



Communication and Outreach Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Chad Delbridge Teresa Ferenczhalmy Felicia Gonzales Brooke Huntington Laura Kacer Pete LuPiba Keith Owen Kristen Windham	Wyoming Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner Nevada Commissioner Indiana Commissioner Iowa Commissioner Ohio Commissioner Colorado Commissioner Mississippi Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Tony Trongone Eileen Huck	New Jersey Commissioner National Military Family Assoc.	Ex-officio
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Allie Thomas	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate Operations Coordinator	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 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 welcomed Dominick Robinson, who was appointed as the California Commissioner in May. Commissioner Robinson was unable to attend the meeting.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Laura Kacer (IA) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felicia Gonzales (NV). The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Keith Owen (CO) motioned to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy (NM). The motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM) Update** – Chair Delbridge reported the EXCOM met twice in August. Leadership spoke with representatives from Educational Management Solutions (EMS) regarding the Commission operations and staffing assessment and reviewed the results of the Commission survey. EMS confirmed that the final report would be briefed at the September meeting and the full assessment would be reviewed at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

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6. The EXCOM requested a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the format of future ABMs – whether to hold them in-person every other year with virtual meetings in between, or strictly in-person. The Finance Committee decided to poll the full Commission during the 2024 ABM and will make their recommendation following the meeting. The EXCOM also approved the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Dues and FY26-FY30 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee. These items will be voted on by the full Commission at the 2024 ABM.

7. Rules Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) reported that the committee tabled Nevada's proposed Rule amendment to SEC 5.104 Placement Flexibility and would take a year to evaluate the effectiveness of the legal advisory submitted by General Counsel, #1-2024 Scope of SEC 5.104 Placement Flexibility.

8. **Communications Plan** – Chair Delbridge reviewed the Communications Plan, which identifies promotional and marketing content for the yearly social media, monthly newsletters, and Constant Contact releases, and provides a timeline. Chair Delbridge announced the Commission released monthly newsletters in August and September. The newsletters can be found online on the Resources page of mic3.net and links were provided in the meeting agenda.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

9. **State Spotlight/Best Practices on Implementing the Compact** – ED Imai reported the State Spotlight video series was one of the Committee's strategic goals for FY2024. She was happy to announce that the series was completed, and Hawaii and New Hampshire's videos were added to the website. The series was also shared in the July and September newsletters. The national office was confirming the states that would be spotlighted at the ABM for 2024-2025.

10. ED Imai introduced an article written by the Arkansas Commissioner for a newsletter series requested by the U.S. Department of Education. Members stated their support of the newsletter and Commissioner Pete LuPiba (OH) asked if the letters could be forwarded to the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). ED Imai agreed with the suggestions. Chair Delbridge stated he believed he had a connection to a NASSP board member and would follow up with the Committee on that item.

11. **Compact Stories: How the Compact Helps Student Transitions** – ED Imai reported the Compact Stories series was another strategic goal for the Committee. The video series replaced the Successful Compact Transition Video program, which required submittals by states. The national office did not receive any submissions over the program's three-year period, therefore the Committee asked staff to seek and identify possible cases and record them. The first of three videos to be shown at the ABM was completed. The national office would send the video links by email to the Committee for final review and approval prior to the ABM.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

12. **Compliance Committee Memo: Expectations for Commissioners Participation and Engagement at the ABM and Standing Committee Meetings**– Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow reported the Compliance Committee approved a memo to be released to the Commission on October 1, 2024, that provides guidance and additional information related to their role during the ABM. Compliance Chair Steven Bullard (KY) reported that feedback from new Commissioners said the annual memo helped them prepare for the meeting. Ms. Dablow wanted to bring the memo to the Committee's attention since it had been approved for release.

13. **2024 End-of-Year Reports Guide** – Operations Coordinator Allie Thomas reported the 2024 End-of-Year (EOY) Reports Guide was complete and posted on the Commissioner page of mic3.net. The guide was compiled of the EOY Reports received for FY24 and members could read it to learn about each state's implementation of the Compact. Forty-nine states submitted their FY24 reports, with 14 reports received after the June 30, 2024, deadline. The North Dakota and Vermont Commissioners did not submit reports. Ms. Thomas noted that reports from Rhode Island and New Jersey were received after the original guide was posted and the revised version was now online.

14. **2025 Congressional Resolution for Month of the Military Child (MOMC)** – ED Imai reported the Commission obtained a congressional resolution for MIC3 and the Month of the Military Child in April 2024. The Senate resolution was sponsored by Hawaii Senator Mazie Hirono and the House resolution was sponsored by Connecticut Representative Joe Courtney. The Commission was now seeking a bill sponsor from the House or Senate for 2025. ED Imai stated she would be meeting with Louisiana Congressional Member Delegation staffers alongside Commission Chair Ernise Singleton while in Washington D.C., for the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) conference.

15. **2024 ABM Presentation** – ED Imai introduced the Committee's presentation for the 2024 ABM and provided an overview of the slides. She stated any grammatical errors and issues found in the presentation would be corrected prior to the ABM.

16. **Commissioner Ferenczhalmly motioned to approve the 2024 ABM Presentation slides. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion. The motion carried.** ED Imai stated she would correct the errors found in the slide deck and would email the final presentation to the members for approval by September 30.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

18. **2024 Annual Business Meeting** – Chair Delbridge reminded members to register for ABM if they had not done so already and that the block deadline for hotel reservations was September 13, 2024.

19. **Compact 101 Virtual Training** – Chair Delbridge announced the next Compact 101 Training would be held on September 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM ET. Members were encouraged to register for the training if they have not taken one before and to share the information with their stakeholders and State Council members. The training dates scheduled for the rest of the year were posted in the agenda.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

20. With no further items to discuss, Chair Delbridge adjourned the meeting at 2:36 PM ET. No motion was necessary.