

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 16 and 19, 2022**

PRESENT	Laura Anastasio Ernise Singleton Brian Henry John "Don" Kaminar Steve Bullard Chad Delbridge Mary Gable Shelly Ramos Dianna Ganote	Connecticut Commissioner Louisiana Commissioner Missouri Commissioner Arkansas Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Wyoming Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Texas Commissioner Military Representative, USDOD	Chair Vice Chair Treasure & Finance Past Chair Compliance Comm & Outreach Rules Training Ex-Officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Stephanie Ramsey	Executive Director Training & Operations Assoc Communications Associate	
GUEST	Jessica Saum	2022 Arkansas Teacher of the Year	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Laura Anastasio called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM ET on Friday, December 16, 2022.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

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

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY) motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer Brian Henry (MO). The motion carried.**

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- Treasurer Henry motioned to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2022, meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Delbridge. The motion carried.**

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

- DOD Liaison** – Dianna Ganote reported Commission leadership held a 1-hour call with the new Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) Director, Geraldine Valentino-Smith. Topics included: a compact overview; areas of mutual interest; a review of items discussed with the previous Director, Marcus Beauregard; and an establishment of communications and protocol. It was requested the DSLO attend and brief at the Annual Business Meeting on Defense Key Priorities.

**ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS**

- Citation Correction to the Compact** – ED Imai reported she is scheduling calls with the 8-10 states that indicated on the recent survey, interest in making the citation correction in their upcoming legislative session. **(OPEN ITEM)**

8. **National Guard and Reserve External Language** – As directed by the Commission at the recent ABM, a draft was developed and sent to General Counsel for review and input. The document will guide states interested in developing external language to the Compact and provide similar accommodations for other student populations. The item will be presented to the Committee for approval once received. (OPEN ITEM)
9. **NDA Amendment on MIC3** – ED Imai reviewed the letter sent to Congress. She also noted in late November, leadership met with Rhode Island Senator Reed's office to discuss concerns about the amendments in regard to the Compact. On November 22, they stated the provision was included, with a joint explanatory statement:
- "Sec. 579 - Recommendations for the improvement of the Military Interstate Children's Compact. The House bill contained a provision (sec. 579A) that would direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to develop recommendations for the improvement and full implementation of the Military Interstate Children's Compact, with a report required 180 days after the date of enactment of this act. The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would strike "and fully implement" from the provision and extend the reporting deadline to a year after the date of enactment of this act. We note that full implementation of the compact will require agreements with individual State governments and cannot be accomplished via Federal legislation alone."*
10. Staff will continue to track the progress and report. (OPEN ITEM)
11. **Strategic Plan** – ED Imai reviewed the final strategic plan and action items. She noted staff would connect with the appropriate chair in preparation for the upcoming committee meetings in January.
12. **Compact Rules Book (Updated)** – Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey announced the updated Rules Book is available as a digital copy on the website and may be ordered through the online request form.

## ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

13. **Standing Committees and Calendar Requests** – Chair Anastasio reported commissioner and ex-officio appointments were finalized. She tried her best to honor member preferences as indicated in the survey. ED Imai added the information was sent to members with the meeting dates. She reported staff will send out the outlook requests to members.
14. **ABM Survey Results and Cost Analysis** – Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow reviewed the results of the recent event survey. She also reported in detail the cost analysis of the current year and past expenses. She noted the Finance and Executive Committees will discuss the proposal to move the event to in-person every other year, and cost would be a consideration.
15. **ABM Reimbursement Appeals** – ED Imai reported in November the Finance Committee reviewed three reimbursement submittals in alignment with the Travel Policy. As a result, three reimbursements were partially made to the Commissioners from Wisconsin, Vermont, and North Dakota based on various reasons. Letters were sent to the commissioners with an explanation, with the reimbursement check. Two states requested an appeal, and Chair Anastasio agreed to place the item on the day's agenda.

16. The Committee reviewed the appeal letters and documentation submitted by Wisconsin and Vermont. They concluded the expenses incurred were outside of the Travel Policy, therefore the appeals were declined. The Committee directed ED Imai to notify the members of the outcome. (OPEN ITEM)

17. **MIC3 Awards, Ref: [1-2015 Awards Policy](#)** – Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey reported a Community Award was recently bestowed on Darlene Williams, Payroll Director for the Council of State Governments. The award did not require the Committee's approval.

18. **Blue Star Families (BSF)** – ED Imai reported the organization was interested in becoming an ex-officio member. As 4 of the 5 of the ex-officio were signatory members, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) was the sole organization to join by approval of the commission. NFHS was inducted in 2015 by a full vote at the ABM. She noted the process was simple, NFHS provided a two-pager document and an organization brief.

19. The Committee agreed a process was necessary moving forward, however they did not want to delay or discourage BSF's interest or application while a formal process was developed. They agreed it was reasonable for BSF to follow the same process provided to NFHS. They asked that a copy of the Ambassador Program proposal be provided as a discussion starting point at the next meeting. (OPEN ITEM)

20. **BSF Corporate Playbook** – ED Imai reported the new report was released and provided a link for review. The book references the Compact as a key education topic and supports building awareness of our mission.

**ITEM 8 – RECESS** – Chair Anastasio recessed the meeting at 1:01 PM ET

**ITEM 9 – RECONVENE** – Chair Anastasio reconvened the meeting on Monday, December 19, 2023, at 2:31 PM ET.

21. **Guest Speaker Jessica Saum: Seeks Input from the MIC3 Executive Committee on her Request to DoD to Make a Policy on Ensuring all Service Members Receive Information on the Compact** – Ms. Saum, 2022 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, provided an overview of her project to the Committee. The Committee expressed appreciation for her efforts and asked to be kept informed of her progress.

22. **Open Records Request** – Ms. Dablow reported a request was recently received under the new policy. The request included 5-year data on compact cases and by state. The purpose of the request was for an article in a military magazine.

23. **Social Media: MIC3 Twitter Account** – Ms. Ramsey reported concern expressed by several members on the direction of Twitter as a platform. She stated we are monitoring the site, and our ex-officio organizations continue to post updates.

24. **Compact Engagement Updates** – ED Imai briefed on recent activities by the National Office. Ms. Dablow provided an update on Training requests for both in-person and virtual sessions. Overall, the number of requests has increased.

## **ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

25. **Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) motioned to move into Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Henry.**
26. **Treasurer Henry motioned to move out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Delbridge. Motion carried.**
27. **Contracts – Vice Chair Ernise Singleton motioned to approve the contract proposals for: Staff Development by Riggs Enterprise; General Counsel (Embry Merritt Womack Nance LLC); Training Contractor (Susan Haberstroh), seconded by Commissioner Delbridge. Motion carried.**
28. **CSG Memorandum of Understanding – Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) motioned to approve the new CSG Memorandum of Understanding effective July 1. Seconded by Commissioner Gable. Motion carried.**

## **ITEM 11 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

29. Chair Anastasio reported the next virtual Compact 101 session would be held on January 19 at 10:00 AM ET. She also noted Vice Chair Singleton would lead the January meeting as she will be on personal leave.

## **ITEM 12 – ADJOURNMENT**

30. With no further business to conduct, Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cherise Imai  
Secretary/Executive Director