



**Training Committee Minutes  
April 23, 2024**

PRESENT	Shelly Ramos	Texas Commissioner	Committee Chair
	Clara Botstein	District of Columbia Commissioner	
	Terrence McCaffrey	Florida Commissioner	
	Kathleen Murphy	New Hampshire Commissioner	
	Ann Pettit	South Dakota Commissioner	
	Tremekia Priester	South Carolina Commissioner	
	Kyle Wood	Military Child Education Coalition	Ex-officio Member
EXCUSED	Spencer Barzee	Idaho Commissioner	
	Barbara Clemmer	Pennsylvania Commissioner	
	Curtis Jones	Georgia Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	
	Lindsey Dablow	Training and Operations Associate	
	Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator	

**ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Commissioner Shelly Ramos (TX), at 1:06 PM ET.

**ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL**

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow conducted roll call. A quorum was established. Chair Ramos announced the departure of Amanda Woodyard from Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) on May 1 and introduced Kyle Wood as the new Ex-officio Representative to the Committee.

**ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

3. **Commissioner Terrence McCaffrey (FL) motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kathleen Murphy (NH) seconded. The motion carried and the agenda was approved.**

**ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4. **Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024. Commissioner McCaffrey seconded and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.**

**ITEM 5 – REPORTS**

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Ramos reported the EXCOM met in-person April 16-18 in Lexington, Kentucky for its Spring Retreat. The EXCOM spent two and a half days discussing the Commission’s financial outlook, training, education, and staffing, using the time to begin planning for the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. A letter was prepared by the

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General Counsel and approved by the EXCOM responding to an information request by the Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO). DSLO has received the letter and a copy will be sent to all Commissioners in the next week.

6. Ms. Dablow reminded the Members that the congressional resolution from Hawaii Senator Mazie Hirono was posted on April 16, and Commissioners are encouraged to contact their congressional members and ask them to co-sponsor the Senate resolution. Commissioners are encouraged to contact Ms. Dablow or Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai if any additional information or assistance is needed.

## **ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS**

7. **MIC3Training.net Analytics**– Ms. Dablow informed the Members that the document for the MIC3Training.net Analytics was provided for their awareness. Members are encouraged to contact Ms. Dablow with any questions regarding the analytics from the first quarter.

8. **Training Model Discussion** – Ms. Dablow introduced the training process and cost analysis training model and reviewed the current training process. Finance asked for a cost analysis of training to evaluate for the next strategic plan and budget. Ms. Dablow reviewed the differences in cost for holding training in-person and online using data from FY23. FY24 will not meet those same expenses having held less in-person trainings.

9. Chair Ramos introduced questions posed by Finance for the Members to review. These questions pertain to training requirements at the state and national levels and whether the Commission could charge state Members and stakeholders for trainings. Commissioner Murphy asked if other states included budgets for the Compact and whether Finance was considering this when evaluating training and its importance. Commissioner Ann Pettit (NH) reiterated the training is vital to help families and Commissioners know about the Compact.

10. Chair Ramos requested Members to evaluate the training model and generate feedback and questions before the next meeting. Commissioner McCaffrey asked who the training is generally focused on and how parents are supposed to know of the Compact to request training. Ms. Dablow explained how the training is tuned to parents, state liaisons, and stakeholders by assessing the audience and how Communications & Outreach is working on ways to get more attention from parents. ED Imai expressed the importance of making sure School Liaisons are educated on the Compact and include Compact information when onboarding new students. ED Imai reported her attendance at the Army Spouse and Leadership Conference in 2023 and how many people had communicated their knowledge and use of the Compact.

## **ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS**

11. **New Commissioner and Ex-officio Course** – Chair Ramos reminded the Members of the discussion regarding the New Commissioner and Ex-Officio Course from the previous meeting. Ms. Dablow introduced the plan for how the Committee will develop the new course material. Chair Ramos explained the assignment given to each Member and what the process will be for preparing the modules. The assignment is due on May 7 and Members are encouraged to contact Ms. Dablow with any questions.

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

12. **Items for the EXCOM** – The Members had no items for the EXCOM.

13. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Ramos stated the next Compact 101 Training would be Wednesday, May 15 at 12:00 PM ET. Members were encouraged to share the training schedule with stakeholders in their state.

14. **Month of the Military Child (MOMC) Toolkit** – Chair Ramos reminded Members to continue using the MOMC toolkit for promoting the Compact and military children on social media and state platforms.

## **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

15. **Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCaffrey.** Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM ET.