



Tier Group 1 Meeting Notes
June 28, 2023
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Keith Owen Kathleen Berg Mary Gable Greg Lynch Shelly Ramos	Colorado Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Washington Commissioner Texas Commissioner	Tier Group 1 Facilitator
EXCUSED	Bob Buehn Daniel Dunham William Hardin Nikolas Sojka Vacant Cherise Imai	Florida Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Georgia Commissioner North Carolina Commissioner California Commissioner MIC3 Executive Director	
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Christina King	Training & Operations Associate Communications Associate	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM ET by Tier Group 1 Facilitator and Colorado Commissioner Keith Owen.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow conducted roll call. As this is not a formal committee of the Commission, per Robert's Rules, a quorum is not necessary. Five (5) of the Tier Group 1 states were present.

ITEM 3 – AGENDA

3. The meeting agenda was displayed for attendees to view.

ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS

4. **Commission Data Collection Discussion** – Ms. Dablow reported for several years, the Commission reviewed the Data Collection clause in the Compact statute and the Compact Rules. In 2022, the Rules Committee completed a full review of the Compact Rules. That review prompted the Rules Committee to ask if states supported repealing Compact Rules, Chapter 200, SEC. 2.102. The consensus was to repeal the Rule. Commission's General Counsel agreed the Rule could be repealed; however, due to the language being in the Compact statute the Commission would need to develop a data collection model to meet the statute requirement. Ms. Dablow updated the group on possible data collection points suggested by other Tier Groups and MIC3 standing committees.

5. Commissioner Owen asked the group for any comments regarding this topic. Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) expressed concern regarding the collection of cases and the burden this would place on School Liaisons and states. She stated tracking at the state level would not provide actionable data reflecting the number of cases that are handled across the state without the assistance of the School Liaison or Commissioner, especially in schools that are heavily military impacted.

6. Commissioner Kathleen Berg (HI) addressed Commissioner Gable's concern stating it would be better to collect the numbers of students transferring in and out of states to gauge how busy a state is in terms of transitioning Military-connected students. She concluded by suggesting the Commission determine why specific data would be collected and defining what information could be gathered from that perspective.
7. Commissioner Greg Lynch (WA) voiced agreement with the statements made by Commissioners Gable and Berg. He stated that although he is not advocating specifically for data collection, there is a need for providing strong analytics that reflect a good return on investment for states in regard to dues increases.
8. **ABM Cost Analysis: In-Person vs. Virtual Meeting** – Commissioner Owen asked Ms. Dablow to provide an analysis of the cost of hosting an in-person or virtual Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Ms. Dablow reviewed the 2022 – 2023 ABM Cost Comparison document. She reminded Commissioners following the 2022 ABM official attendees were surveyed and asked if they supported alternating the ABM virtually or in person every other year. Out of those surveyed, less than half responded and a consensus was not reached. The Executive and Finance Committees requested Tier Groups discuss this item to provide Members with an additional opportunity to provide feedback. Commissioner Owen opened the floor for discussion.
9. Commissioner Berg indicated that she was unaware the cost was this high, which is grounds for concern. She said that this is a key consideration, and that switching to virtual would necessitate extensive planning.
10. Commissioner Owen stated an in-person meeting would be preferable in relation to attendance and interaction.
11. Commissioner Lynch stated that given the cost of holding an in-person ABM accounts for a third of the Commission's budget, this data would be significant when considering a dues increase and the return on investment of holding an in-person meeting. He concluded by voicing a preference for an alternating in-person and virtual meeting.
12. Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX) expressed agreement that alternating every other year may be best but asked what the cost savings for virtual years would be if that was chosen by the Commission. Ms. Dablow went over that cost difference.
13. Commissioner Berg suggested consideration be given for smaller group meetings throughout the year to continue face-to-face interaction on virtual meeting years.
14. Commissioner Gable stated her preference for in-person meetings. However, she acknowledged the benefits of meeting virtually and the cost savings for the Commission.
15. **DSLO Space Force State Statute Inclusion** –Ms. Dablow updated the Members on the DoD Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) initiative to update all state statutes defining or referencing the branches of service to include Space Force. She noted General Counsel issued a legal advisory in 2020 stating the Compact statute covers Space Force. She stated Rules was considering an amendment to Rules Chapter 100, SEC. 1.101, (w) that would add Space Force to the definition of "Uniformed Services." Ms. Dablow stated the Rules Committee released proposed Rules amendment language on July 26, 2023, and the Commission is currently in the 30-day window for Commission comment. She stated the Rules Committee memo and proposed Rules were located on the MIC3 website.

16. Commissioner Lynch stated that from the viewpoint of Washington State, they do not want to take any action that calls for a change in the law. He suggested using the same process used earlier regarding changes related to the Marine Corp as a reference.

ITEM 5 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. **Commission Annual Deadlines** – Commissioner Owen reminded Members Friday, June 30, 2023, was the end of fiscal year 2023. He outlined the items each state must submit by the end of the fiscal year to be in compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in the Compact.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

18. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Owen adjourned the meeting at 12:54 PM ET.