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## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 14, 2021**

PRESENT	Daron Korte Bruce DuPlanty Khieem Jackson Nickolas Sojka, Jr Shelley Joan Weiss Davina French Mike Price Kristen Windham	Minnesota Commissioner Arizona Commissioner California Commissioner North Carolina Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Michigan Commissioner Mississippi Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Davis Whitfield	NFHS	Ex-officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director, MIC3 Training & Operations Associate, MIC3	
GUEST	Ann Pettit	South Dakota Representative	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM ET by Compliance Chair Daron Korte (MN). The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner for Mississippi, Kristen Windham, to the Committee.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. MIC3 Training & Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. Commissioner Davina French (ND) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI). Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. Commissioner Weiss motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Price (MI). Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** - Chair Korte reported the EXCOM has been focused on the format of the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) since it will be held virtually on the Zoom platform.

6. The Chair noted the Finance Committee reported the annual audit of the Commission's finances by Blue and Co. was completed and no findings are expected. The Treasurer also notified the EXCOM that the Operations Audit, which is part of the Committee's assigned Tactics on the current Strategic Plan, will be completed soon and those findings will be presented at ABM.

7. Chair Korte reviewed what each of the Commission's Standing Committees are working on ahead of the ABM, including the online Election Guide developed by the Leadership Nomination Committee.

## ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

8. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Korte stated Fiscal Year 2021 closed on June 30<sup>th</sup> and those member states that did not report holding a State Council meeting have been contacted. The Chair asked the Members for feedback on those states who have not held a meeting now for several years and are out of compliance with the *1-2017 State Coordination* policy. The Chair recommended elevating those states to a Level 1 under the *1-2019 Resolving Compliance Issues* policy. Under the guidelines of the policy a written communication would be sent to those states reminding them they are out of compliance and requesting they hold a meeting as soon as possible.

9. Commissioner Weiss referenced the stress individuals in the education field have been in throughout the pandemic and stated she would prefer the Committee be lenient. She suggested developing a meeting minutes template for the State Councils to use. Finally, she asked what was being done to reach out to those states who have not held a meeting.

10. Chair Korte thanked Commissioner Weiss for her comments and agreed that a lenient approach was best. He stated the communication could be a casual email reminding the state of the obligation under the policy and offering assistance should they need it.

11. Commissioner French supported the comments made by Commissioner Weiss noting North Dakota is a lower military-impacted state so there are not many issues that need to be addressed. Chair Korte agreed and mentioned Minnesota is also a lower military-impact state along with Wisconsin and North Dakota but reiterated that annual State Council meetings is a requirement of the current Commission policy.

12. Commissioner Khieem Jackson (CA) asked if School Liaisons (SL) work and resolve the cases in the lower impacted states or do the cases come directly to the Commissioner? Chair Korte explained that Minnesota has no bases or installations, and the SL is in Washington, so he does have some communication with the SL but not much. Due to that he, as the Compact Commissioner, handles most of the cases that occur in Minnesota.

13. Chair Korte agreed to send a note to those states that are not in compliance with *1-2017 State Coordination Policy* and offer the assistance of the National Office and the Committee. **[OPEN ITEM]**

14. **Commissioner Vacancies** – The Chair provided Members with the background of the Commissioner vacancy in Indiana. MIC3's Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai and Chair Korte have both contacted the appointing authority and their representative to request an appointment but have had no response. As it relates to compliance, Indiana is at a Level Three, but Chair Korte expressed hesitation at elevating it to a Level Four. Instead, the Chair offered to write a letter to the Governor of Indiana and the Chief of Staff requesting the appointment and outline the various steps taken to secure the appointment, then let them know where it stands before the Compliance Committee and the next steps that would be taken should the appointment not be made in a timely manner.

15. Commissioner Nickolas Sojka, Jr. (NC) asked who the appointing authority for Indiana is and Chair Korte responded the Governor. ED Imai noted that the person appointed

previously was from the Governor's office but has not responded to any of the National Office's communications.

16. Commissioner Weiss asked if examples were provided to the appointing authority (i.e., a superintendent of a highly impacted school district) to help the Governor identify the appropriate person to appoint? Commissioner Sojka suggested providing data to support the appointment noting those families located in the state that this vacancy affects. Chair Korte thanked both Commissioner Weiss and Commissioner Sojka for their suggestions and noted he would include that information in the letter to the Governor's Office.

17. The Chair stated the letter would be developed and circulated to the Committee Members prior to sending. [OPEN ITEM]

18. **End-of-Year (EOY) Reporting** – Chair Korte noted the deadline for submitting the EOY Report was extended to August 31, 2021 and thanked Staff for contacting those states who had failed to meet the deadline. The Chair asked the Members if the Committee wanted to draft a letter informing those states they are out of compliance or if they would like to wait until after ABM to contact them. The latter option would allow those delinquent states to use the online template to complete this requirement. Commissioner Jackson noted reminders have been sent but supported sending one more reminder to provide those states with another opportunity to submit their EOY Report.

19. Commissioner Weiss asked if the EOY Report template was live on the mic3.net and could a link to that be included in the request. She also asked if a person or organization requesting information from the National Office about a state's reporting would be sent to the Commissioner or will the Commissioner be informed of the request. ED Imai responded the National Office gets very few requests for information and those can normally be handled by directing the requestor to the state's page on mic3.net. She noted that in the one instance where a person requested information on a specific state that inquiry was directed to the Commissioner for them to address. ED Imai informed the Members that the online EOY Report will not be available until it is presented at ABM which follows past Commission practices for newly developed tools. [OPEN ITEM]

20. **Strategic Plan** – Chair Korte updated the Committee regarding the Compliance Committee Memo that is scheduled to go out prior to the ABM that will complete the Committee's tactics under the current Strategic Plan. He asked that the draft version of the memo be circulated to the Committee Members for their feedback.

## ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

21. **2021 ABM Compliance Committee Presentation** – The Members reviewed the Committee's presentation for the ABM. There was no feedback at this time, but Ms. Dablow will email the presentation to the Members so they can review it again and offer feedback.

## ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

22. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Commissioner Weiss asked if Chair Korte could update the Committee on the proposal for extending Compact coverage to include National

Guard and Reserve personnel. Chair Korte deferred to ED Imai who informed the Members that the EXCOM is reviewing the reports, which are being combined into a guide, and the guide will be published once it is approved by the EXCOM. She noted of those states who have submitted reports, which is 21 states, there is no unanimous opinion regarding inclusion of the National Guard and Reserve. Commissioner DuPlanty asked ED Imai if input received during the ABM will be considered even if the state has not submitted a written report. ED Imai said all input will be considered and expressed consideration for those states who have struggled to convene their state council.

23. Commissioner DuPlanty and Weiss both expressed their appreciation for the EOY Report template.

24. **Release of Commissioner Information related to IDEA and Special Education –** Chair Korte reminded the Committee that the IDEA and Special Education information is available on the Commissioner page of mic3.net.

## **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

25. Chair Korte noted this is the last meeting of the Compliance Committee before ABM. He expressed his appreciation for the Member's time and dedication to the compliance. Commissioner Weiss asked how committee membership would be determined for the next year. Chair Korte responded the Chair determines committee membership and recommended that the question be poised during the Elections Q&A session for those seeking the Chair position. ED Imai responded this topic is outlined in the Commission's Bylaws and pasted the link into the Chat box. She also noted that Commissioners may contact the Chair to discuss where they would like to be placed but reminded the Members that having the Commission divided equally among the Standing Committees is important so quorum can be achieved, and the Committees can get their work done.

26. Hearing no further comments Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 2:43 PM ET.



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 11, 2022

Table with 4 columns: Status (PRESENT, EXCUSED, STAFF), Name, Title, and Role (Chair, Ex-officio). Lists members from various states and staff roles.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM ET by Compliance Chair Steven Bullard (KY). The Chair welcomed the Committee Members and provided additional background on implementing MIC3 in Kentucky and his role with the Commission.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. MIC3 Training & Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar (AR) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Price (MI). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Commissioner Price motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nickolas Sojka, Jr. (NC). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. Executive Committee (EXCOM) - Chair Bullard reported the EXCOM met in November and December. The Chair was unable to attend one of the meeting days in December due to a prior commitment.

schedule a meeting with the New Jersey Department of Education to resolve the issue. For FY22, more than 84% of member states have submitted their annual dues payment.

6. For Compliance, more than 86% of states have submitted their End-of-Year (EOY) Reports and in FY21, 91% held state council meetings both are significant increases over previous years.

7. Finally, the Post-ABM 2021 survey was distributed to the Commission, and it closed on Friday, December 3, 2021. The results are being processed and will be shared with the EXCOM once finalized.

## **ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS**

8. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Bullard reminded the Members that 91% of states held a State Council meeting during FY21 with 10 states unable to hold a meeting putting those states out of compliance with the *1-2017 State Coordination* policy. At the end of the September 2021 meeting the Committee directed the Compliance Chair to contact those states that had not held a State Council meeting to offer assistance.

9. In FY22, 13 states have held State Council meetings including first time meetings for Arizona and Pennsylvania. The Chair noted, for the record, that the District of Columbia (D.C.) Compact Commissioner position is currently vacant, but the National Office is working with the D.C. Office of the Mayor to obtain the appointment.

10. Several states, Alaska, Indiana, and Mississippi, have newly appointed Commissioners so there is a grace period for those Commissioners to get members appointed to their State Council and then hold a meeting. Chair Bullard stated Alaska's Commissioner Wayne Marquis is a Member of the Compliance Committee, but due to travel and weather issues he was unable to attend today's meeting.

11. The Chair reminded the Members that in 2021 Texas passed legislation establishing that state's first State Council. This leaves Vermont and Maine as the two states that are in violation of the Commission's policy. According to *1-2019 Resolving Compliance Issues* this qualifies as a Level One issue and directs the Executive Director (ED) to contact the parties involved and attempt to resolve the matter. The Chair asked for a motion from the Members regarding next steps for Vermont and Maine.

12. Commissioner Korte motioned to elevate Vermont and Maine to Level One under the *1-2019* policy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Chair Bullard opened the floor for discussion and asked the Staff to provide next steps to the Members. Ms. Dablow stated under the *1-2019* policy ED Imai would contact the Commissioner for Vermont and Maine informing them the Committee has elevated this to a Level One and request they hold a State Council Meeting.

13. Noting the stress states are under given the current everchanging nature of the pandemic, Commissioner Korte provided a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Kaminar voiced support for a June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Commissioner DuPlanty stated it took Arizona 4 to 6 months to obtain the State Council appointments from the Governor's Office. Chair Bullard thanked each member for their feedback.

14. The motion was amended to reflect a deadline of June 30, 2022, for those delinquent states to hold a State Council meeting. Motion carried. **[OPEN ITEM]**

15. **Commissioner Vacancies and Appointments** – Chair Bullard asked ED Imai to update the Committee on Commissioner Vacancies and Appointments. ED Imai reported appointments were made for Indiana, South Dakota, and West Virginia. All the newly appointed Commissioners have



completed the onboarding process, including Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD) who serves on Compliance.

16. ED Imai confirmed the D.C. Commissioner position is currently vacant. She stated the National Office met with the Mayor's Office in December 2021 to review the status and offer assistance. Carlie Fisherow, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, verified staff is currently working on the appointment, and acknowledge D.C. has had a couple cases so filling the position is important to support those military families in the D.C. area.

17. ED Imai stated, since her tenure, this is the closest the Commission has been to being fully appointed. She thanked the Members for their effort towards accomplishing this goal. Chair Bullard recognized former Compliance Chair Daron Korte and the Committee Members for their hard work.

18. **End-of-Year Reporting** – Chair Bullard stated 44 states submitted EOY Reports in FY21 which is a 60% increase over the previous year. States outstanding were DC, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Texas, and Vermont. Again, due to DC's Commissioner vacancy, and new Commissioner appointments for Indiana and Mississippi that leaves Illinois, New Jersey, Texas, and Vermont out of compliance.

19. The Chair reported an email was distribute to those three states providing the Commissioners with a link to the online, digital EOY Report template. He thanked the Members of the Committee for developing the EOY Report template and launching it during the 2021 ABM making it very easy for Commission Members to submit those reports to the National Office.

20. Chair Bullard asked for a motion to identify next steps for those states who have not submitted their state's EOY Report. Commissioner Price asked if any states responded to the initial email sent by Commissioner Bullard and the Chair responded Maine did submit their EOY Report after the email. Commissioner Price suggested the Compliance Chair to contact Illinois, New Jersey, Vermont, and Texas one additional time to offer assistance and communicate the EOY Report needs to be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the communication. Should the outstanding states not respond to the Chair's communication then the Committee will elevate it to a Level One and ask ED Imai to contact the outstanding states. Commissioner Kaminar motioned to approve the suggested action and proceed accordingly. The motion was second by Commissioner Korte. Motion carried. **[OPEN ITEM]**

21. **Strategic Plan 2020-2022** – Chair Bullard updated the Committee on the tasks assigned to them under the current Strategic Plan. The Chair stated the EXCOM will meet in April and begin working on the next three-year Strategic Plan. As in years past, Commissioners will be able to provide feedback through their committees but until then Compliance will continue to review and work on compliance issues before the Commission.

## **ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS**

22. **Compliance Committee Memo – Annual Deadlines** – Chair Bullard reviewed the draft version of the Compliance Committee Memo regarding annual deadlines. Ms. Dablow noted the memo would be distributed to all Commissioners and Commissioner Designees as a reminder of the annual reporting deadlines outlined in the Commission's guidance documents. She stated, due to the substantial increase of submissions last year, the goal for FY22 is 100% compliance. She requested the Committee's consent to release the Compliance Memo to the Commission. Commissioner Price requested information pertaining to the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest, as well as other annual deadlines be distributed before the end of the calendar year to remind Members before January. Chair Bullard supported the early release of information pertaining to the Commission deadlines.

23. **Communicating Compliance Deadlines** – Ms. Dablow shared with the Members information pertaining to the annual deadlines. This includes the Committee approved Compliance Memo and communications disseminated through the National Office reminding the representatives about the deadlines. She asked the Members to provide feedback on other communication that would help the Members meet the deadlines.

24. Chair Bullard volunteered as Committee Chair to do a monthly reminder email to those who have not met upcoming deadlines. Commissioner Kaminar noted the infographic provided in the Annual Report helped prompt states with outstanding items and recommended updating that graphic monthly and sharing it with the Commission. Ms. Dablow noted the National Office will update the infographic monthly and provide that for use in communications going forward.

#### **ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

25. **Items for the Executive Committee** – Commissioner DuPlanty thanked the National Office for their assistance prior to and during Arizona’s inaugural meeting of their State Council in December.

26. ED Imai informed the Members the National Office will be facilitating monthly webinars beginning in January. The first webinar is a conversation with Dr. Crystal Lewis of the National Military Families Association regarding the Military Teen Experience survey results and findings. There being no other comments, Chair Bullard asked for a motion to adjourn.

#### **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

27. Commissioner Price made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Motion carried.

28. Hearing no further comments Chair Bullard adjourned the meeting at 2:43 PM ET.



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 10, 2022

PRESENT	Steven Bullard Daron Korte Bruce DuPlanty Nickolas Sojka, Jr John "Don" Kaminar Mike Price Ann Pettit Sarah Forster Wayne Marquis Shelley Joan Weiss	Kentucky Commissioner Minnesota Commissioner Arizona Commissioner North Carolina Commissioner Arkansas Commissioner Michigan Commissioner South Dakota Commissioner Maine Commissioner Alaska Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Mike Price Ray Shaw Davis Whitfield Cherise Imai Stephanie Ramsey	Michigan Commissioner Montana Commissioner NFHS Executive Director Communications Associate	Ex-officio
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow	Training & Operations Associate	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM ET by Compliance Chair Steven Bullard (KY).

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. MIC3 Training & Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll and a quorum was established.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar (AR) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI). Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. Commissioner Weiss motioned to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaminar. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** - Chair Bullard reported the EXCOM held their annual Spring Retreat on April 19-21, 2022, in Lexington, KY. Consultant Brian Riggs, Riggs Enterprises, was on hand to assist with developing the Commission's third Strategic Plan. Chair Bullard informed the Members that the full Commission would be engaged through surveys and interviews with Mr. Riggs. He asked members to watch their email for those communications.

6. The Chair provided an update on the other Standing Committees of the Commission. He noted the Commission's social media presence has increased thanks to Communications Associate Stephanie Ramsey, and recommended Members follow MIC3 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Tik Tok. Chair Bullard also acknowledged MIC3 training continues to take place, both virtually and in person. He informed the Members that the Rules Committee is developing an *Open Records Request* policy to address appeals for information from outside entities and individuals.

7. Finally, each member should have received an email and calendar invite from the National Office asking them to participate in their designated Tier Group meeting. Chair Bullard told Members to contact the National Office if they had not received the email.

## ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

8. **State Council Meetings** – Chair Bullard reminded Members that during the January 11, 2022, meeting the Committee voted to elevate member states Vermont and Maine to a Level 1 under the *1-2019 Resolving Compliance Issues* policy and directed Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai to contact those state's Commissioners and inform them of the Committee's action and request they hold a state council meeting.

9. Since the Committee's meeting ED Imai has informed Vermont and Maine of the deadline to hold their state council meeting. Vermont Commissioner David Young responded to the email and noted Vermont held a state council meeting on March 9, 2022. Updates will be provided at each committee meeting leading up to the June 2022 deadline.

10. Chair Bullard informed the Committee that North Carolina Commissioner Nickolas Sojka, upon review of the State Council meeting document, emailed the National Office to update the document to reflect North Carolina's State Council meeting on March 22, 2022. The Chair promoted this as a best practice. **[OPEN ITEM]**

11. **End-of-Year (EOY) Reporting** – Chair Bullard reminded the Members of the Committee's past actions related to this agenda item. He stated that during the Committee's January meeting it was determined Chair Bullard would email those states that have not submitted their EOY Reports: Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, and Vermont. The Chair sent a reminder email on January 27, 2022, and Texas responded by submitting its EOY Report.

12. Chair Bullard sent an additional reminder to Illinois, New Jersey, and Vermont on February 25, 2022. Illinois responded and submitted its EOY Report. He noted at that time only New Jersey and Vermont had not submitted an EOY Report.

13. The Chair noted the members voted to elevate those states still outstanding at the March meeting, New Jersey, and Vermont, to a Level 1 and asked ED Imai to contact them. ED Imai contacted both Vermont and New Jersey in March, and Vermont submitted their EOY Report.

14. Commissioner Weiss made a motion to elevate New Jersey to a Level 3 and have Chair Bullard contact the Commissioner directly requesting he submit the state's EOY report and informing him that failure to submit an EOY report will elevate this issue to a Level 4 and be reported to the EXCOM for further action. Commissioner Weiss noted she was making the motion so the item could be discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sojka and the floor was open for discussion.

15. Commissioner Weiss asked for background information and historical context regarding New Jersey's past practices relating to Commission deadlines. The Chair yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow for

comment. Ms. Dablow reminded the Committee that *1-2017 State Coordination Policy* was passed in 2017. At the time of passage, member states were provided two years to comply and establish a routine for submitting End-of-Year Reports. Ms. Dablow noted that the Compliance Committee began tracking compliance of states to policy *1-2017* in 2019 and 2020. In 2021, the Committee developed the online digital EOY form making it easy for states to submit their report. She noted the National Office has been in contact with New Jersey's Commissioner who has indicated he intends to submit a report but has not done it yet.

16. Chair Bullard noted the previous emails sent to those states that were outstanding have not been adversarial because that is not the intention. However, there is a desire to close out this item for Fiscal Year 2021. Commissioner Weiss recommended moving forward with the motion before the Committee. Motion carried. **[OPEN ITEM]**

17. Chair Bullard informed the Committee that the National Office was considering publishing an annual booklet with each state's EOY Report and asked if the Members had thoughts or feedback on headquarters doing such. Commissioner Weiss asked what the purpose was behind the project and if there would be a cost associated with the project. The Chair yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow.

18. Ms. Dablow stated the current practice is to post each state's EOY Report on the state's page on mic3.net. She noted that anyone wanting to view those reports had to go to each individual state's page this would place the reports in one place. The purpose was to make access easier so Commissioners could review and glean best practices from the other member state's reports. Ms. Dablow informed the Committee that there would be no fiscal impact for this project since it would be a digital booklet uploaded to mic3.net.

19. Chair Bullard noted that the EOY Reports are public record and asked if the booklet would allow ease of access to the information. Ms. Dablow confirmed that it would. Commissioner Weiss asked if the information could be sorted not only by alpha order but also by Tier Group. Ms. Dablow noted that request and would investigate sorting the report both ways.

## **ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS**

20. **Review of Solving Compliance Issues Policy** – Chair Bullard stated the current policy addresses Compact implementation topics such as holding state council meetings and dues payment, but other organizations have had to address other types of compliance issues related to the behavior of Members or failure of the Member to perform their job duties. The Chair explained that Legal Counsel asked the Executive Committee what policy is currently in place to address a situation where the Commissioner is out of compliance?

21. Chair Bullard noted that more than 30% of the Commission has been appointed in the past two years, and this should be seen as an opportunity for the Commission to be proactive instead of reactionary and set expectations for Commissioners. He stated amending the current policy would set those expectations and clearly outline what the process is if a commissioner is unable to fulfill their duties. Chair Bullard asked the Members if the Committee wanted to ask Legal Counsel for language that they could consider for amending the current policy?

22. The Chair informed the Committee that there have been situations where it appears that a commissioner has a conflict of interest that has hindered them from assisting with a case(s). He reiterated the request was for language from Legal Counsel to consider not a request to amend the policy. Commissioner Kaminar motioned to request language from Legal Counsel for consideration regarding Commissioner behavior and fulfilling their duties. Commissioner Sarah Forster (ME)

seconded the motion. Chair Bullard opened the floor for discussion and asked Ms. Dablow to provide additional information to the Members.

23. Ms. Dablow stated the question was also raised through the Council of State Governments (CSG) and within other affiliate organizations because of Member behavior at meetings and/or when representing the organization. She provided several examples of areas the current policy does not address such as what would happen should a commissioner behave in an inappropriate manner towards a staff person. Ms. Dablow stated waiting to develop the language until something happens would be shortsighted.

24. Chair Bullard reiterated the motion was to request language for consideration from Legal Counsel but that it does not obligate the Committee to accept the language or amend the current policy. Commissioner Forster requested staff obtain a copy of CSG's policy and Ms. Dablow noted she would provide that to the Committee. There being no further discussion the Chair called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried. **[OPEN ITEM]**

### **ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

25. **Items for the Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Ms. Dablow reminded Members FY22 EOY Reports are due by June 30, 2022. She noted Wisconsin had already submitted their report. She also stated the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) would be held on October 19-20, 2022, in Baton Rouge, LA. Additional information will be provided to the Commission as it becomes available.

26. Commissioner Weiss asked if there had been discussion of how to support individuals who could not or preferred not to travel to ABM due to a rise in COVID-19 cases. Chair Bullard replied the EXCOM had discussed various options and was reviewing what other organizations are doing to address the everchanging status of the pandemic.

### **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

27. Hearing no further comments, Chair Bullard adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM ET.