



RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
2:00-3:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Mary Gable Daniel Dunham Davina French Ann Pettit Michael Rodriguez	Maryland Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee North Dakota Commissioner South Dakota Commissioner Delaware Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Kathy Berg Ben Rasmussen Davis Whitfield Cherise Imai	Hawaii Commissioner Utah Commissioner NFHS Executive Director	Ex-officio Representative
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow Christina King Stuart Michael	Training & Operations Associate Communications Associate General Counsel	
GUEST	Natalie Altermatt	Oregon Department of Education	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 2:05 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Communications Associate Christina King took roll call. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Michael Rodriguez (DE) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) motioned to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD). Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – The EXCOM met on July 20th to review Blue Star Families' application to join the Commission as an Ex-officio Organization. The Chair noted additional information on this topic would be shared with the Commission in the coming weeks.
6. Chair Gable informed the Members that the Finance Committee proposed and EXCOM accepted changes to the policy *5-2014 Travel Reimbursement and Guidance*. She noted a webinar would be taped to provide updates on the policy for Commissioners to review as they prepare to travel to the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

7. Chair Gable noted the EXCOM voted to accept Legal Advisory *2-2023 Compact Application to Sovereign Nations and Tribal Lands* which concludes the Compact does not apply to schools operated by a sovereign tribal nation.

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

8. **FY23 Case and Inquiry Report** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow who reviewed the Case and Inquiry summary, noting 46% of the cases or inquiries were from parents with 22% of cases being generated from Compact Commissioners. The majority of cases were not compact related but focused on school choice, early withdrawal, and Kindergarten entrance age. Of the 27% of cases that were compact-related course placement and graduation requirements were the main topics. Ms. Dablow concluded the report noting Tier One states or heavily impacted states continue to have the most cases or inquiries but stated that is typical.

9. There being no further questions or comments, Chair Gable moved to the next agenda item.

10. **Proposed Rules & Amendments** – Chair Gable reported the period for Commission Comment ended on July 26, 2023, and no comments were submitted. The Rules Committee had no discussion or comments on the amended Rule, SEC. 101 Definitions.

11. **Commissioner Davina French (ND) motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 1.101 Definitions. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

12. Chair Gable provided an overview of amended Rule, SEC. 2.101 Adoption of Rules. The Committee had no additional discussion or comments on the proposed language.

13. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 2.101 Adoption of Rules. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

14. Chair Gable provided an overview of amended Rules, SEC. 2.102 Data Collection and Reporting. The Committee had no additional discussion or comments on the proposed language.

15. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 2.102 Data Collection and Reporting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.**

16. Chair Gable provided an overview of proposed Rule SEC. 7.106 Escalation and Reporting of Disputes. Commissioner French reiterated her concern to the members for creating a rule when there is not a current issue.

17. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to approve the proposed Compact Rule SEC. 7.106 Escalation and Reporting of Disputes. Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD) seconded the motion. Commissioners Gable, Rodriguez, Pettit, and Dunham voted in favor of the measure. Commissioner French voted against the measure. Motion carried.**

18. Chair Gable provided an overview of the proposed Rule SEC. 8.101 Coordination Between States and Commission. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Rule as presented. Commissioner Pettit seconded the motion.**

19. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked Commissioner Rodriguez to accept a friendly amendment, amending the text in section (b) (2), replacing “failure” with “inability.” **Amendment was accepted by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.**

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

20. **Strategic Plan Update** – Chair Gable informed the Committee that a webinar would be taped on reviewing the Rules promulgation process. The webinar will be used to remind current members and inform newly appointed Commissioners of the process by which the Commission develops and approves Rules.

21. **2023 ABM Presentation** – Chair Gable recognized Ms. Dablow, who reviewed the Rules Committee’s ABM presentation. There being no comments or corrections the Chair asked for a motion.

22. **Commissioner Pettit motioned to approve the presentation as presented. Commissioner French seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

23. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No comments or feedback was provided for the EXCOM.

24. **Compact 101 Training: September 14, 2023, 2:00 PM ET** – Chair Gable informed the members of upcoming Compact 101 Training sessions.

25. **ABM Registration Link** – Chair Gable reminded Members to register for the upcoming ABM.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

26. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettit. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM ET.