

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
2:30 – 3:30 PM ET

PRESENT	Mary Gable Kathleen Berg Daniel Dunham Darrell Floyd Ben Rasmussen Cindy Hunt Ann Pettit Michael Rodriguez Davis Whitfield	Maryland Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Oklahoma Commissioner Utah Commissioner Oregon Commissioner South Dakota Commissioner Delaware Commissioner NFHS	Chair Ex-Officio Member
EXCUSED	Davina French	North Dakota Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Stephanie Ramsey	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate Communications Associate	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 2:30 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – INTRODUCTIONS

3. As this was the first meeting of the year, Chair Gable called on Commissioners to introduce themselves.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Commissioner Michael Rodriguez (DE) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrell Floyd (OK). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

5. Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA). Motion carried.

ITEM 6 – REPORTS

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM)** – Ms. Ramsey stated the EXCOM met on January 19, 2023. The Training Committee reported the monthly virtual Compact 101 Trainings continue to be well attended. Department of Defense (DoD) representative Diane Ganote reported on the DoD 2023

Key Issues. Communication and Outreach provided EXCOM with the 2023 Communications Plan and the Purple Up! Toolkit for use during the Month of the Military Child in April. Compliance gave an update on State Council meetings being held and the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms submittals to date.

7. The EXCOM reported the National Guard and Reserve Legislative Toolkit was released to the Commission. Updates were given on the Citation Correction and the states attempting to make the correction during the 2023 legislative session. The EXCOM approved contracts for Brian Riggs, general counsel, former Delaware Commissioner Susan Haberstroh, and the memorandum of understanding from the Council of State Governments. Awards were approved for outgoing Commissioner Craig Neuenswander (KS) and three Community awards were approved. Finally, the EXCOM discussed implementing an Ex-Officio process as Blue Star Families expressed interest in becoming an ex-officio organization, and reviewed the results and recommendations given by Blue Star Families from their 2022 Military Family Survey.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

8. **FY23 Case and Inquiry Report** – Ms. Ramsey presented the Case and Inquiry Report noting from the start of Fiscal Year 2023 headquarters has received 41 cases. She added the majority of cases were not compact related but the cases that were compact related fell under Article V: Placement and Attendance. Of the non-compact related cases, multiple inquiries regarding school choice, grade point average recalculation (GPA), and early withdrawal were received. She completed her report noting the majority of cases came from Tier One states.

9. **Topics that arise to the National Office** – Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai presented trending topics the National Office received which included: high school credits earned in eighth grade, GPA recalculation, virtual school, foreign service military, and DOD civilian dependents. ED Imai provided background on these topics and informed the Committee she had been in contact with Dan Logsdon from the National Center of Interstate Compacts within the Council of State Governments to host a webinar about compact law and best practices for states and would update the Committee at their next meeting. ED Imai stated creating a legislative toolkit that addresses these issues would be helpful and a draft would be created for the next meeting for the Committee's review.

10. **ABM Tier Group Feedback** – Ms. Ramsey presented feedback from the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Tier Groups regarding data collection, as outlined in *Chapter 200, SEC 2.102* of the Rules. The consensus among the Tier Groups was data currently collected, if a state does collect data, is inconsistent and inaccurate. The groups supported a repeal of the data collection Rule as Commissioners do not have the power to collect accurate data, with the option to re-enact the rule if needed. The groups suggested partnering with DoD on collecting data properly. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) noted when ED Steve Hogan was in office, the Commission created an estimate of how many students were being served by the state using a statistical average. She stated she would share the theoretical statistics with the Committee if the Members wanted to review it.

11. **Policy Book** – Ms. Ramsey presented the Policy Guide the National Office released containing a compilation of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission's (MIC3) administrative policies. The Policy Guide can be accessed on the Commissioner page of MIC3.net and includes the recent policies adopted during the 2022 ABM.

ITEM 8 – OLD BUSINESS

12. **Strategic Plan** – Chair Gable reviewed the new Strategic Plan. The Committee's first action item is to ensure the Commission's alignment with the bylaws, rules, and policies and examine compliance and case resolution. The second action item is to identify opportunities to evaluate the effectiveness of the Compact and create an apparatus for states to determine their impact. Finally, the Committee is to track internal and external education issues and assess the need for rules clarification.

13. ED Imai stated general counsel is reviewing MIC3's administrative policies to identify policies that should be converted to Rules. General counsel's recommendation will be reviewed by Compliance first and then passed onto the Rules Committee. Commissioner Floyd motioned to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Designee Dunham. Motion carried.

14. **National Guard and Reserve and Compact Citation Update** – ED Imai informed the Committee of the release of the National Guard and Reserve Legislative Toolkit which is available on MIC3.net. She urged the Committee to utilize the guidance and share it with their state councils. She reminded the Committee not to amend the Compact statute but rather create external language with the guidance of the toolkit and submit it to the National Office so general counsel may review it to ensure it does not conflict with the Compact.

15. **Updated Rules Book** – Ms. Ramey presented the new amended Compact Rules book including the amendments adopted at the 2022 ABM. She informed the Committee hard copies can be requested from headquarters and it is available for digital download on the Publications page of the MIC3 website.

ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No items were brought forth for the EXCOM.

17. **Staffing Changes** – Ms. Ramsey announced her resignation as the MIC3 Communication Associate. Chair Gable expressed her gratitude for the support Ms. Ramsey has provided the Rules Committee and the work she has done for the Commission.

18. **Purple Up! Toolkit** – Ms. Ramsey informed the Committee of the release of the Purple Up! Toolkit and reminded them to promote it to their state councils.

19. **Reminders** – Chair Gable reminded the Committee to follow MIC3 on social media and of the upcoming Compact 101 Training being held on February 22, 2023.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

20. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM ET.