

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, March 21, 2024

PRESENT	Ernise Singleton Daron Korte Laura Anastasio Mary Gable Steve Bullard Shelly Ramos Chad Delbridge Dianna Ganote	Louisiana Commissioner Minnesota Commissioner Connecticut Commissioner Maryland Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Texas Commissioner Wyoming Commissioner USDOD Representative	Chair Vice Chair Past Chair Rules Compliance Training Comm. & Outreach Ex-Officio
EXCUSED	Greg Lynch	Washington Commissioner	Treasure & Finance
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training & Operations Assoc.	Secreta
GUEST	Lorna Festa	Consultant	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Commission Chair, Ernise Singleton (LA) called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

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

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **The agenda was approved by consent with an amendment.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **The minutes were approved by consent.**

ITEM 5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. **Commissioner Mary Gable (MD) motioned to enter executive session. Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) seconded. The motion carried.**
6. **Executive session exited with consent.**
7. **Commissioner Gable motioned to approve a proposal and contract for the commission to work with a professional development and strategic planning consultant. Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY) seconded. The motion carried.**

ITEM 6 – REPORTS

8. **Chair** – Chair Singleton reported she and ED Imai attended the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) and Military Impacted Schools Association meetings in

Washington DC. Chair Singleton met with Superintendents and also heard testimony from students assisted by the Compact.

9. **Executive Director** – ED Imai notified General Counsel of the approved rate increase and is pending a contract effective July 1, 2024 - in alignment with the fiscal year. She ED reported the vacant commissioner seats for Alaska and Indiana have been filled and are pending onboarding. The commissioner's appointment for California is pending until the national office receives his appointment letter. ED Imai yielded the floor to Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow. Ms. Dablow reported the national office participated in the Delaware Council's State Meeting. The national office was approved to provide a 201 Training at the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Global Summit in July. The national office has applied to present at the Education Commission of the States conference this summer and anticipates a response by end April. Ms. Dablow informed the Committee that fifty-two users have been added to the Training Portal between February and March. This brought the new total to 172 users since the program debuted in November. Ms. Dablow yielded the floor back to ED Imai, who informed the Committee of upcoming webinars planned for school liaisons, on special needs, and for the Month of the Military Child. A webinar is scheduled for April 3, on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Financial Audit.

10. **Compliance Committee** – Commissioner Bullard introduced an infographic outlining state compliance for FY24. New Jersey and Mississippi have been referred to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) for outstanding items from FY23. New Jersey submitted their FY23 End of Year Report that morning, and ED Imai scheduled a call with the Mississippi commissioner to discuss the outstanding items. The Committee asked ED Imai to have general counsel send a formal letter as well.

15. **Commissioner Bullard motioned to have a formal letter sent to Mississippi for non-compliance for their FY23 state council meeting and for not submitting their FY23 end-of-year report. Commissioner Shelley Ramos (TX) seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

16. **Communications and Outreach Committee (C&O)** – Commissioner Delbridge reported the Committee met the week prior. He stated the feedback on the State Spotlights from the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) were favorable therefore the states will be filmed as best practices. The Committee also seek compact cases to feature on the Compact Voices video series. A media release was posted for Month of the Military Child (MOTMC) and Purple Up! Day and was embargoed until April 1. The National Office has planned a Giant Jenga tournament for the Council of State Government (CSG) staff to highlight MOTMC at end April.

17. **Finance Committee** – ED Imai reported nine states are outstanding for FY24 dues and have received second notices. The dues deadline is June 30th. She also reviewed the revenue and expenses as of January 31.

18. **Leadership Nomination Committee (LNC)** – Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT) reported the Committee met last week and noted the addition of Commissioner Rosemarie Kraemer (RI) and Commissioner Laura Cyr (ME). They approved the key dates and timeline, and reviewed comments from commissioners regarding the electoral process and the election guide.

19. **Rules Committee** – Commissioner Gable stated the next Rules meeting was scheduled for April 9. The state of Nevada submitted a rule proposal by the February 28th deadline to incorporate language regarding misalignment of course credits and missed seat time when a student transfers at the end of a semester or school year. Commissioner Gable commented that Maryland does not have seat time requirements and it varies by state. Rules was scheduled to discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

20. **USDOD Representative** – Ex-officio Representative Dianna Ganote reported she is waiting on a communication plan for MOTMC from the Department. The USDOD will host a podcast with a school liaison and a military family member, focusing on supporting students and families during deployment. USDOD was scheduled to attend and present at the MCEC Global Summit. The Commissioner interviews recorded in November were being edited for release. Ms. Ganote reported Penn State worked with the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) on a letter sent from superintendents to the state secretary requesting assistance with collecting data on graduates who enlist in the military for state reporting. She noted an MOU existed between DMDC and the Texas Education Authority (TEA) to obtain data. Penn State finished its interview study in November and has provided the first draft report. The final report will be presented at the MCEC Global Summit. Ms. Ganote asked Members whether they had received a briefing or slides from their school liaison subject matter experts regarding the end-of-year status of the education report. All Members confirmed they have not received any materials. She noted Dr. Peggy Wilmoth met with the National Office the week prior. ED Imai Ms. Wilmoth asked about the National Guard and Reserve on state councils. A review was conducted, and the National Guard had a seat in 16 states, while the Reserve had two seats.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS

21. **Penn State Report Feedback** – ED Imai reported a letter from the Commission had been sent back to the Defense State Liaison Office, and the matter was closed.

ITEM 8 – NEW BUSINESS

22. **Congressional Resolution** – ED Imai informed the Committee the congressional resolution was undergoing the approval process by sponsors US Rep, Joe Courtney (CT) and US Sen. Mazie Hirono (HI). The National Office has been informing Commissioners at committee meetings and will send a “heads up” notification of this initiative. ED Imai stated the Commission would be notified formally to contact their delegate(s) once confirmation was received from the congressional staff.

23. **EXCOM April Meeting** – Communications Associate Monique Smith reminded Members of the March 26, 2024, deadline for hotel reservations. She reviewed the projected cost for the meeting.

ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

24. No further business was discussed.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

25. **With no further business to conduct, Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting with consent at 2:02 PM ET.**