

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Greg Lynch	Washington Commissioner	Chair
	Dale Brungardt	Kansas Commissioner	
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	Nickolas Sojka	North Carolina Commissioner	
	Davis Whitfield	National Fed. of State High School Assns.	Ex-officio
EXCUSED	Laura Cyr	Maine Commissioner	
	Debra Jackson	New York Commissioner	
	Rosemarie Kraeger	Rhode Island Commissioner	
	J. Clarke Orzalli	Massachusetts Commissioner	
	Kyle Fairbairn	Military Impacted Schools Assn.	Ex-officio
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow	Interim Executive Director	
	Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Treasurer and Committee Chair Greg Lynch (WA) called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow conducted the roll call, establishing a quorum.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin (TN) motioned to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nick Sojka (NC). The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Sojka motioned to approve the minutes from January 28, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Dale Brungardt (KS). The motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee (EXCOM)** – Ms. Dablow reported that the EXCOM met in February and March and noted that the report was sent to the members before the meeting for their review. She provided a summary of the report.
6. **National Office** – Ms. Dablow reported on the National Office activities for 2026, including state engagement and training, available webinars, and strategic initiatives. She also noted that as of January 31, 2026, the Balance Sheet reflected Total Liabilities and Net Assets equal to \$2,155,016.54 and Investments totaling \$774,466.42.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **Annual Dues Formula Rubric** – Treasurer Lynch provided an overview of the Annual Dues Formula Rubric proposal and requested that the Finance Committee hold an additional meeting in June to discuss the item further. The members agreed to the request.
8. **Partnerships: 2-2023 MIC3 Ex-officio Organization Application Process** – Treasurer Lynch reviewed the policy 2-2023 MIC3 Ex-officio Organization Application Process, noting that it would be discussed by the Executive Committee in April, specifically the application process, qualifications, costs, and benefits of ex-officio organizations. Commissioner McLaughlin requested that data be collected to outline the benefits the Commission received from ex-officio partnerships and vice versa. Ex-officio Representative Davis Whitfield, National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), noted that he would be able and willing to cover his own expenses if needed for NFHS to remain an ex-officio member.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

9. **2028 Annual Dues** – Ms. Dablow introduced the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 Dues, reviewing the new data received from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and outlining the differences between the projected calculations and actual amounts. Commissioner McLaughlin asked how to obtain new numbers for Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and US Public Health Service dependents, particularly regarding the locations of families in those services. Ms. Dablow noted that the National Office was developing contacts with those organizations and working towards gathering new data. The approved dues would be reviewed by the EXCOM at the Spring Retreat meeting in April.
10. **Commissioner Sojka motioned to approve the FY2028 Dues, seconded by Commissioner Brungardt. The motion carried.**
11. **Council of State Governments MOA and Indirect Cost** – Ms. Dablow reported that the EXCOM met with General Counsel from the Council of State Governments (CSG) to review the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was due for renewal. She explained that the MOA would automatically renew annually unless either party submitted a written request to withdraw from the arrangement, and that there would be no increase in indirect costs for Fiscal Year 2027.
12. **Impact of CSG Federal Grant Reduction** – Ms. Dablow reported that on April 22, 2025, the Department of Justice (DOJ) notified CSG that 12 active federal grants managed by the Justice Center were being terminated immediately. Impacts were primarily confined to the Justice Center and were offset by a reduction in employee costs due to the dramatic decline in employees resulting from the termination of DOJ grants.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. **Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest** – Ms. Dablow reminded the members to submit their Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms by the June 30, 2026, deadline.
14. **Compact 101 Training** – Ms. Dablow reminded members of the upcoming Compact 101 Training that would be held on April 8, 2026, and encouraged members to share the trainings with their state councils and stakeholders.

15. **Compact 201 Training** – Ms. Dablow reminded members of the next quarterly Compact 201 Training session that would be held on April 28, 2026.

16. **Month of the Military Child Toolkit** – Ms. Dablow encouraged members to utilize the Month of the Military Child Toolkit in preparation for April, noting that a link was added on the mic3.net masthead for direct access.

ITEM 9 – ITEMS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17. Commissioner McLaughlin requested an update on the process for filling the Executive Director vacancy. Chair Lynch informed the members that applications were being processed and virtual interviews would be held in the coming weeks, culminating with the final in-person interviews in April.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

18. **Commissioner McLaughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brian Henry (MO).** The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsey Dablow
Secretary