Training Committee Minutes February 27, 2024

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STAFF Cherise Imai Executive Director

Lindsey Dablow Training and Operations Associate

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX), at 1:04 PM ET.

ITEM 2 - ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow conducted roll call. A quorum could not be established at the time; the meeting was held accordingly.

ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Chair Ramos motioned to approve the agenda. Once a quorum was established, the agenda was unanimously approved at 1:42 PM ET.

ITEM 4 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Chair Ramos motioned to approve the minutes from September 2023. The minutes from September 26, 2023, were approved unanimously at 1:44 PM ET.

ITEM 5 - REPORTS

- 5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** Chair Ramos reported the EXCOM met in December 2023 and January 2024 following the 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- 6. Chair Singleton shared a letter sent from eleven state chief education officers asking the DoD to share data on students who enlist in the military following high school graduation. The states want the data to be included when figuring post-high school outcomes.

- 7. Chair Ramos reported the national office received two open record requests from the state of Tennessee: one for financial documents from the Commission and the second for ABM contracts. Both requests were fulfilled and are closed. A discussion was held regarding the report's specifics, which were answered by Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai.
- 8. Chair Ramos reported the EXCOM met with Penn State researchers and the U.S. DoD Defense-State Liaison Office in December to review the findings of the *State Implementation of Four Initiatives to Support Military-Connected Students* study. The committee was preparing a response to the study, and she stated any questions could be forwarded to Chair Singleton or the national office.
- 9. Chair Ramos reported the Compliance Committee had referred the states of Mississippi and New Jersey to the EXCOM for noncompliance. ED Imai will contact those state Commissioners and assist with compliance.
- 10. The Finance Committee recommended to the EXCOM that the 2024 ABM be held in person in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the EXCOM agreed.

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

- 11. **MIC3Training.net** Chair Ramos reminded Members that MIC3Training.net debuted at the ABM on November 8, 2023. The Communications and Outreach Committee produced a media toolkit to assist stakeholders with promoting the portal. The media toolkit is located on mic3.net under the Training Portal tab on the banner.
- 12. Ms. Dablow shared analytics related to the training portal and how the program was being promoted.
- 13. **Compact Training Update** Ms. Dablow reported that there were 37 training sessions scheduled for fiscal year (FY) 2024: five in-person and thirty-two virtual. The national office noted it was always looking for opportunities to partner with organizations to reach more stakeholders. Suggestions or points of contact could be shared with ED Imai or Ms. Dablow.
- 14. **Commissioner Mentoring Program Update** Chair Ramos reported that more than 24% of the Commissioner or Ex-officio appointments changed in FY23. Two additional members left the Commission since the 2023 ABM in November. Maine's commissioner, Laura Cyr, requested a mentor, and New York's Commissioner, Debra Jackson, will serve as a mentor. There are current vacancies in Alaska, Arizona, California, and Indiana.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

15. **New Commissioner and Ex-officio Course** – Chair Ramos reported the next step for MIC3Training.net is the New Commissioner and Ex-officio Course, which will replace the current process used to onboard Commissioners. ED Imai and the national office will continue to welcome and work with the new Commissioners as they are appointed.

Quorum established at 1:32 PM ET with the addition of Commissioner Terrence McCaffrey (FL.)

16. **New Commissioner Manual** – Ms. Dablow reviewed the Commissioner Manual and proposed using the onboarding training modules as an outline to create the new course outline. It was agreed that the members will review the manual and provide feedback to Ms. Dablow before March 12, 2024 - no

motion necessary. A vote will be held at the next Training Committee meeting in April to accept the new course outline.

ITEM 8 - OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17. **Items for the EXCOM** The Members had no items for the EXCOM.
- 18. **Compact 101 Training** Chair Ramos stated the next Compact 101 Training would be March 20, 2024, at 8:00 PM ET. Members were encouraged to share the training schedule with stakeholders in their state.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

19. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM ET.