



Ex-officio Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

Table with 4 columns: Category (PRESENT, ABSENT, STAFF), Name, Organization, and Role. Lists attendees including Daron Korte, Eileen Huck, Tom Porter, Kyle Wood, Dianna Ganote, Kyle Fairbairn, Davis Whitfield, Cherise Imai, Lindsey Dablow, and Allie Thomas.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Vice Chair Daron Korte (MN) called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

- 2. Operations Coordinator Allie Thomas conducted the roll call.

ITEM 3 – AGENDA

- 3. The meeting agenda was accepted without amendments.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

4. Executive Committee (EXCOM) – Vice Chair Korte reported that the Executive Committee (EXCOM) met in Lexington, Kentucky, in April for its Spring Retreat. He noted that the strategic planning consultant took part in the retreat, which was beneficial since members, Commissioners, and ex-officio representatives would be asked at the ABM to participate in small groups related to the strategic planning process. Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai encouraged the representatives to participate fully in the strategic planning activities because their voices are important. While they cannot vote, they contribute to the success of the Commission's mission.

5. National Office – ED Imai reported that the EXCOM secured Education Management Solutions to conduct a staffing and operations assessment. The Finance Committee requested this item as part of the Commission's budget and dues evaluation.

6. She stated that the Rules Committee approved the legal advisory 1-2024 Scope of the SEC. 5.104 Placement Flexibility supporting the discretion school districts have to waive requirements for course placement or waiver of lost seat time to ensure appropriate course placement.

7. ED Imai informed the representatives that the Rules Committee approved posting the proposed Rule amendment to SEC. 5.104 Placement Flexibility for a 30-day period to allow Commission comment. She noted that Ex-officio representatives could comment during the comment period if their organization wanted to submit written comments to the Rules Committee. Commission comment information, including the process for submitting comments, is available on the 2024 ABM webpage.

8. ED Imai reported that the Training Committee approved the Compact Training: Supporting Success, One Move At a Time flyer, which outlines the training courses and formats the Commission offers to support stakeholders.

ITEM 5 – BUSINESS

9. **Ex-officio Organization Updates** – Mr. Tom Porter, Blue Star Families (BSF), reported no significant initiatives on the education front. Still, he noted that a current focus was working with the House Committee on Armed Services to include recommendations from the Quality of Life Panel focused on improving military families' quality of life and well-being. Those recommendations were made the basis of the National Defense Authorization Act. Highlights included a 19.5% increase for E1-E4, a 4.5% raise for all other ranks, an expansion of childcare for military families, the basic allowance for housing increasing from 95% to 100%, and a significant increase in the basic needs allowance. Mr. Porter stated there is still work to do in the Senate.

10. Mr. Kyle Woods, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), reported that MCEC closed out the Month of the Military Child with events in Texas and the District of Columbia (DC) area. He noted that the organization's focus had shifted to the Global Training Summit (GTS), which will take place in July in DC. More than 500 people were registered at the time of his report.

11. **ABM Ex-officio Presentations** – Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow noted that each representative had recorded their organization's 101 videos, providing a basic overview of its mission, programs, and services. She reminded the representatives that at the 2023 ABM, ex-officio representatives participated in a panel focused on issues the organization would address in 2024 or upcoming initiatives. The same format was proposed for the 2024 ABM. Ms. Dablow stated each representative would be provided time to:

- Explain their organization's initiatives for the upcoming year.
- Provide ways the Commission could assist them in their efforts.
- Provide ways they could assist the Commission.

12. Ms. Dablow stated the ex-officio representatives would be asked to provide 2-3 questions relevant to their organization that would highlight topics they want to provide information on to the Commission.

13. Vice Chair Korte asked the representatives to review the information and provide feedback to Ms. Dablow regarding the 2024 ABM panel. Mr. Porter responded that BSF would be interested in understanding how it can assist the Commission at the federal level. Mr. Wood responded that MCEC is always looking for resources to assist military families, which would be an area of focus on which he would want more information.

14. **Items for the EXCOM** – No feedback or comments were provided for the EXCOM.

ITEM 6 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. **Compact 101 Training** – The meeting concluded with a reminder to promote the upcoming Compact 101 Training sessions. Links to the upcoming training sessions were provided on the agenda.

ITEM 7 – ADJOURNMENT

16. Vice Chair Korte adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM ET.