

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2025
1:00-2:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Chair
	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Greg Lynch	Washington Commissioner	Treasurer & Finance
	Laura Anastasio	Connecticut Commissioner	Leadership Nomination
	Steve Bullard	Kentucky Commissioner	Compliance
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Rules
	Dianna Ganote	US Department of Defense	Ex-officio
EXCUSED	Chad Delbridge	Wyoming Commissioner	Comm. & Outreach
STAFF	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	Secretary
	Lindsey Dablow	Training & Operations Assoc.	
	Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator	
	Samantha Nance	General Counsel	
	Lorna Festa	Development Consultant	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Commission Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was conducted by Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commissioner Greg Lynch (WA) motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mary Gable (MD). The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the minutes from July 17, 2025, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY). The motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Director** – Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai reviewed the Citation Correction Summary, outlining the states that had completed the citation correction, the states that were drafting new language following the 2025 legislative session, and the states that proposed to complete the correction during the 2026 legislative session. She reported that the national office received an open records request from Mr. Don Berry of the Military Affairs Association of America – Arkansas Council, seeking all correspondence from the national office regarding the Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO) letter referenced in the April 22-24, 2025, minutes and state Commissioner testimonies on open enrollment legislation. ED Imai noted that the initial request was entered incorrectly, and a new request would be submitted for proper review.

6. Ms. Dablow announced that the Communications Associate position was opened to the public and over forty applications were received. The national office conducted online interviews with Council of State Governments (CSG) Human Resources and the former Delaware Commissioner, followed by two in-person interviews at the headquarters office. A candidate was selected, and the offer was pending a response.
7. **Compliance** – Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) reported that Mississippi and Pennsylvania held their State Council meetings in August to bring them into compliance for FY2025. He yielded the floor to Ms. Samantha Nance, General Counsel, to review the letters sent to Indiana, Mississippi, and New Jersey regarding their outstanding compliance items. Ms. Nance reported she had received confirmation from the New Jersey Department of Education that the letter was received and that the state was working to come back into compliance. No response was received from Indiana or Mississippi. She noted that the original letters were addressed to the Governor of each state and that multiple people were copied on each.
8. The Members discussed the options available for enforcing compliance with Indiana and New Jersey. Department of Defense (DoD) Representative Dianna Ganote noted that DSLO Regional Liaisons could attempt to contact the states and address their concerns, as well. Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT) suggested filing federal complaints against the two states. Ms. Nance stated she could prepare preliminary complaints and attach them to letters that were more assertive than previous correspondence but allowed for amicable mitigation.
9. **Commissioner Anastasio motioned to direct General Counsel to prepare preliminary complaints against Indiana and New Jersey and attach them to formal letters sent to the states. Commissioner Bullard seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
10. **Finance** – Commission Treasurer Greg Lynch (WA) introduced correspondence that the EXCOM had received from the Wisconsin Commissioner. The Commissioner stated in her email that Wisconsin's leadership did not approve the dues increase for FY2027 and requested options to reduce Commission expenditures instead. Treasurer Lynch noted the Finance Committee would meet the following week and that he would provide a report following their discussion.
11. ED Imai reviewed the *Financial Forecasting Policy* document that was approved by the Finance Committee.
12. **Commissioner Bullard motioned to approve the Financial Forecasting Policy, seconded by Commissioner Gable. The motion carried.**
13. ED Imai reviewed the FY2027 Dues and Budget that were approved unanimously by the Finance Committee. She highlighted the forecasted expenditures and revenues for the Commission following the proposed dues increase.
14. **Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the FY2027 Dues and Budget, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion carried.**
15. **Rules** – Commissioner Gable reported that the proposed amendment to the dues formula was approved and posted on June 17, 2025, for a 30-day Commission comment period. No comments or questions were received from the Commission, and the Rules Committee passed the amendment unanimously in July. She provided an overview of the amended language.
16. **Commissioner Gable motioned to approve the amendments to SEC 2.103 Dues Formula, seconded by Commissioner Anastasio. The motion carried.**

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

17. **2025 Annual Report: Tier Group Summary Report** – ED Imai introduced the *Tier Group Summary Report* that was drafted following the Tier Group meetings held in June and July. The document would be included in the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Docket Book and the *2025 Annual Report*.
18. **2025 Annual Business Meeting** – Ms. Dablow reviewed the Public Notice that would be released to the full Commission and included in the ABM Docket Book, along with the EXCOM Report that would be included in the *2025 Annual Report*. She requested that any questions or edits be submitted to the national office by the following day so that the documents could be finalized.
19. Ms. Dablow noted that Alaska, Colorado, Nebraska, and West Virginia delegated proxies to attend the ABM and that representatives from the Education Commission of the States (ECS) would be in attendance.
20. Development Consultant Lorna Festa introduced the slides and Strategic Plan Guide that would be presented at the ABM for the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. She provided an overview of the presentation and reviewed the roles each Member would have. The Members agreed to the presentation layout without questions or comments.

ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

21. **Next Meeting** – Chair Singleton stated the next EXCOM meeting would be on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 1:00 PM ET, and the next Compact 101 Training would be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM ET.

ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT

22. With no further business to discuss, Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 1:56 PM ET.