



**Communication and Outreach Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET**

PRESENT	Chad Delbridge Clara Botstein Teresa Ferenczhalmy Felicia Gonzales Pete LuPiba Brian Murphy Keith Owen Tony Trongone	Wyoming Commissioner D.C. Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner Nevada Commissioner Ohio Commissioner Indiana Commissioner Colorado Commissioner New Jersey Commissioner	Chair
GUEST	Laura Kacer	Iowa Constituent & Superintendent, Johnston Community Schools	
EXCUSED	Kristen Windham	Mississippi Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training & Operations Associate	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called at 2:00 PM ET by Committee Chair, Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY).

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

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

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Brian Murphy (IN) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felicia Gonzales (NV). The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2023

4. **Commissioner Tony Trongone (NJ) motioned to approve the minutes from January 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM) Update** – Chair Delbridge provided the Committee with a summary of the last EXCOM meeting held February 16, 2023. ED Imai reported the EXCOM met February 16th, she noted she provided updated on the Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) and the Compact Statute and their initiative to update every state statute that references military definitions to include Space Force. The Commission has a legal advisory stating Space Force is included in the

Compact statute because they are a division of the Air Force. Unfortunately, the language of the DSLO's proposed legislation does not differentiate the Compact statute from other statutes so headquarters and leadership are working with the newly appointed DSLO Director to educate on the Commission's process and determine a way forward. She noted the *National Guard and Reserve Legislative Toolkit* was distributed to Commissioners through the Commission's newsletter on January 20th and stated it also available on the National Guard and Reserve page on mic3.net. Finally, ED Imai informed the EXCOM of House Bill 1929 in the Virginia Legislature. HB 1929 is an external statute that references Virginia's compact statute and seeks to extend the protections of the Compact to members of foreign services and civilian employees. However, the statute specifically states federal civilian employees cannot be covered by the Compact. General Counsel and headquarters were working with their General Assembly legal counsel and department of education representatives to address the issue.

6. Commissioner Gonzales asked whom the DSLO is contacting within the state to make the statute changes. ED Imai replied the DSLO State Liaison is going through the Legislature, either the Senate or House Education Chairs, or perhaps the Military Affairs Chair. Members asked if they should notify the National Office if they are contacted, and ED Imai affirmed this.

7. Regarding the Citation Correction, Commissioner Gonzales informed an amendment was submitted to the Legislature, and they await confirmation on its passage. ED Imai thanked her for this update and noted it for the Commission's report.

8. **Strategic Plan** – ED Imai reviewed the Strategic Plan and the action items for the upcoming year.

9. **Communications Plan** – Chair Delbridge reviewed the promotions and training for March and April.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

10. **Successful Compact Transitions Program (SCTV)** – Chair Delbridge presented the new format informed the Committee of the revamp for the SCTV Program on the new Strategic Plan. Due to no submissions from the initial launch, it was determined the process would be simplified. The National Office will identify successful cases using the Training Committee and record stories internally. These videos will be utilized to develop public service announcement ads to highlight how the Compact helps students and best practices for implementation of the Compact.

11. **Commissioner Trongone motioned to approve the form. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried.**

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

12. **Data Collection Discussion** – Chair Delbridge reported one of the strategic plan action items is by state, increase utilization of Commission resources, tools, and training to educate stakeholders on the Compact. He noted need to assess how we collect data and what resources members utilize for their Compact programming. Members commented states collect military identifier data which is required by the U.S. Department of Education. However, they agreed this data is not consistent across states and data points may vary. Some states collect cases they encounter as commissioners, and this information is shared with their state councils. It was also agreed this is not a consistent practice across all states. It was agreed the Committee could assess if and how states are using the resources and tools of the

Commission to determine if there are gaps or opportunities. ED Imai noted the National Office promotes the information to stakeholders through Constant Contact, social media, trainings, webinars and through ex-officio members. She also added the national office collects data on collateral request by individual and state.

13. Chair Delbridge asked if there are opportunities to assist, enhance, and promote state efforts to implement the Compact. Members agreed the Commission could do this if these best practices were made available. ED Imai noted highlights could be gleaned from the End-of-Year Report guide; and notification by commissioners and school liaisons; which could be used to promote states that are doing well (i.e., good, better, best).

14. It was agreed we could add a question to the End-of-Year reporting on what types of MIC3 resources states utilize to promote the Compact, and what other supports/resources they need to be developed. **(OPEN ITEM)**

15. **Purple Up! Toolkit** – ED Imai reported on the proclamations and projected events for the month of April to date. She encouraged members to share their information via social media and tag the Commission, and to send photos and news articles directly to the National Office. She encouraged members to share the toolkit, developed by this Committee, with stakeholders.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

17. **Reminders/Announcements** – Chair Delbridge reminded the Committee to share the Compact 101 Training on March 14th at 11:00 AM ET with stakeholders and school liaisons. He also encouraged members to attend the upcoming Tutor.com webinar on March 15th at 2:00 PM ET.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

18. **With no further business to conduct Commissioner Ferenczhalmy motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Owens (CO). The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM ET.**