

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

PRESENT	Laura Anastasio Ernise Singleton Brian Henry Steve Bullard Chad Delbridge Mary Gable Shelly Ramos Dianna Ganote	Connecticut Commissioner Louisiana Commissioner Missouri Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Wyoming Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Texas Commissioner Military Representative, USDOD	Chair Vice Chair Treasure & Finance Compliance Comm & Outreach Rules Training Ex-Officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai  Stephanie Ramsey	Executive Director  Communications Associate	
GUEST(S)	Stuart Michael	General Counsel, MIC3	
EXCUSED	Chuck Clymer Lori Phipps John "Don" Kaminar Lindsey Dablow	Military Representative, USDOD Military Representative, USDOD Arkansas Commissioner Training & Operations Assoc.	Ex-Officio Ex-Officio Past Chair

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Laura Anastasio called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM ET on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was conducted by Cherise Imai, Executive Director. A quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. **Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX). The motion carried.**
4. Due to the length of the agenda and availability of General Counsel, Chair Anastasio deferred the Commission reports, time permitting, until the end of the meeting.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

5. **Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2022, meeting as presented, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. The motion carried.**

**ITEM 5 – OLD BUSINESS**

6. **NDAAs Amendment on MIC3 Letter to Congress** – Executive Director Imai reported the recent NDAA included a directive to the US Department of Defense to make recommendations on improvements of the Compact, which included several areas outside of the scope of the Compact such as data collection on the number of military students utilizing the advanced enrollment in states, and the

Secretary of Defense to develop a letter outlining the Compact which families could present to school districts. The Committee requested a response letter to be drafted explaining the Compact and outlining the Commission's concerns. (OPEN ITEM)

7. **Executive Committee Retreat: Week of Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** – ED Imai reviewed the cost analysis which included various locales including Lexington. Based on cost, the travel would be during Election Day and Veteran's Day, the Committee determined a virtual retreat was more feasible this year. Staff will send possible dates to the Committee for consideration. (OPEN ITEM)

8. **Legal Memorandums: Citation Correction to the Compact** – Chair Anastasio referenced Legal Memorandums dated [5/18/22](#) and [8/5/22](#). She reported on Round 2 Tier Group meeting concerns. Some Commissioners were confused about the citation correction and if neither section nor chapter was cited in their statute, was there a need to make the correction. Regarding the National Guard and Reserve, some Commissioners do not feel comfortable making decision and have expressed the desire to not vote on the item this year; while others feel the need to decide and move forward. The Committee agreed the Commission needed to move on the way forward. And even if it was determined the route was to pursue external legislation now, the Commission could always revisit the option to open up the compact in the future.

9. ED Imai noted identifying the individual and/or organization which resulted in the incorrect citation arose as a concern – in particular pursuing litigation against the US Department of Defense, Council of State Government, and/or staff attorney. She noted the Defense State Liaison Office did state they provided the incorrect citation as the Department of Defense Instruction on the Compact, which outlines the role and responsibilities of the Department, is also cited incorrectly. Mr. Stuart Michael, General Counsel, stated litigation is not in the best interest of the Commission and he was unsure if that was an option the Commission could pursue, as neither party had a legal obligation to provide the correct citation.

10. **Citation Survey** – ED Imai reviewed the draft survey and stated the purpose was to gather data if the Commission moved forward on the citation correction in states. The data will assist general counsel and staff in working with states that want to correct the citation. Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) expressed concern regarding her inability to advocate for the change in her employment as a state department employee as lobbying was prohibited. She noted other commissioners may be in the same position and would need significant assistance from the Commission if a correction was pursued in their state. ED Imai noted Commission staff could assist, with the support of the DSLO and Council of State Governments, if needed. She also noted some states indicated they had a technical amendment process, and the correction could be accomplished. Members agreed all states varied on their processes, and information needed to be gathered in order to accomplish the task successfully.

11. **A motion was made by Commissioner Ramos to approve the survey questions, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion carried.**

12. **ABM Agenda** – ED Imai reviewed the agenda and key highlights of the agenda. She added changes based on feedback from last year's meeting were incorporated in the agenda. While some Commissioners suggested eliminating the committee reports entirely because they found them repetitive and not very interesting, ED Imai emphasize as a public and quasi-governmental regulatory agency, and in the interest of transparency, the reports were a vital part of the meeting and must be included. However some feedback was taken into consideration, and the National Guard and Citation discussions were moved to the first day. Commissioner Ramos asked this information be emphasized when the agenda is disseminated.

ED Imai noted the Docket Book which includes the agenda would be released at minimum 10 days prior the Annual Business Meeting in accordance with the Commission ByLaws.

13. **Vice Chair Singleton motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer Brian Henry. The motion carried.**

#### **ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS**

14. **FY2024 Proposed Dues and Budget** – Treasurer Brian Henry (MO) presented the proposed FY2024 dues and budget. He reported were approved and recommended by the Finance Committee. **Vice Chair motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Commissioner Ramos. The motion carried.**

15. **MIC3 Awards, Ref: [1-2015 Awards Policy](#)** – Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey presented the Committee with proposed two state service awards for resigning commissioners. This award required the Committee's approval. **Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the awards for Darcy Benway (IL) and Wayne Marquis (AK), seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion carried.**

16. ED Imai reported a community award was drafted for Megan Ace of Waynesville School District for her service and support for the Missouri State Council. She noted this award did not require the Committee's approval.

#### **ITEM 7 – REPORTS**

17. Due to time constraints, the remaining reports were tabled to the next meeting.

#### **ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

18. Chair Anastasio reminded members of the upcoming [Compact 101 Training](#) scheduled for September 22nd at 2:00pm ET. ED Imai also stated the Robert's Rules of Order webinar link would be sent to Commissioners and Ex-officio members. She encouraged all members to attend to obtain a refresher on parliamentary procedure.

#### **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

19. **Commissioner Ramos motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM ET.**