

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

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

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM ET on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

**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. **Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Treasurer Brian Henry (MO). The motion carried.**

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. **Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) motioned to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gable. The motion carried.**

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Chair** – Chair Anastasio reported she is the Affiliates Representative to the Council of State Governments (CSG) Leadership Council. The term is one year, and the position rotates between the CSG affiliate organizations. One requirement is the individual must be a member of one of the affiliate organizations, and not an employee of CSG.

6. **Vice Chair** – Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) reported the Ex-Officio group met on March 1. She said the Tier Groups targeted to hold a virtual meeting in June. Vice Chair Singleton recently attended the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) conference in Washington DC. She provided an update to the Military Impacted Schools Association; received updates on military and education programs and resources; and met with US Department of Education Military Liaison, Jermaine Sullivan.

7. **Executive Director** – ED Imai announced new Communications Associate, Christina King, started today however had a mandatory orientation to attend at this time, and would attend the April meeting. ED Imai deferred to Training and Operations Associate, Lindsey Dablow to provide an update on the recent training conducted by the Commission. ED Imai reported a new webinar by General Counsel, Stuart Michael was recorded based on his presentation at the recent Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The webinar is a great information tool for new commissioners or seasoned members interested in a refresher course.

8. **DOD Representative** – Dianna Ganote reported Military Family and Community Policy will celebrate the Month of the Military Child in April. She noted the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included a directive to the US Department of Defense (USDOD) to recommendations for improvement to the Compact. The report is due by end December. She noted a need to educate members of Congress and for the various divisions within the USDOD support families and children. Military OneSource is also another recourse which promotes school liaisons. headquarter school liaisons and her office are updating the Commission's Military Representative Guide. She thanked Communications Associate for her diligence in compiling the proposed updates into one draft. The school liaisons will review the draft and provide the updated copy to the Commission. ED Imai noted the intent was to release the updated guidance at the ABM.

9. **Finance** – Treasurer Brian Henry reported California, District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, have outstanding dues. Reminders have been mailed by Headquarters. The February Fund Balance is \$1,890,052.29. The third quarter expenditures total to date is \$443,472.99 or 61% of the \$727,000 budget. Expenditures are typical, however as anticipated, due to the post pandemic environment, we are seeing increases in the areas of: consultant expenses, staff and board member travel (increase for in-person training requests). Marketing materials and collaterals; and postage. The Vanguard initial investment was \$350,000. The asset mix: Stocks = 61.2%, Bonds = 38.8% Total Value: 510,185.04 (In January it was \$496,350.13 – 3% increase or \$13,835). The committee will meet on March 22.

10. **Training** – Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX) reported the committee met on February 21 and selected a vendor as the MIC3 narrator for videos. Updates were provided on the American Sign Language training video, the final video segments for the Learning Management System.

11. **Compliance** – Commissioner Bullard reported the committee met on March 14. They discussed state council meetings, conflict of interest, and code of conduct reporting.

12. **Communications and Outreach** – Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY) said the committee met on March 8. They approved a revised and shorter form and approval process for the Successful Transition Video Program, which is posted on the web.

## ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

13. **New CSG Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Vice Chair Singleton motioned to approve the MOA, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion carried.**

14. **Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) and the Statute** – ED Imai reported they are still trying to schedule a meeting with Director Valentino-Smith. No updates on if the Department of Defense was still pursuing amending the compact statutes in member states.

15. **Compact Statute Citation Correction** – ED Imai provided an update on states' progress,

16. **Embry Memoranda** – Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow provided an overview of the Data Collection discussion item. Committees will be adding this item to their agenda to seek input and information on what kind of data can and should the Commission collect to analyze the Compact's progress and impact. She also reviewed the Policy Review Memorandum which identifies several policies to be made into rules. Rules carry enforcement more strongly than policies.

#### ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

17. **Awards** – Vice Chair Singleton motioned to approve Oregon Commissioner Cindy Hunt to receive the State Service Award, seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. She will retire on June 1.

18. **State Compact Statute Amendments** – Virginia: ED Imai reported Headquarters is working with the Deputy Superintendent and the Virginia Compact Commissioner to address House Bill 1929 which provides school-aged dependents of foreign service and federal government employees similar accommodations. She noted General Counsel also reviewed statutes from Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Arkansas.

#### ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. **Upcoming Training** – Ms. Dablow announced the upcoming Compact 101 Training on March 28 and April 27. A 201 session will be offered on April 26. She encouraged members to disseminate the information to stakeholders.

20. **April EXCOM Meeting in Lexington** – Ms. Dablow reminded members the EXCOM retreat would be held on April 19-20 in Lexington. Additional information was sent via email, and she encouraged members to make their travel arrangements.

#### ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

21. **With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Bullard motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Singleton. The motion carried.** Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting at 2:01 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cherise Imai  
Secretary/Executive Director