State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
7/21/2025
1:00PM

William B. Travis Building, Meeting Room G-100-H, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701

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The presiding officer of the committee intends to be physically present at the William B. Travis Building, Room G-100-H, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701. Some members may attend via videoconferencing. Members of the public may attend the meeting at the physical location or via Zoom at https://zoom.us/j/95474408455.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order

2. Public comment. The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children will hear comment from the public pertaining to topics related to any agenda items. Members of the public must register prior to the start of the meeting if they wish to address the council. Individuals are limited to three minutes each. An individual may provide written and verbal comments to the council, in which case notification must be provided by the individual to jessica.snyder@tea.texas.gov by 12:00 p.m. on July 21, 2025. The request must contain your name, the organization you are representing or if you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

3. MIC3 Update

4. Council Membership Updates

5. 2026 Council Priorities

6. 2025-2026 Meeting Dates

7. Council Member and Staff Reports

8. Upcoming Events

9. Adjourn

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July 21, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Dr. John Craft, Superintendent, Northside ISD, San Antonio Col.
Heather Jaynes, (Representative for CAPT Beau Hufstetler)
Lina De La Cruz, Registrar, Denton ISD
Dr. Barni Roper, Superintendent Representative of Military Schools and CFO of Lackland ISD
Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks, School Liaison Officer, Fort Bliss
Ann Lee, Ph.D., Manager Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Unit, Highly Mobile At Risk, TEA
John Dobbin, Highly Mobile and At-Risk Specialist, High Mobile at Risk, TEA
Dr. Lively Bryner, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA
Jessica Snyder, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA
Lindsey Dablow, Operations & Training Associate, MIC3
Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3
Jessica Garza, School Counselor, Fort Sam Houston ISD
Greg Lynch, Superintendent for the Olympic ESD 114
Col. Nate Olson, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo
Col. Damon Dalby, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo

1. Call to Order

- Jessica Snyder of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

- There were no public comment registrations.

3. Military Interstate Children's Compact (MIC3) National Headquarters update

- A refresher training course on the Military Interstate Children's Compact (MIC3) from the national headquarters is scheduled for the next quarterly meeting.
- Commissioner Gregory Lynch of Washington State, also serving as finance chair, shared details on annual dues and planned increases:
    - Due to a reported 35% inflation since the compact's inception, dues will increase:
        - Fiscal Year 2027: $1.78 per enrolled student
        - Fiscal Year 2031: $2.08 per enrolled student

- Voting to approve this change will take place in October at the national annual business meeting.
- Mr. Lynch ~~also~~ highlighted available training resources and services provided by the MIC 3 ~~from the~~ national headquarters.
- Jessica Snyder noted that an audit may be conducted to ensure all council members complete the required military compact training.

4. Council Membership Updates

- New Members
    - Welcome Jessica Garza, counselor representative from Fort Sam Houston ISD. She is a school counselor with 13 years of experience in middle and high school. Her district is located on a military installation, Fort Sam, with 90% of the students being military connected. She also runs support groups for students with deployed parents and a grief group as well.
    - Welcome Dr. Lively Bryner, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Specialist. He served in the military for over 11 years and has degrees in construction science and management including a doctorate in education.
- Vacant Positions
    - Colonel Damon Dalby, Air Force Representative, has retired~~is retiring~~.
    - Col. Nate Olson, his replacement, has been extended an invitation to invited to ~~temporarily~~ represent the Air Force.
    - TEA's Military Family Education Highly Mobile Coordinator role is nearing placement.
- Legislative Designees
    - Senate and House Education Committee chair positions are currently vacant.
    - ~~The Government Relations team is seeking appointees.~~
- ~~Two~~ Ex-Officio Positions ~~vacant.~~
    - Two new positions approved by the council ~~Open roles~~ include representatives from ~~a representative of~~ the Texas National Guard ~~representative~~ and a ~~representative from~~ a reserve component of any military branch. The council discussed outreach opportunities for soliciting recommendations. ~~Dr. Bernie Roper suggested connecting with Texas National Guard leadership.~~

5. Council Priorities for 2026

- The council reaffirmed 2025 priorities and emphasized continuing outreach to parents, principals, counselors, and registrars.
- ~~Awareness Initiatives~~

- Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks advocated for ongoing ~~awareness~~ efforts including: A tangible resource such as a flyer being sent to parents and schools routinely, containing resources about how the military compact can help families and students. Additionally, ensuring the school liaisons and parents, distribute frequently. Also, the creation of frequently asked questions (FAQ) could be posted on school district websites to raise awareness.
- Ms. Snyder suggested promoting the military-connected student web page during April's Month of the Military Child and notifying superintendents, particularly in districts with low military enrollment.
- Dr. Roper proposed annual repetition of certain activities to build communication consistency.
- Case Studies & Data Review
    - The council expressed interest in including case studies at each meeting to address challenges faced by military families.
    - Members also requested access to case data from Student Liaison Officers (SLOs) for review.

6. Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

- October 20, 2025, Although the original meeting date was discussed during the council meeting, a scheduling conflict has arisen. As a result, the newly proposed meeting date is **October 27, 2025**.
- January 12, 2026
- April 20, 2026
- July 20, 2026

7.Council Member and Staff Reports

- Ann Lê and John Dobbins from the Office of Special Populations & Student Supports (OSPSS) Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Unit shared the following updates about their ~~her~~ unit's activities and data for military students in Texas ~~that her unit is compiling~~.
    - Dr. Lee provided updates regarding the Purple Star professional learning community (PLC). A five-part PLC series is being developed, focusing on college readiness specifically tailored for military-connected students and their families. In addition, two Texas military summits will be introduced, and a set of micro training videos designed for educators and families will be released.
    - Mr. Dobbins shared the Military Student Identifier infographics have also been updated, reflecting significant growth in the number of military-

connected students in Texas over the past three years. This increase highlights the ongoing need for targeted support, comprehensive resources, and robust data collection to meet the evolving needs of these students and their families.

- Mr. Dobbins shared additional program materials are in progress, including a one-page summary of 2025–26 military-connected student program events. The Purple Star Campus Designation Awards will continue for the 2025–2026 school year. The inaugural Texas Education Service Center (ESC) cohort network is also being formed to offer regional technical assistance, with all 20 ESC regions participating to ensure expanded support across the state.

8. Upcoming Events

- Ms. Snyder gave an overview of upcoming events.
  - Fort Bliss Education Summit – September 19, 2025
  - Ysleta ISD Counselor Training – September 2025
  - MIC3 Annual Business Meeting – October 23–24, 2025
  - **State Advisory Council Meeting – October 27, 2025*NEW DATE**

9. Adjournment

- Jessica Snyder adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.