that under the receiving states healing, most were from higher impacted states. Tier 1 had the majority of cases at 41%, Tier 2 and Tier 3 were both at 17% and Tier 4 had the lowest at 9%.

8. Commissioner Berg suggested that the National Office track their conversations with parents when they direct them to another agency. This way it gives credit to the National Office when they do assist with a case even though it is not related to the Compact. ED Imai answered that they had been getting more referrals this past year as they have been doing virtual trainings. ED Imai also stated the National Office should capture where or how the parent found out about the Compact. She also noted the not applicable case topics is interesting to see the different type of situations families find themselves in. ED Imai said these cases are significant because the National Office refers to them in training. Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate, uses the cases in the Compact 201 training so the audience can see real life scenarios of how the Compact has assisted.

9. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked what the percentages beside the receiving state represented. ED Imai responded that the percentages represent the percentage of the total. Commissioner Dunham said it does not seem correct and that the percentages seem off. ED Imai responded that the National Office would fix that error for the Docket Book. Commissioner Berg asked if these cases were only ones that came directly to the National Office or if some of the cases were from Commissioners. ED Imai answered that these were only a reflection of cases that came directly to the National Office. Commissioner Berg asked about the case submission form that Commissioners can fill out and if it is still being used. ED Imai said that the case submission is still active, and it is not being used as much. But perhaps it should be pushed out more at ABM to emphasize that resource.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **Feedback for the EXCOM** - ED Imai gave an update on ABM, and said it is set up to be hybrid because there was concern with Arkansas COVID-19 case numbers. She said that the decision for it to be moved fully virtual would have to be decided by the EXCOM. Commissioner Gable asked if anyone had any concern regarding ABM. Commissioner Berg said that she was undecided if she would attend, and she was upset with the current Arkansas case numbers. She also asked what the date was they had to commit to the hotel. Ms. Dablow answered that she recommends that commissioners go ahead and book their room as they can cancel their room up until the day before ABM. Commissioner Hunt encouraged ED Imai to look into how many hospital beds are opened in Arkansas as well as policies regarding face coverings to be weighed into her decision. ED Imai answered that Arkansas has no face coverings law.

11. ED Imai also stated she would be meeting with Commissioner Kaminar who would have all the data ready to share. ED Imai assured the Committee, Commissioner Kaminar and the EXCOM are concerned about the health and safety of the attendees. She said when they had begun planning months ago, everyone's numbers were down, and it was unexpected that the cases rose so quickly. Commissioner Dunham wanted to point out in Virginia he has seen a rise in calls of parents wanting to enroll their children in the virtual program that is state-wide for military families. The cutoff date for this program has passed and military families that have arrived in July and August to Virginia have missed the deadline. Virginia schools are requiring face-to-face instruction. Commissioner Berg shared that Hawaii is having the same problem with not enough space in virtual learning for military families.

12. **Proposed Rule or Amendment to Rules Calendar** - Commissioner Gable went over the announcements, stating that the August meeting is the final meeting. She reminded

the Committee of the upcoming Commissioner Townhall: ABM Review and Discussion would be held Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 2:00 PM ET. Also, the End-of-Year Reports are due Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

ITEM 9 - ADJOURNMENT

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