

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

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

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 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.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Shelley Joan Weiss (WI) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Price (MI). Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Weiss motioned to approve the minutes from June 3, 2024, as presented. Commissioner Designee Dan Dunham (VA) seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Chair Bullard reported the EXCOM met on June 20, 2024. Leadership spoke with representatives from Educational Management Solutions regarding the Commission operations and staffing assessment along with Consultant Lorna Festa regarding the strategic planning activities during the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

6. The Rules Committee approved legal advisory 1-2024 *Scope of Rules SEC. 5.104 – Placement Flexibility*. The advisory is posted on the Legal Advisory page of mic3.net.
7. The Training Committee provided the *Compact Training: Supporting Success, One Move at a Time* flyer demonstrating the Commission's various training formats. The flyer was approved by the EXCOM.
8. The EXCOM reviewed and accepted the Case Resolution Process graphic and the SEC. 7.105 – Escalation and Reporting of Disputes Process document which had been approved by Compliance.
9. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai updated leadership on the Congressional Resolutions introduced during Month of the Military Child along with the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Open Records Request and cost analysis for processing those requests. Ms. Dablow provided updates on the training and outreach activities for FY24.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

10. **FY24 State Compliance** – Chair Bullard reported he had emailed the Vermont Commissioner on March 20, 2024, and June 4, 2024, regarding the Code of Conduct (CoC) and Conflict of Interest (CoI) forms. All members of the Committee were copied on the final communication. The Vermont Commissioner submitted both forms on June 5, 2024, and the compliance item was closed.
11. Chair Bullard announced that Mr. Dominick Robinson was appointed as the California Commissioner on April 24, 2024. The national office had requested the CoC and CoI forms from Commissioner Robinson multiple times. Under the new Compact Rules Compliance Process, Chair Bullard reported that he would elevate California to Level Three and would contact the California Commissioner to request the documentation. He stated that he would copy the Members on the email.
12. Chair Bullard reported West Virginia Commissioner Phillip Cantrell retired at the end of April. The national office contacted West Virginia Governor Jim Justice on May 21, 2024, to request the Commissioner vacancy be filled by June 20, with no response. The EXCOM requested a letter be sent by General Counsel to Governor Justice to follow the June 20, 2024, deadline. A representative of the West Virginia Department of Education confirmed that they had sent a letter to the Governor's office on July 1, as well. The Committee is not currently required to take any action and will report on the item until the vacancy is filled.
13. Chair Bullard reported that eleven states had not reported holding a State Council meeting or provided documentation demonstrating that a State Council meeting was held in FY24. The eleven states had received monthly updates on their compliance status and have been elevated to Level Two. The national office will contact the Commissioners to request the State Council meet or provide documentation of the FY24 State Council meeting.
14. Chair Bullard reported that fourteen states had not submitted End-of-Year (EOY) Reports for FY24. These states received monthly updates on their status and have been elevated to Level Two. The national office will contact the Commissioners to request the states submit their EOY Reports.
15. **EOY Report Update: Compact Statute, Rules, Bylaws Requirements** – Commissioner Bullard reminded Members the Commission's governing documents, Compact statute, Rules, and bylaws outlined what member states must report annually. The Committee had reviewed the EOY Report Update document that added data collection fields to the EOY Report requirements at the previous meeting in June.

16. The deadline for FY24 EOY Reports had passed, so the updated form would not be active until the FY25 EOY reporting timeframe. No comments or feedback were received from the Members. The updated form would be briefed at the 2024 ABM if approved.

17. **Commissioner Price motioned to approve the EOY Report Update. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded. The motion carried.**

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

18. **Public Comment Process (Graphic)** – Chair Bullard presented the Public Comment Process graphic the Committee had requested during the previous June meeting. The graphic outlined the process by which a member of the public could offer testimony or comments at the ABM, and offered guidance on how members of the public or State Council members could provide testimony or comment on agenda items before a Standing Committee of the Commission.

19. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked where the graphic would be posted and who it would go to. ED Imai responded that it would only be posted on the ABM page and Commissioner page of mic3.net. Commissioner Weiss asked if the process would apply to all meetings or ABM only. ED Imai confirmed with General Counsel that the process would only apply to ABM because public notice was not required for Standing Committee meetings.

20. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked if the graphic could be edited so that the text was not on the edge of the page. Chair Bullard requested to have the bottom sentence be listed in bold. Ms. Dablow confirmed both edits could easily be made.

21. **Commissioner Weiss motioned to approve the graphic with amended edits. Commissioner Douglas Ragland (AL) seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

22. **Items for the Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – There were no items for the EXCOM.

23. **2024 ABM** – Chair Bullard announced the registration for the ABM opened on July 1, 2024, and the landing page was provided on the agenda with links to the registration form, hotel room block, and Travel Policy. Members were advised to book their hotel rooms as soon as possible to guarantee the block reservation, and to submit any requests for a third night in writing to ED Imai with documentation supporting the request.

24. ED Imai reminded Members that proxies could be designated for any Commissioner unable to attend the ABM. They were advised to contact the national office for assistance to set up a proxy if needed.

25. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Bullard reported the next Compact 101 Training would be held on July 17, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET.

26. **Supporting Military Families with Special Medical or Educational Needs** – Ms. Dablow reported the Supporting Military Families with Special Medical or Educational Needs webinar was posted on the Resources page of mic3.net along with resources provided by the presenters.

27. Commissioner Ragland commended Chair Bullard and the national office for being prompt and efficient when contacting Commissioners regarding deadlines for membership requirements and state compliance. Commissioner Ragland stated he was concerned about the tone of communications sent

to Commissioners regarding state compliance for items where the deadline had not yet passed. He had received an email in April reminding him the membership dues for Alabama had not been received, followed by a second email in May stating Alabama would be referred to the Compliance Committee if the dues were not received by the June 30, 2024, deadline. Commissioner Ragland felt that the tone of the letter was punitive in nature to threaten compliance measures before the deadline and was concerned that other states would feel the same when receiving similar messages.

28. Chair Bullard thanked Commissioner Ragland for expressing his concerns. Chair Bullard added that he had placed a disclaimer for the State Compliance ring graphic that is released in the newsletters to explain how the intent of the graphic is not to make states look bad, but to act as a reminder for Commissioners to submit their requirements by the deadlines. The same intent is applied to the emails that are sent to Commissioners when reminding them of required deadlines. Commissioner Ragland thanked Chair Bullard for his reassurance and stated Alabama had paid the dues before June 30, 2024, and would not have any issues with compliance in the future.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

29. With no further business to conduct, Chair Bullard adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM ET with no motion needed. The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET.