

Massachusetts Council of Military Interstate Commerce Commission Agenda
Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA, 02108 – 11th Floor, Matta Conference Room

Attendees:

Members:

RADM Clarke Orzalli USN (ret), Commissioner, Massachusetts MIC3

Ken Gordon Massachusetts State Representative, 21st District

Francisco Urena Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services

Jon Sills Superintendent, Bedford Public Schools

Thomas Moreau Designee for Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cliff Chuang Massachusetts Military Family Education Liaison

Ex-Officio Members:

Dick Baker Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association – Assistant Director

Other guests:

Christine Cowen Military Connected Student Specialist

Office of Student and Family Support

Center for Educational Options

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

II. **Vote to Approve Minutes from April 10, 2017 Meeting**

- Approved the minutes. (5 voted affirmatively, 1 abstention as he was not at the meeting)

III. **Discuss Activity since April Meeting**

- Chairman Orzalli updated the commission on activity of the compact since the last meeting. Dues were paid in the amount of \$2514 were paid to the Compact Offices on 4 August 2017 by the Department of Education.
- There was one student issue with graduation requirements raised to the Commissioner that was resolved by coordination from the Department of Education, the School Guidance Office with interface from the sending state Commissioner and the sending school.
- There was one issue with transcript annotation that was raised to the Commissioner and was resolved to the satisfaction of the parent, with coordination from the receiving State Commissioner.

- There were three student issues raised to the Commissioner or State Department of Education that were outside the compact.
- LCOL Kenneth Ferland the Deputy Mission Support Group Commander at Hanscom AFB has been designated as the Department of Defense Liaison to the Council. He is deployed and will be represented by Laurel Wironen until his return.
- Superintendent Sills provided information on the Compact to the State Superintendents Association.

IV. Ex-Officio Members

- Dick Baker from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association joined the council as an Ex-Officio Member. He is responsible for the eligibility waiver process which has been an issue in some other states with students of military.
- Cliff Chang will seek out a representative from a state Parents Organization.
- Cliff Chang will invite the State Guidance Councilors Organization to send a representative.
- Tanya Rioux from Massachusetts National Guard continues as an Ex-Officio member of the Council.

V. Chairman Orzalli reviewed the Annual Business Meeting which occurred in Providence Rhode Island from 25 to 27 October 2017.

- Massachusetts was co-host for the meeting with Rhode Island and Connecticut.
- Large numbers of Navy School Liaison Officers were in attendance.
- The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) was in attendance and is covered by the compact. There are NOAA officers stationed in Massachusetts – many in the Woods Hole area.
- A study by The Center for Public Research and Leadership on *The Challenges of Supporting Highly Mobile Military-Connected Children in School Transitions* was presented. A summary of the report was provided to State Council Members.
- The National By-Laws were changed to split the Training and Public Relations Committee into two separate committees.
- The National Budget was approved, with some of the operating budget coming from reserves. Annual dues no longer cover the cost of operations as they have remained at \$1.00 per student for ten years, with slight increases in costs with a declining number of students. There most likely will be a change in the assessment per student in the future.
- National has rolled out a new website and has recommended greater use of social media for communications.
 - i. The new website has an issue reporting format to facilitate better information sharing.

VI. Cliff Chang and Christine Cowan provided an interim status of including Military Designation in ESSA collected data.

- The current data does not distinguish between active and reserve/guard making it inconsistent with DoD provided data.
- DoD data as of 17 November 2017 was distributed to Council Members. About half of the Massachusetts Students are in Unknown (distributed) school systems making awareness efforts difficult.

VII. Council Areas of Discussion

- State Representative Gordon will set up a meeting with the cochairs of the joint committee on education.
- A Proclamation will potentially issued in April 2018 in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child.
- Secretary Urena recommended posters on MIC3 be visible in the Hanscom Pass and ID office. Commissioner Orzalli to work with DoD liaison to effect.
- Cliff Chang to investigate the possibility of Commissioner Orzalli having state Dept of Education Email account for State Council communication.
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to update progress on implementation of ESSA designations at the next meeting. Comparison with the DoD provided data is a goal.
- Current Council membership needs to be up to date with the Military Services. One parent tried to contact Commissioner from 2014. Commissioner Orzalli to address with DoD liaison.
- Outstanding action from previous meeting. Secretary Urena to invite Commissioner Orzalli to meeting of Veterans Service Officers.

VIII. Public Comment – No items

IX. Discussion and Next Steps

- Action items were reviewed
- Chairman Orzalli thanked everyone for their support and help.

X. Adjourned at 2:15 PM.