



Communication and Outreach Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Table with 4 columns: Category, Name, Title, and Role. Rows include PRESENT (Chad Delbridge, Clara Botstein, Felicia Gonzales, Pete LuPiba, Keith Owen, Tony Trongone, Eileen Huck), EXCUSED (Teresa Ferenczhalmy, Laura Kacer, Kristen Windham), and STAFF (Cherise Imai, Lindsey Dablow, Monique Smith, Allie Thomas).

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM ET by Committee Chair, Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY).

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai. A quorum was established. Chair Delbridge introduced two new hires from the national office: Communications Associate Monique Smith and Operations Coordinator Allie Thomas. Chair Delbridge announced the resignation of Commissioner Brian Murphy (IN) from the Commission. A new Commissioner was appointed for Indiana and being onboarded by the national office.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Commissioner Keith Owen (CO) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Trongone (NJ). The motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. Commissioner Owen motioned to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felicia Gonzales (NV). The motion carried.

## ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM) Update** – ED Imai reported the EXCOM met in February. The national office reported thirty-seven trainings were scheduled for fiscal year (FY) 2024 to date, with five trainings scheduled for in person and thirty-two to be held virtually.
6. ED Imai reported the Ex-officio group met in January. The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) reported their Global Summit will be held in Washington D.C. in July 2024. The Department of Defense (DoD) announced the release of phase two of the Penn State report provided by the Defense State Liaison Office.
7. ED Imai reported the Commission's FY23 annual audit was completed in December by Blue and Company along with CSG's Accounting Department. The audit had no findings and was posted on the Commission webpage under Finances. The Commission ended FY23 6% under budget. A live webinar will be held and recorded for posting to mic3.net to review the audit.

## ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

8. **Education Commission of the States (ECS)** – Chair Delbridge reported that ED Imai was contacted by a representative from ECS to discuss the Compact and the opportunity to work closer with the organization. ECS provides states with education policy advisement and research, which spans from early care to workforce development. The representative recommended applying for a breakout session at the national conference held in July, which the national office submitted a proposal for.
9. **Congressional Resolution for Month of the Military Child** – Chair Delbridge announced ED Imai was working on a congressional resolution for the Senate and House recognizing the Month of the Military Child and the Compact. The Senate Resolution will be sponsored by Senator Mazie Hirono of Hawaii and the House Resolution will be sponsored by Congressman Joe Courtney of Connecticut. Information will be released to the Commission once the bills are finalized. Commissioners will be asked to forward the information to their congressional delegation and encourage them to sign onto the as a co-sponsor.
10. **Training Activities Update** – Chair Delbridge yielded the floor to Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow. Ms. Dablow reported there were forty-one trainings scheduled for FY24 with the addition of four new requests she had received that week. The Training Committee met in February and reported on MIC3Training.net and the training portal media toolkit. 123 new users have registered since the training portal debuted in November.
11. **Marketing** – ED Imai reported on the Commission's communication plan. Arkansas, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Nevada, New York, and South Carolina were chosen to film State Spotlight videos to showcase their state's best practices and how they impact the Commission. The Commission is gathering stories from the states for the Compact Stories: Student Voices series with the idea of highlighting two or three videos for Annual Business Meeting.
12. ED Imai presented social media content including a video prepared for Month of the Military Child.

## **ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS**

13. **C&O Memorandum: Compact Education and Promotion** – Chair Delbridge reminded the Members of the memorandum approved at the January 10, 2024, meeting which summarizes the resources and supports available to promote and inform stakeholders on the Compact. The memorandum was disseminated through Constant Contact on January 12, 2024.

14. **April: Month of the Military Child** – Chair Delbridge reminded Members to promote the Month of the Military Child toolkit through social media and Commission channels. The Media Release was posted on the website and was embargoed until April 1. The national office was sponsoring a Giant Jenga tournament for CSG staff in Lexington, Kentucky at end April to promote MIC3, the Month of the Military Child and recognize CSG’s military-connected employees.

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

15. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No items were brought forth for the EXCOM.

16. **Compact 101 Virtual Training** – Chair Delbridge reported the next Compact 101 virtual trainings were scheduled for March 20, 2024, at 8:00 PM ET and April 22, 2024, at 6:00 AM ET. ED Imai reminded Members the times for the Compact 101 training vary to help accommodate parents and school liaisons overseas.

17. Ms. Dablow announced the national office applied to participate at MCEC’s Global Summit and has been invited to present a Compact 201 training course. Commissioner Pete LuPiba (OH) commended Ms. Dablow for how efficient and useful the Compact 201 training course that he previously attended.

## **ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT**

18. **With no further items to discuss, Commissioner Lupiba motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trongone. Chair Delbridge adjourned the meeting at 2:33 PM ET.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET.