



Ex-officio Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2023
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

Table with 4 columns: Category (PRESENT, EXCUSED, STAFF), Name, Title, and Role. Lists attendees including Ernise Singleton, Dianna Ganote, Kyle Fairbairn, Eileen Huck, Amanda Woodyard, Davis Whitfield, Christina King, Cherise Imai, and Lindsey Dablow.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Vice Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

- 2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow conducted roll call.

ITEM 3 – AGENDA

- 3. The meeting agenda was accepted without amendments.

ITEM 4 – APRIL 13, 2023, MEETING NOTES

- 4. The meeting notes were accepted without amendments.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. Executive Committee (EXCOM) – Vice Chair Singleton reported the EXCOM met on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai updated members on Commission vacancies for Alaska, Oklahoma, and the National Military Families Association (NMFA), noting they have been filled. However, Arizona, California, and Oregon were vacant. Treasurer Brian Henry provided an update on the FY23 Dues with only two states outstanding - DC and Illinois. Vice Chair Singleton stated members received a memo from the Rules Committee Memo on June 26th regarding five (5) proposed rules or amendments. Commissioners have 30 days to provide official comments on the proposals if they would like. More information on this topic will be provided during the National Office report.

6. National Office

- a. Compact 101 Training – Ms. Dablow announced the Training Committee recently approved and released the Compact 101 Training in American Sign Language, which was available on the Commission’s website.
b. Parent Guide and Brochure in Spanish – Ms. Dablow announced the Communications and Outreach Committee released the Parent Guide and quad-fold brochure in Spanish. She

- noted it was available for digital download on mic3.net. The resources are in addition to the Compact 101 Training in Spanish released by the Training Committee during the 2022 ABM.
- c. [June 2023 Tier Group Meetings](#) – ED Imai reported the four Tier Groups met in June. Discussion centered on the Data Collection rule, ABM Cost Analysis: In Person vs. Virtual, and the US Department of Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) Space Force amendment.
 - d. **2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)** – Vice Chair Singleton reminded members to register for the upcoming ABM. She noted the registration information page and link were available on mic3.net and to contact the National Office for assistance if necessary.

7. **Ex-officio Organization Updates**

a. **US Department of Defense**

- i. Ms. Dianna Ganote reported that the Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) office was working on a congressional report with Penn State due in December 2023. The report examines five prior DSLO priorities and the impact of the initiatives. The study on the Compact includes interviews with stakeholders including school liaisons, educators, parents, and compact commissioners – and how the Compact works. Short interviews were nearly complete, and onsite interviews would be held on six installations.
- ii. DSLO's Top 10 priorities will be briefed in September. Ms. Ganote will follow up to ensure that the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) and MIC3 are invited to the meeting.
- iii. Mr. Kyle Fairbairn expressed concerns regarding a study that reported that 10% of families with special needs (SPED) students were dissatisfied with military-impacted schools. He stated the military-impacted schools accommodate and support students well. Mr. Fairbairn noted MISA's summer meeting in Washington State, which included installation visits to Central Kitsap-Bangor and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), and highlighted the support schools provide for this population, as well as all students. Ms. Ganote responded SPED would be in the top 10, though not framed negatively. She suggested scheduling a call with the DSLO Regional Liaisons to discuss this further. She knew SPED is a concern, and perhaps focusing on best practices on how districts support military students was a more feasible approach. Ms. Eileen Huck expressed similar concerns and asked how the DSLO would address SPED as the program is regulated by the Department of Education.
- iv. Ms. Ganote reported the Headquarter School Liaisons will participate on a panel at the upcoming Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Global Summit to present on mental health.
- v. She stated the USDOD is working with the Commission to update MIC3's Military Representative Guide. ED Imai reported the changes were sent to the Council of State Government's (CSG) Communications Office, and the revised first draft is pending.
- vi. Ms. Ganote reported a data request from the Commission had been received for school-aged active-duty military dependents from the USDOD Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) for the annual calculation of state dues.

b. **Military Impacted Schools Association**

- i. As he stated earlier, Mr. Fairbairn reported the MISA Summer Meeting was held in Washington state. MIC3 Washington Commissioner Greg Lynch attended the meeting and addressed the attendees. He noted that ED Imai attended and presented on the partnership with MIC3. They visited JBLM and Naval Base Kitsap. The installation leadership facilitated the site visit with support from Naval Region Northwest Liaison Kelly Scheese and JBLM School Liaison Norma Melo. Naval Region Northwest RADM Mark Sucato welcomed members at their opening event. Naval Base Kitsap Commanding Officer CAPT John Hale conducted a command brief, and 62nd Airlift Wing Deputy Commander Col David Morales spoke to the mission at JBLM.

- ii. Mr. Fairbairn noted the MIC3 partnership on training with MISA districts to educate on the Compact and involving the rural and surrounding districts to help inform on its rules and regulations.
- iii. Regarding Impact Aid, he explained that Defense Funding for FY23 will likely be at \$50/20M, and the House FY 2022 defense appropriations bill includes \$40 M in the Office of Local Defense Community account for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program. With spending caps in place, nondefense appropriations will likely see a decrease.
- iv. Finally, he expressed appreciation for the other ex-officio member and MIC3 for their partnership and support.

c. National Military Family Association

- i. Ms. Huck reported Caitlin Hamon recently left the organization, and she would be the new representative to the Commission. She had previously served as the liaison, was happy to be back, and looked forward to working with everyone.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

- 8. [MIC3 Proposed Rules or Amendments Posted for Commission Comment](#) – Vice Chair Singleton reported that the Rules Committee proposed three (3) rule amendments and two (2) new rules. Those were released to Commissioners and Ex-officio representatives for a 30-day comment period. Commissioners, Commissioner Designees, and Ex-officio Representatives have until July 26, 2023, to submit official written comments on the five proposals on behalf of their state or organization.
 - a. Amendment: SEC. 1.101 Definitions updates the definition of Uniformed Services to include Space Force. This amendment is being proposed to clarify Space Force is covered by the Compact and strengthen the legal advisory issued several years ago noting their inclusion.
 - b. Amendment: SEC. 2.101 Adoption of Rules; Amendments adds the deadline of February 28th for submission of Rules proposals or amendments. The deadline is to allow the Rules Committee time to process those requests before the ABM, where the full Commission votes on the Rules.
 - c. Amendment: SEC. 2.101 Data Collection and Reporting removes the annual reporting requirement since States cannot meet this provision of the Rule and allows the Commission flexibility on what data it collects.
 - d. New Rule: SEC. 7.106 Dispute Escalation takes the language from the current Resolving Compliance Issues policy and places it in Rules. General Counsel recommends this action because this policy has a mechanism for enforcement when states are out of compliance with the Compact statute.
 - e. New Rule: Sec. 8.101 State Coordination takes language from the current State Coordination policy and places it in Rules. General Counsel recommends this action because the policy sets additional reporting requirements on the member states and should, therefore, be in a Rule.
- 9. **Ex-officio ABM Networking Opportunity**
 - a. Ms. Dablow reported that during the 2022 ABM, the school liaisons provided an information table at the event, and this year, staff wanted to extend the opportunity to ex-officio organizations. Members said while they appreciated the offer, they felt networking was a more viable option. Ms. Dablow added that members could provide informational materials for distribution at the commissioner’s seats.
- 10. **Ex-officio Presentations for ABM (2022 ABM)**
 - a. Ms. Dablow informed Members that the Commission would like to produce a new webinar series (Example: NFHS) on each ex-officio organization to highlight their history, overall

mission, and purpose. The webinar would be filmed in August and made available to Commissioners prior to the ABM. In addition, the brief would be helpful for new commission members. Members were supportive of the proposal.

- b. Ms. Dablow stated that based on the above, the ABM brief /presentations ([Example: MCEC](#)) would focus on current topics and upcoming initiatives for the ex-officio organization. Members were supportive of the proposal.

ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. **Items for the Executive Committee** – No items were brought forth by Members.
12. **Upcoming Webinars** – Vice Chair Singleton announced the upcoming webinar schedule:
 - a. Promulgation of Rules – July
 - b. Amended Travel Policy – July
 - c. Past, Present, and Future - August
 - d. [Compact 101 Training, July 25, 2023, 2:00 PM ET](#)
13. Vice Chair Singleton reported the next meeting would be held on October 12th at 11:00 AM ET.

ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT

14. Vice Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 12:59 PM ET.