

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 17, 2022

PRESENT	Laura Anastasio Ernise Singleton Brian Henry Steve Bullard Chad Delbridge Mary Gable John "Don" Kaminar Shelly Ramos Dianna Ganote	Connecticut Commissioner Louisiana Commissioner Missouri Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Wyoming Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Arkansas Commissioner Texas Commissioner Interim DoD Representative	Chair Vice Chair Treasure & Finance Compliance Comm & Outreach Rules Past Chair Training Ex-Officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Stephanie Ramsey	Executive Director Training & Operations Assoc. Communications Associate	Secretary

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM ET on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

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

3. Commissioner Don Kaminar (AR) motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer Brian Henry (MO). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Commissioner Steven Bullard (KY) motioned to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022, meeting as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Director** – ED Imai reported the February Newsletter was sent to subscribers. She encouraged members to attend the MIC3 February webinar highlighting the Military Child Education Coalition's SchoolQuest resource on February 16th. She reported staff supported the Alaska State Council meeting on February 10th. She noted recent trainings were held for: Hardin County schools; Elizabethtown Independent Schools; and the DOD high school on Fort Knox on February 12th. She added West Virginia scheduled training for February 28th. She said 100% of the conflict of interest and Code of Conduct forms have been collected. Finally, she reported the District of Columbia has appointed their commission. As a result, the Commissioner appointment is 100%, a first for the organization.

6. **Finance** – Treasurer Henry noted the state of New Jersey made payment on their dues for Fiscal Year 2021 which means 100% of commission dues have been collected. In addition, he reviewed the current balance, expenditures, dues, and investment balances for Fiscal Year 2022.
7. **Rules** – Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) reported the committee recently met on February 8th. They reviewed the cases and inquiries received by the National Office. They are also drafting an Open Records policy and approved the MIC3 Staff Covid Policy which is on the agenda later for approval. She said Hawaii Commissioner Kathleen Berg requested a Legal Advisory on Kindergarten and the definition of the term “accredited”. She noted the Committee was conducting rules review this year. Lastly, she said VA Commissioner Dan Dunham complimented the National Office staff regarding a recent post on Facebook by a parent residing in Virginia. He said staff contacted him quickly and informed him of the comments, and he followed up with the parent, however the parent said they did not have time to elaborate further. Therefore the matter was closed.
8. **DOD Liaison** – Ms. Dianna Ganote reported they are highlighting the School Liaison program and are working with Military One Source on a series of articles and information which could be promoted to the Commissioners. In addition, the May MIC3 webinar is on the School Liaison information with Commissioners.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

9. **Merit Awards** – Ms. Stephanie Ramsey, Communications Associate reported the pins, and a congratulatory letter would be sent to appropriate members by the end of the month. ED Imai noted this closed out this item on the strategic plan.
10. **2021 ABM Costs** – Ms. Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate reported the final cost of the meeting was \$100,413. She stated 77% of the expenses was audio visual (AV) and hybrid technology, and 17% for the hotel and catering for staff and technology team. In comparison to previous events, the AV costs were substantially higher as additional equipment and technology personnel was necessary to support a virtual event. Since the state of Arkansas had not declared an emergency, and the move from an in-person to a virtual event was made based on the concern for health and safety of attendees, the Commission was obligated to fulfill our contract. The Committee understood the costs as other organizations had moved from in-person to virtual events. Ms. Dablow also reviewed the projected budget for the 2022 ABM in Baton Rouge which was based on expenditures from 2019 Colorado Springs.
11. **Tier Group Program** – ED Imai reported staff is working on the rollout of the revised program and scheduling virtual meetings with the Facilitators this year. She reminded members that future Tier Group meetings would be held at the ABM.
12. **General Counsel** – ED Imai reported Florida recently requested a Legal Advisory on changes to their statute which extended the sunset date and added a new member to the state council. She added the state of Pennsylvania requested a review of proposed legislation which seeks to add a new section to the Public-School Code which would provide the “same rights” to “a child of a member of the National Guard and Reserve” as those afforded to a “student of an active-duty military family under [the Compact].” According to Embry’s advisory, this proposal would not conflict with the Compact statute.
13. **Response to the Inquiry by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI)** on MIC3 research – Chair Anastasio reviewed the inquiry and draft. Members provided feedback on key points. A copy would be provided to the EXCOM members on the email.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

14. **US Secretary of Education Letter on the MIC3** – ED Imai reported a letter of support for MIC3 was drafted and disseminated to all state school superintendents and chief education officers. She credited the support to the Secretary's awareness of the Compact, Chair Anastasio's support, and the partnership with the USDOE Military Liaison, Jermaine Sullivan. The letter would be disseminated to the Commission.
15. **Riggs Enterprise Strategic Plan Proposal** – ED Imai reviewed the proposal with members. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Motion passed.
16. **New Policy #1-2022 MIC3 COVID Vaccination Policy** – Commissioner Gable reported the policy was approved by the Rules Committee at their past meeting. Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the policy as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. Motion carried. ED Imai stated the item would be presented at the ABM for ratification.
17. **Suggestion: Stipends for New Commissioner Mentors from Commissioner Greg Lynch (WA)** – Due to time constraints, this item was tabled to the March meeting. **(OPEN ITEM)**
18. **Awards** – ED Imai reported a community award was requested by Commissioner Teresa Ferenzchalmy for Zach Chavez, Community Outreach Coordinator for New Mexico Department of Education. He was a member of the State Council.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. **Social Media** – Ms. Ramsey encouraged members to tag #mic3compact on their social media.
20. **Upcoming Webinars** – ED Imai reminded members about the upcoming webinars and to attend if their schedule permitted.
21. **Purple Up! Toolkit** – Chair Anastasio reminded members to utilize and promote the Communications and Outreach Committee's Purple Up! Toolkit.
22. **Successful Transition Video Program** – Chair Anastasio reminded members about the program and submittals were due June 1.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

23. With no further business to conduct, Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 2:03 PM ET. She noted she will be on vacation in March, therefore the meeting would be led by Vice Chair Singleton.