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RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
2:00-3:00 PM ET

Table with 4 columns: Category (PRESENT, EXCUSED, STAFF, GUEST), Name, Title, and Role. Includes names like Mary Gable, Daniel Dunham, and Michael Rodriguez.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 2:05 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

- 2. Communications Associate Christina King took roll call. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 3. Commissioner Michael Rodriguez (DE) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davina French (ND). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4. Commissioner Designee Daniel Dunham (VA) motioned to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

- 5. Executive Committee (EXCOM) – The EXCOM met on July 20th to review Blue Star Families' application to join the Commission as an Ex-officio Organization.
6. Chair Gable informed the Members that the Finance Committee proposed and EXCOM accepted changes to the policy 5-2014 Travel Reimbursement and Guidance.

7. Chair Gable noted the EXCOM voted to accept Legal Advisory *2-2023 Compact Application to Sovereign Nations and Tribal Lands* which concludes the Compact does not apply to schools operated by a sovereign tribal nation.

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

8. **FY23 Case and Inquiry Report** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Ms. Dablow who reviewed the Case and Inquiry summary, noting 46% of the cases or inquiries were from parents with 22% of cases being generated from Compact Commissioners. The majority of cases were not compact related but focused on school choice, early withdrawal, and Kindergarten entrance age. Of the 27% of cases that were compact-related course placement and graduation requirements were the main topics. Ms. Dablow concluded the report noting Tier One states or heavily impacted states continue to have the most cases or inquiries but stated that is typical.

9. There being no further questions or comments, Chair Gable moved to the next agenda item.

10. **Proposed Rules & Amendments** – Chair Gable reported the period for Commission Comment ended on July 26, 2023, and no comments were submitted. The Rules Committee had no discussion or comments on the amended Rule, SEC. 101 Definitions.

11. **Commissioner Davina French (ND) motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 1.101 Definitions. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

12. Chair Gable provided an overview of amended Rule, SEC. 2.101 Adoption of Rules. The Committee had no additional discussion or comments on the proposed language.

13. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 2.101 Adoption of Rules. Commissioner Designee Dunham seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

14. Chair Gable provided an overview of amended Rules, SEC. 2.102 Data Collection and Reporting. The Committee had no additional discussion or comments on the proposed language.

15. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to approve Compact Rule amendment SEC. 2.102 Data Collection and Reporting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.**

16. Chair Gable provided an overview of proposed Rule SEC. 7.106 Escalation and Reporting of Disputes. Commissioner French reiterated her concern to the members for creating a rule when there is not a current issue.

17. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to approve the proposed Compact Rule SEC. 7.106 Escalation and Reporting of Disputes. Commissioner Ann Pettit (SD) seconded the motion. Commissioners Gable, Rodriguez, Pettit, and Dunham voted in favor of the measure. Commissioner French voted against the measure. Motion carried.**

18. Chair Gable provided an overview of the proposed Rule SEC. 8.101 Coordination Between States and Commission. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the Rule as presented. Commissioner Pettit seconded the motion.**

19. Commissioner Designee Dunham asked Commissioner Rodriguez to accept a friendly amendment, amending the text in section (b) (2), replacing “failure” with “inability.” **Amendment was accepted by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.**

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

20. **Strategic Plan Update** – Chair Gable informed the Committee that a webinar would be taped on reviewing the Rules promulgation process. The webinar will be used to remind current members and inform newly appointed Commissioners of the process by which the Commission develops and approves Rules.
21. **2023 ABM Presentation** – Chair Gable recognized Ms. Dablow, who reviewed the Rules Committee’s ABM presentation. There being no comments or corrections the Chair asked for a motion.
22. **Commissioner Pettit motioned to approve the presentation as presented. Commissioner French seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

23. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No comments or feedback was provided for the EXCOM.
24. **Compact 101 Training: September 14, 2023, 2:00 PM ET** – Chair Gable informed the members of upcoming Compact 101 Training sessions.
25. **ABM Registration Link** – Chair Gable reminded Members to register for the upcoming ABM.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

26. **Commissioner Designee Dunham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettit. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM ET.

RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
2:00-3:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Mary Gable Laura Anastasio Laura Cyr Ben Rasmussen Michael Rodriguez Tenneal Wetherell	Maryland Commissioner Connecticut Commissioner Maine Commissioner Utah Commissioner Delaware Commissioner Oregon Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Phil Cantrell Davina French Rene Sanchez	West Virginia Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Vermont Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 2:02 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Rodriguez (DE). Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – The EXCOM met on December 8, 2023, and January 18, 2024. Commission Chair and Louisiana Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) shared a letter from 11 state chief education officers asking the Department of Defense (DoD) to share data on students who enlist in the military following high school. The states want to use this data to report on post-high school outcomes.

6. Chair Gable reported the national office processed two open records requests for the state of Tennessee. The Chair noted both requests were closed. Chair Gable reported the EXCOM met with Penn State researchers and the DoD Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO) to review findings presented in the *State Implementation of Four Initiatives to Support Military-Connected Students* report. The Chair stated that EXCOM was preparing a response for the DSLO to provide feedback on the study per their request.

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7. Chair Gable informed the Committee that Compliance had referred New Jersey and Mississippi to the EXCOM for noncompliance. The EXCOM directed Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai to contact those Commissioners to offer support and bring the two states back to compliance.

8. Chair Gable informed the Committee that Finance reviewed the Commission's current financial outlook and contractual agreement and had recommended the EXCOM hold the 2024 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in person in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The EXCOM members voted in agreement.

9. **National Business** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai, who reported the current onboarding of the Blue Star Families ex-officio group.

10. ED Imai informed the Committee of a congressional resolution that is in process for Month of the Military Child. The national office is working with multiple states to obtain and confirm sponsors and will draft the one-pager that will be sent out once confirmed.

11. ED Imai informed the Committee of the addition of two new staff to the national office. A communications associate and an operations coordinator have been hired to begin work in March 2024.

12. ED Imai reported on her attendance at the Army Senior Leadership Development Seminar in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. The commission had an information table where attendees shared their awareness of the Compact and information about the Compact was provided to a broad audience.

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

13. **FY24 Case and Inquiry Report** – Chair Gable introduced Ms. Dablow back to discuss the *FY24 Case and Inquiry Report*. The national office received thirty-four inquiries or cases since July 2023. Ms. Dablow noted twenty-nine of these cases were closed. Fifty-two percent of cases came from parents, with twenty-one percent from Commissioners. Fifty-two percent of cases were not related to the Compact. These percentages were consistent with FY23 data.

14. Ms. Dablow reported that highly impacted or Tier 1 states continue to process the most cases, with an uptick in overseas and DODEA cases or inquiries received. Compact 101 trainings have been provided at different times to try and accommodate persons overseas.

15. **FY23-25 Strategic Plan Review** – Chair Gable commented on and commended the Rules Committee for their review of the Commission's policies and current rules in collaboration with Compliance and the EXCOM. Five new rules were passed and completed at 2023 ABM.

16. Chair Gable informed the Committee of the two outstanding Action Items the Rules Committee will begin working on in February 2024.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

17. **Case Resolution Process** – Chair Gable introduced the Case Resolution Process document to the Committee and asked for comments on the process or the Case and Inquiry Form. Ms. Dablow advised that the Compliance Committee reviewed the document and had no recommended edits other than to define the process better for families to understand.

18. Chair Gable opened the floor for discussion on cases regarding athletics or sports to restructure the chain of appeal. The Member states mentioned whether they have a state athletic director or a state athletic association that act as the highest point of contact. Some states allow for the state superintendent to override athletic directors or athletic associations while others do not move those cases up to the state level. Members agreed to come up with language and verbiage to make the process more consistent for all states to follow. The Committee decided to table the discussion for the next meeting in April 2024.

19. Chair Gable introduced the Case and Inquiry Template that the national office created to assist school liaisons and commissioners with tracking calls and cases. ED Imai outlined the creation of the template and how it was designed. Ms. Dablow informed the Committee that school liaisons have asked for the template before and use it for case tracking. The Members discussed how many cases get elevated to the Compact Commissioner of their state per year and how often the template would be used. Commissioner Rasmussen suggested to run the template through mid-year Tier Group meetings to collect feedback regarding commissioner usage of the template and how to collect data. Chair Gable agreed to this suggestion.

20. **Promulgation of Rules Memos** – Chair Gable reminded the Committee of the February 28, 2024 deadline for new Rules proposals or amendments to existing Rules. A memo is to be sent out reminding commission members of the upcoming deadline. A second memo will then be sent as an annual reminder of the process for submitting Rules proposals or amendments. The Members consented to the memos and deadlines.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

21. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No comments or feedback were provided for the EXCOM.

22. **Next Rules Committee meeting: April 9, 2024, 2:00 PM ET** – Chair Gable informed the members of the next meeting date.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

23. **Commissioner Gable called to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rasmussen motioned. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM ET.



RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

2:00-3:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Mary Gable Laura Anastasio Felicia Gonzales Ben Rasmussen Michael Rodriguez Tenneal Wetherell	Maryland Commissioner Connecticut Commissioner Nevada Commissioner Utah Commissioner Delaware Commissioner Oregon Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Don Enoch Davina French Rene Sanchez Laura Cyr	Alaska Commissioner North Dakota Commissioner Vermont Commissioner Maine Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Allie Thomas Samantha Nance	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate Operations Coordinator General Counsel	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 2:03 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll. A quorum was established. Chair Gable welcomed Commissioner Felicia Gonzales (NV) and Samantha Nance (General Counsel) as attendees for discussion on agenda items.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Rodriguez (DE). Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – The EXCOM met April 16-18 in Lexington, Kentucky for the Spring Retreat meeting. Chair Gable provided a summary of the activities and topics that the EXCOM discussed in-person regarding strategic planning, the financial outlook of the Commission, and training.

6. **National Business** – Chair Gable yielded the floor to Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai. ED Imai reported the national office continues to schedule and plan committee meetings and state council meetings. Several committees rescheduled meetings due to schedule conflicts. The

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national office recorded one State Spotlight video and has scheduled to record five more to showcase states' best practices in preparation for Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

7. **FY24 Case and Inquiry Report** – Chair Gable yielded the floor back to Ms. Dablow to report on the FY24 case and inquiry report. Forty-eight cases were received in FY24 with one case currently pending. A majority of the cases were from parents and Compact Commissioners, with most cases involving course placement and credit. Higher impacted states had the highest number of cases, which was expected due to the number of military-connected students residing in those states.

8. **Case Resolution Process** – Chair Gable introduced a chart outlining the case resolution process the Committee had discussed in February and made suggestions for. Ms. Dablow reviewed the recommendations for replacing current language and incorporating the edited verbiage to the case resolution process. Members agreed that the changes were appropriate with no further comments. The edited chart was forwarded to the Compliance Committee for final review and approval.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

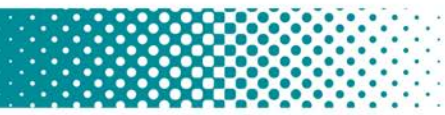
9. **Proposed Rule Amendment – Chapter 500, SEC. 5.104** – Chair Gable introduced Commissioner Gonzales as the sponsor of a rule amendment up for vote by the Committee. Commissioner Gonzales reviewed the case background and the language proposed to amend Chapter 500, Sec. 5.104 regarding the flexibility to waive seat time requirements or grant credits at the end of a semester or term.

10. Chair Gable opened the floor to discussion with Commissioner Gonzales. Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT) asked whether mastery of the course was determined by the final grade only or if content of the course was evaluated as well, which Commissioner Gonzales clarified. Chair Gable and Commissioner Tenneal Wetherell (OR) questioned whether the terminology for semesters and terms was adequate and why the receiving school did not accommodate the student using the current Rule. Commissioner Gonzales was excused from the meeting at 2:36 PM ET.

11. Ms. Dablow and Ms. Nance discussed the options available to the Committee for making their recommendations and moving forward with the amendment proposal. ED Imai recommended gaining the insights of other States to see how the amendment was perceived and suggested the best way to do so.

12. **Commissioner Rasmussen moved to seek a legal advisory on the rule amendment. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.** ED Imai was instructed to request a legal advisory from General Counsel.

13. **Commissioner Rasmussen moved to table the vote on the rule amendment until the next Committee meeting. Commissioner Wetherell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**



ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No comments or feedback were provided for the EXCOM.
15. **Next Rules Committee meeting: June 11, 2024, 2:00 PM ET** – Chair Gable informed the members of the next meeting date.
16. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Gable informed the members of the next Compact 101 Training scheduled for May 15, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET. The members were encouraged to promote MIC3Training.com and share the Online Training Portal Media Toolkit with their stakeholders.
17. ED Imai reminded the members that EOY Reports and State Council meetings are due by June 30, 2024, when the fiscal year ends.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

18. **Commissioner Gable called to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Anastasio motioned. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM ET.



RULES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, June 27, 2024
11:00-12:00 AM ET

PRESENT	Mary Gable Laura Anastasio Donald Enoch Ben Rasmussen Rene Sanchez Tenneal Wetherell	Maryland Commissioner Connecticut Commissioner Alaska Commissioner Utah Commissioner Vermont Commissioner Oregon Commissioner	Chair
EXCUSED	Davina French Laura Cyr	North Dakota Commissioner Maine Commissioner	
STAFF	Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow Allie Thomas Jordan Artrip	Executive Director Training and Operations Associate Operations Coordinator General Counsel	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Mary Gable (MD) at 11:05 AM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow called roll. A quorum was established. Chair Gable welcomed Jordan Artrip of General Counsel as an attendee to moderate the discussion of agenda items.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Don Enoch (AK) motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rene Sanchez (VT). Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the minutes from May 7, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM) –** No reports were provided from the EXCOM.

ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS

6. **Proposed Rule Amendment – Chapter 500, SEC. 5.104** – Chair Gable reviewed the proposed Rule Amendment sponsored by the Nevada Commissioner for *Chapter 500, SEC. 5.104 – Placement Flexibility*. The Members discussed the options available to resolve the rule proposal. Commissioner Rasmussen stated that he would like for the full Commission body to review and comment on the proposed Rule language. Commissioner Tenneal Wetherell (OR) agreed that all

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fifty-one Commissioners should have a chance to comment on the proposal and stated that she did not believe the proposed language added much weight to the current Rule.

7. The Members discussed whether they would be voting to approve the proposed language from the Nevada Commissioner, or if the vote was to approve the additional language provided by the national office. The Committee agreed to vote on the proposed language from the Nevada Commissioner to have it posted for thirty-day review.

8. **Commissioner Rasmussen motioned to forward the rule proposal for public commentary. Commissioner Enoch seconded the motion. The motion carried.** The Rule Proposal will be posted online for thirty days to be reviewed by the full Commission body for comments.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

9. **Legal Advisory: Scope of Placement Flexibility** – Chair Gable reviewed the legal advisory that General Counsel provided to define the scope of placement flexibility. Commissioner Sanchez asked whether the flexibility on course placement only applied to courses a student was currently enrolled in or if it would apply to all courses available for enrollment. General Counsel confirmed that the language was flexible to cover all courses and enrollment.

10. Commissioner Enoch stated the legal advisory did not clarify if credits could be rounded up when quarters were used instead of semesters or trimesters and asked if the legal advisory included those cases. Chair Gable confirmed that the legal advisory does apply to those cases and that flexibility could be used to round up credits.

11. Commissioner Rasmussen asked if the Nevada Commissioner felt the legal advisory was sufficient to address the case. Ms. Dablow stated the Nevada Commissioner had received enough push back from the receiving school district that the Commissioner felt a rule change would be more efficient than a legal advisory to resolve the case.

12. **Commissioner Wetherell motioned to approve the legal advisory. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion carried and the legal advisory was approved.**

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. **Feedback for the EXCOM** – No comments or feedback were provided for the EXCOM.

14. **Next Rules Committee meeting: August 13, 2024, 2:00 PM ET** – Chair Gable informed the members of the next regular meeting date.

15. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Gable informed the members of the next Compact 101 Training scheduled for July 17, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET. The members were encouraged to promote MIC3Training.com and share the online training portal media toolkit with their stakeholders.

16. ED Imai reminded the members that End-Of-Year Reports and State Council meetings were due by June 30, 2024, when the fiscal year ends.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

17. **Commissioner Gable called to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sanchez motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wetherell. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM ET.