

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 16, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Daron Korte	Minnesota Commissioner	Chair
	Mary Gable	Maryland Commissioner	Vice Chair
	Greg Lynch	Washington Commissioner	Treasurer & Finance
	Steve Bullard	Kentucky Commissioner	Compliance
	Chad Delbridge	Wyoming Commissioner	Comm. & Outreach
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	Leadership
	Kim Priester	South Carolina Commissioner	Training
	Ben Rasmussen	Utah Commissioner	Rules
	Dianna Ganote	US Department of War	Ex-officio
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow	Executive Director	
	Trevin Stevens	Communications Associate	
	Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. Commission Chair Daron Korte (MN) called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was conducted by Executive Director Lindsey Dablow. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. **Commission Treasurer Greg Lynch (WA) motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY). The motion carried.**

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4. **Commissioner Ben Rasmussen (UT) motioned to approve the minutes from June 18, 2026, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Chad Delbridge (WY). The motion carried.**

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Director** – Ms. Dablow provided an overview of the National Office report, including current registrations for the 2026 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), recording of the Travel and Reimbursement Guidelines webinar, Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 state compliance updates, training and engagement opportunities, and a review of the FY2026 financial report. She noted that the annual audit was underway and that the fourth National Office staff position was posted for applications.
6. **Training** – Commissioner Kim Priester (SC) provided a report on the Training Committee's July meeting, including review of a Compact 101 Training presentation for commissioner use, approval for committee members to facilitate a Compact 201 Training session at the 2026 ABM, and collaboration with the Communications & Outreach Committee to develop the Lunch and Learn: Case Studies series.

She stated the committee remained on track to complete the strategic plan assignments for Year One and would continue to discuss ex-officio engagement opportunities at its next meeting.

7. **Compliance** – Commissioner Bullard provided a report on the Compliance Committee's July meeting, indicating the states that had requested extensions for overdue compliance items. Mississippi was the only state that was overdue to hold an FY2026 state council meeting and had not requested an extension. Commissioner Bullard noted that he had contacted the state commissioner directly and was yet to receive a response. The committee reviewed the cadence of compliance-related communications and supported the current schedule, with the recommendation to add annual calendar reminders for key compliance deadlines. The committee also approved its annual report and ABM presentation materials.

8. **Communications & Outreach** – Commissioner Delbridge reported that the Communications & Outreach Committee did not obtain a quorum at its July meeting, but held insightful discussions on relevant items, including year-end social media and website analytics, updates to the MIC3 website and Month of the Military Child Toolkit, and conducting an icebreaker activity at the ABM. The members held a vote by email to approve the following items: updated MIC3.net posters, a new logo for *The Wire* newsletter, the committee's annual report, and its presentation materials for the ABM.

9. **Department of War** – Department of War (DoW) Representative Dianna Ganote shared updates from the DoW, including outcomes from the Joint Service Teen Council Summit and key youth priorities, an update on military families returning from Bahrain, and a four-part webinar series for School Liaisons related to ongoing homeschool support. She indicated plans for DoW employees to attend the ABM but noted her concerns of a potential government shutdown that could affect DoW personnel attendance.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

10. **2026-2028 Strategic Plan Update** – Chair Korte reported that Year One strategic plan objectives remain on schedule for completion prior to the ABM. The Standing Committees continue to complete assigned strategies and tasks, with several items already completed or under review.

11. **2026 Annual Business Meeting** – Ms. Dablow provided feedback from several commissioners requesting to hold the ABM reception immediately following the meeting's conclusion on day one, rather than after a one-hour break. The members discussed the benefits of holding the reception earlier in the evening and agreed by consensus to hold the reception immediately after the meeting concludes.

12. Communications Associate Trevin Stevens provided an overview of photography and videography options for the ABM, including a proposal to utilize Council of State Governments (CSG) Communications personnel along with a cost comparison of vendors local to Indianapolis, Indiana.

13. **Commissioner Ernise Singleton (LA) motioned to contract with CSG Communications for photography and videography services at the ABM, seconded by Vice Chair Gable. The motion carried.**

14. Commissioner Delbridge provided an overview of the proposed options for the ABM icebreaker activity, noting the Communications & Outreach Committee's recommendation to pursue a team-based Kahoot! trivia challenge. The activity would focus on the Compact and Commission history to increase engagement among attendees. The Communications & Outreach Committee would meet in September to continue planning the activity.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

15. **Build Relationships with Federal Agencies** – Chair Korte provided an overview of Goal 3, Strategy 2 of the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan, outlining future relationship-building efforts with federal agencies and national organizations. The members discussed potential engagement with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor, highlighting the need to monitor the ongoing restructuring of federal education programs and the challenges brought by the dismantlement of the Department of Education (ED). Commissioner Lynch recommended exploring partnerships with the National Parent Teacher Association and increasing engagement with the military services and School Liaison leadership. Chair Korte noted that he would attend the annual conference for the Office of Special Education in Washington, D.C., where he would gather information regarding the ED and education-related programs.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. **Compact 101 Training** – Chair Korte announced the next Compact 101 Training would be held on August 4, 2026, and reminded members to share the training with stakeholders.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

17. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM ET.

Submitted respectfully by,
Lindsey Dablow
Secretary