

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, June 3, 2024

PRESENT	Steven Bullard Kathy Berg Daniel Dunham John "Don" Kaminar Douglas Ragland Shelley Joan Weiss	Kentucky Commissioner Hawaii Commissioner Virginia Commissioner Designee Arkansas Commissioner Alabama Commissioner Wisconsin Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Will Jones Michael Price Ray Shaw Tom Porter	Oklahoma Commissioner Designee Michigan Commissioner Montana Commissioner Blue Star Families	Ex-officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Allie Thomas	Executive Director Training & Operations Associate Operations Coordinator	
GUEST	Brooke Blaalid	Blue Star Families	Ex-officio

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM ET by Compliance Chair Steven Bullard (KY).

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow conducted roll call. A quorum was established. Ms. Dablow introduced Brooke Blaalid who was sitting in for Tom Porter as the Ex-officio Representative for Blue Star Families.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner John "Don" Kaminar (AR) 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 from March 12, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Kaminar seconded the motion. Commissioner Designee Dan Dunham (VA) abstained from voting due to his absence from the previous meeting. Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – COMMITTEE MEMBER RECOGNITION

5. Chair Bullard congratulated Commissioner Kathy Berg (HI) on her upcoming retirement and departure as Commissioner after fifteen years with the Compact. The Committee members thanked her for her service to the Compact and wished her well, as this was the last Compliance Committee meeting that she would attend as Commissioner.

ITEM 6 – REPORTS

6. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Bullard reported that the EXCOM met on May 16, 2024. The Finance Committee requested an assessment to evaluate and analyze current and future staffing needs and operational management systems. The EXCOM accepted a proposal from Education Management Solutions (EMS) to assess the Commission staff and operations.

7. The EXCOM approved Indianapolis, Indiana, as the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) site. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) offered to host the meeting at their facilities, which reduced the ABM expenses considerably compared to other proposed host cities.

8. The EXCOM approved the release of the Commission's official response letter regarding the Penn State Study to the Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO). Chair Bullard reminded the Committee that all communications with the DSLO office are located on the Commissioner page of mic3.net.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

9. **FY23-25 Strategic Plan** – Chair Bullard updated the Committee on the Case Resolution Process and noted that this task was assigned to both the Compliance and Rules committees. Rules made edits to the graphic at their latest meeting in April and provided the amended version for final review.

10. Commissioner Weiss asked if it would be possible to add a section labeled "Other" for cases or scenarios that did not fit the parameters of the four graphic categories. Members agreed that such a category would not be necessary for the case resolution process because those cases would not be covered under the Compact.

9. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to approve the case resolution process graphic as amended. Commissioner Weiss seconded. Motion carried.**

10. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State Compliance** – Chair Bullard reported that General Counsel sent Mississippi an official non-compliance letter on April 1, 2024, for not holding a State Council meeting and not submitting an End-of-Year (EOY) Report for FY23. The Mississippi Commissioner facilitated a State Council meeting in May to satisfy the requirement for FY23 and is scheduled to hold another meeting in August to meet the requirement for FY24. The national office received Mississippi's 2022-2023 EOY Report in May. The Compliance Committee considered the case closed with no objection.

11. **FY24 State Compliance** – Chair Bullard reviewed the FY24 State Compliance infographic showing which states have submitted their FY24 dues payments, held a state council meeting, and submitted their Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest documents. To increase awareness and transparency, this infographic will be provided in the Commission's monthly newsletter and available on mic3.net to allow Commissioners and stakeholders to review their state's compliance under the Compact anytime.

12. Chair Bullard reported the Vermont Commissioner had not submitted his Code of Conduct or Conflict of Interest paperwork for FY24. These documents were due by January 31, 2024, with the deadline published in the Commission's newsletter. The national office contacted the Commissioner three times to request the forms but has not received a response.

13. **Chair Bullard called to elevate Vermont to Level Three for noncompliance. Commissioner Kaminar motioned for approval, and Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded. The motion carried. The Compliance Chair will contact the Vermont Commissioner and request that he**

submit his Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms. If the Commissioner does not submit the forms after two requests from the Compliance Chair, the state will be referred to the EXCOM for further action under Rule 700, SEC. 7.105.

14. Commissioner Weiss suggested copying the Compliance Members to the communication with Vermont to enforce compliance. Chair Bullard agreed with this recommendation and said he would copy the Members in his email to the Vermont Commissioner.

15. **Commissioner Vacancies and Appointments** – Chair Bullard reported the national office obtained appointment letters for California and Arizona, filling the last two vacancies of the Commission. Arizona reappointed former Commissioner Peter Laing, and California appointed Dominick Robinson, Whole Child Division, Director for the California Department of Education. The national office began the onboarding process with both Commissioners.

16. **Compact Rules, SEC. 7.105 - Escalation and Reporting of Disputes Process** – Chair Bullard reviewed the Compact Rules, *Section 7.105 Escalation and Reporting of Disputes Process*, which outlines the Commission's compliance process and proposed escalation process for member states. Members were asked in March to provide comments or feedback before voting to approve the process. No comments or feedback were received from Members before the meeting, and no discussion was held.

17. **Chair Bullard called for a motion to approve the Escalation and Reporting of Disputes Process. Commissioner Berg made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Weiss. The motion carried.**

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

18. **End-Of-Year Reporting** – Chair Bullard reported the EXCOM and Finance Committee are analyzing the Commission's responsibilities as determined by the requirements in the Compact's governing documents. The language in the Compact statute, Rules, and By-laws outlines the minimum requirements each state must do as part of the Commission, including annual reporting, enforcement, dispute resolution, training, education, collection, and dissemination of information. Members were tasked with reviewing the current EOY Report fields and governing documents to determine what each member state would report each fiscal year.

19. Commissioner Weiss complimented the online forms currently available for Members to use. Members agreed that the reports are easy to complete and efficient for annual data collection. Chair Bullard requested Members provide any feedback and comments to himself or Ms. Dablow in the next two weeks to prepare for the vote in July.

20. **Process for Public Comment** – Chair Bullard reminded Members that Commissioner Designee Dunham had requested to review the process for public comment outlined in the Commission's guiding documents. The Members were asked to determine whether the process was efficient or if a new document was needed to outline it.

21. Commissioner Weiss asked how many parent complaints the Commission receives regarding case resolution. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked how soon a parent should expect an answer when they submit a complaint. Ms. Dablow clarified the Commission does not receive many complaints from parents. Disputes and case resolutions do not have a specified timeline because it depends on the case details and persons involved with the resolution when the protocol is followed.

22. Commissioner Weiss asked to define who would be considered “the public” for this review. ED Imai advised that ABM is a formal event where the state Commissioners and Ex-officio Representatives are members, and the public constitutes anybody in attendance who is not a member. The public meeting notice outlines the process for members of the public who wish to address the Commission. Members of the public must submit their written statement to the Commission before the meeting for it to be read at the ABM. The statement must pertain to an agenda item. They are permitted three minutes to present comments before the Commission. Commissioner Berg reiterated the importance of the agenda items and making sure the comments were limited to those topics.

23. Commissioner Designee Dunham suggested a flow chart graphic would be beneficial to outline the process for public comment that could be presented at ABM, to which Chair Bullard agreed. The members determined that the processes for public commentary and dispute resolution did not need to be amended, and a graphic should be created to outline the steps uniformly.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

24. Commissioner Weiss provided questions to Chair Bullard for the Committee to discuss. The first question asked whether State Commissioners and School Liaisons were included in the planning and presentation for in-person trainings. ED Imai responded that the Commissioners are notified of trainings that occur in their state and are invited to participate, though they are not required to. Many School Liaisons request in-person trainings and are involved with planning and participating in those sessions.

25. The second question asked who the target audience is for Compact 101 Trainings and how the information is disseminated. ED Imai reported that the target audience depends on who requests the training. The material can be adjusted for School Liaisons, parents, military and education affiliates, DOD personnel, school district employees, etc. The registered participants are provided the Training Workbook before the presentation, and a supplemental email with resources and additional information is provided to the attendees following the conclusion of the training.

26. The third question asked when information regarding the 2024 ABM registration will be provided to the Commissioners and posted on the website. ED Imai noted registration would follow past practices and be released in July. Commissioner Weiss asked if an airport shuttle service would be provided to transport attendees to and from the hotel. ED Imai stated the hotel did not have a transportation service with the airport, but she reminded Members that Commissioner Weiss had shared a collaborative Google Doc that attendees could use to schedule ride-sharing if they wanted to.

27. **Items for the Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – With no further questions presented for the EXCOM, Chair Bullard moved to the next item.

28. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Bullard reported the next Compact 101 Training would be held on June 14, 2024, at 4:00 PM ET.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

29. With no further business to conduct, Chair Bullard adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM ET with no motion needed. The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET.