

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

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

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Laura Anastasio (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:02PM ET on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Roll call was conducted by Cherise Imai, Executive Director (ED). A quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. **Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar (AR) motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX). The motion carried.**

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023, meeting as presented, seconded by Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY). The motion carried.**

**ITEM 5 – GUEST SPEAKER**

5. **2023 Annual Business Meeting – Evening Reception Location** – Commissioner Designee Dan Dunham (VA) presented a request for the upcoming 2023 Annual Business Meeting reception to be held offsite at the nearby Virginia Fine Arts Museum instead of the Marriot Richmond. He noted the slightly higher cost which included bus transportation and food/beverage, however, would provide attendees to view the museum and the opportunity to venture outside of the hotel. He stated higher level state attendees would attend the reception as well.

6. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the location of the reception be held offsite from the Marriot Richmond, seconded by Treasurer Brian Henry (MO). The motion carried.**

## ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **2023 Annual Business Meeting** – Training and Operations Associate, Lindsey Dablow reminded members to register for the meeting using the *Official Attendees* link.
8. **CSG Memorandum of Agreement** – ED Imai reported the agreement was signed and a copy has been saved in the files.
9. **Blue Star Families (BSF) Ex-Officio Application** – ED Imai presented the application which includes a background of the organization, and a written recommendation by South Dakota. She noted if the Committee approved the application, the matter would be presented at the upcoming ABM for full commission consideration and a formal vote. She also noted the current process, which was utilized for the National Association of State High School Associations membership in 2015, was followed for BSF. She added on request by the Committee, a policy formalizing the process would be presented to the Committee next on the agenda.
10. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the application, seconded by Treasurer Henry. The motion carried.**
11. **New Ex-Officio Application Policy and Form** – ED Imai reviewed new policy which formalizes the process for outside organizations to apply for ex-officio membership on the Commission. If the Committee approved the policy, it would be assigned to the Communications and Outreach Committee for secondary review.
12. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Commissioner Delbridge. The motion carried.**
13. **Member Contact Information and Appropriate Email Use Policy** – ED Imai presented the new policy which was developed based on concerns expressed by several members that had received several unsolicited communications, primarily emails and or texts, from members regarding marketing and ads, advertisement for the individual's business, and/or updates and photographs on the individual's personal life, and/or requests to support their child's school/activity fundraisers. She noted members asked for advice on how to address the solicitations, and she recommended they inform the individual they did not want to receive communications regarding the subject matter and clarify a professional relationship was preferred, or if they were uncomfortable with this approach, to disregard and not respond. She noted if the Committee approved the policy, it would be assigned to the Communications and Outreach Committee for secondary review.
14. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Commissioner Ramos. The motion carried.**
15. **Legal Advisory #1-2023 on Compact Applicability to Sovereign and Tribal Lands** – ED Imai reviewed the advisory which was requested by the State of Connecticut through Chair Laura Anastasio. She explained the question of applicability had arisen periodically and advisement was sought from General Counsel on the matter. She stated dependents of commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service may reside on reservations and attend their schools, especially as they are often located in very rural and isolated areas. In sum, the Compact does not apply to military dependents residing and attending Native American schools as there are considered sovereign nations. For these schools to be included under the Compact would require an act of Congress.

16. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Treasurer Henry. The motion carried.**

17. **Alabama Travel Request** – Treasurer Henry explained the Commissioner from Alabama submitted a request for approval to the National Office to purchase a ticket for Delta Comfort which the member considered an economy class ticket. The member had done so the previous year, which was erroneously overlooked by staff. However, the current request was denied by ED Imai. Treasurer Henry stated the Travel Policy required further clarification on economy class, and recommended approval.

18. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Treasurer Henry. The motion carried.**

#### ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

19. **#5-2014 Travel Policy, Amended** – ED Imai reviewed the Travel Policy amendments.

20. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the policy, seconded by Commissioner Ramos. The motion carried.**

21. **Service Awards** – Communications Associate Christina King recommended three outgoing members for awards to the Committee.

22. **Commissioner Delbridge motioned to approve Bob Buehn (FL) and Khieem Jackson (CA), for the State Service Award; and Caitlin Hamon, of the National Association of Military Families, for a special award for her service a representative to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. The motion carried.**

23. **2024 Annual Business Meeting, Albuquerque, NM** – Ms. Dablow briefed members on the several sites identified as possible venues, the hotel proposals, and projected cost analysis. ED Imai reported Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmay conducted the site visits with her, as well her a representative from the New Mexico Office of Public Instruction. Their recommendation to the Committee was the Old Town Albuquerque Hotel due to its access to the airport, and available restaurants in the surrounding area within walking distance. ED Imai noted overall the price for the hotel room lodging was higher than government per diem for all venues, possible due to its preferred locale. Members suggested future events to be held in early November, they also discussed possibly instituting a per diem for members to control future travel costs.

24. **Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the Old Town Hotel as the locale for the 2024 Annual Business Meeting, seconded by Treasurer Henry. The motion carried.**

25. **Council of State Governments (CSG), Western Regional Conference and Panel on Supports for Military Families** – ED Imai reported CSG invited the Commission to participate in a panel at their upcoming meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) would attend with Ms. Dablow to represent the Commission.

26. **Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) Meeting** – ED Imai reported Chair Anastasio, Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA), and Treasurer Henry met with Ms. Dianna Ganote, and Director Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Kelli May Douglas, and Jeremy Hilton on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The discussion included an update on the citation correction; background on Utah's compact statute addition to include the ational guard and reserve; encouraging Commissioners to connect with their DSLO regional liaison and develop a relationship; and an invitation to the DSLO office to brief on the FY2023 priorities at the ABM.

## ITEM 8 – REPORTS

27. **Leadership Nomination** – Commissioner Kaminar reported the Committee met on Monday and approved the Election Guide which will be released in mid-September.

## ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. **At 2:02 PM ET, Commissioner Kaminar motioned to move into Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Henry. The motion carried.**

29. **At 2:34 PM ET, Commissioner Ramos motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Delbridge. The motion carried.**

## ITEM 10 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

30. ED Imai reminded members of the upcoming Compact 101 training sessions scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM ET, and August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM ET.

## ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

31. **Commissioner Delbridge motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Chair Anastasio adjourned the meeting at 2:38 PM ET.**