



Tier Group 2 Meeting Notes
Monday, June 23, 2025
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

PRESENT	Debra Jackson	New York Commissioner	Tier Group 2 Facilitator Commission Chair
	Ernise Singleton	Louisiana Commissioner	
	Dale Brungardt	Kansas Commissioner	
	Steven Bullard	Kentucky Commissioner	
	Don Enoch	Alaska Commissioner	
	Brian Henry	Missouri Commissioner	
	Peter Laing	Arizona Commissioner	
	Pete LuPiba	Ohio Commissioner	
	Tremekia Priester	South Carolina Commissioner	
	Kyle Wood	Military Child Education Coalition	
EXCUSED	Will Jones	Oklahoma Commissioner	Ex-officio Representative
	Deanna McLaughlin	Tennessee Commissioner	
	John Price	Illinois Commissioner	
	Douglas Ragland	Alabama Commissioner	
	Cherise Imai	Executive Director	
STAFF	Lindsey Dablow	Training & Operations Associate	
	Allie Thomas	Operations Coordinator	

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM ET by Tier Group Two Facilitator and New York Commissioner Debra Jackson.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Operations Coordinator Allie Thomas conducted roll call. Per Robert's Rules, a quorum was not necessary as the tier groups are not formal committees of the Commission. The meeting was attended by nine state Compact Commissioners and one Ex-officio Representative.

ITEM 3 – AGENDA

3. Commissioner Jackson reviewed the agenda with the group.

ITEM 4 – NEW BUSINESS

4. **Finance: Dues Increase** – Commissioner Jackson reviewed the *Dues Increase Toolkit* and reminded the members to discuss the proposed dues increase with their state councils.
5. **Case: Grades Transfer and Grade Point Averages** – Commissioner Jackson introduced a case from Pennsylvania regarding district policies on Grade Point Average (GPA) calculations and class ranking. She asked the members whether they had similar policies and how those cases were addressed in their states. The members agreed that GPA and class rank calculations should be addressed by the local education agencies (LEAs) according to their state and district policies. The Commissioners stated their Department of Education

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(DOE) could mediate issues or disputes between districts but would not intervene with the autonomy or decision-making power of the LEAs.

6. **5-Year Historical Case and Inquiry Report Summary** – Commissioner Jackson reviewed the *Cumulative Case and Inquiry Report*, which outlined the cases received from 2020 to 2024 and the most common topics regarding course placement and graduation requirements. She asked the members what issues they handled the most in their states and what Compact Rule they used most to resolve cases. The Rules Committee would review the responses to determine if any patterns or trends indicated a new Rule or amendment to an existing Rule was needed. She stated the most common inquiries she received in New York involved graduation requirements and reciprocal diplomas, with most coming from students who departed New York to attend Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

7. Commission Chair Ernise Singleton (LA) stated a majority of inquiries she received in Louisiana involved course placement, usually coming from districts that were further away from the installations. Commissioner Dale Brungardt (KS) stated course placement for special education was one of his most common topics, along with participation in sports. Commissioner Peter Laing (AZ) agreed that course placement and enrollment were common topics in Arizona and noted that he received one case regarding established residency.

8. Commissioner Steve Bullard (KY) reported that he received cases regarding enrollment, learning pod policies, and installation-specific school assignments. Commissioner Pete LuPiba (OH) stated Ohio's open enrollment policy began in January 2025 and he was monitoring cases to determine if it caused any frequent or notable issues.

9. Commissioner Brian Henry (MO) stated that he received many cases regarding graduation requirements, particularly ones that involved the waiver of a Constitution course and exam that was a graduation requirement for Missouri students. Commissioner Don Enoch (AK) stated most of the cases handled in Alaska involved diplomas and a challenge system that the DOE implemented. Commissioner Tremekia Priester (SC) stated South Carolina did not have many common issues and noted that increased district trainings helped improve case resolution at the local level.

10. **MIC3 Race to the Finish Graphic** – Commissioner Jackson reviewed the *Race to the Finish* graphic, which outlined the Commission's completion of compliance requirements by Tier Group. She stated that the final results would be announced at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

ITEM 5 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Commissioner Jackson reminded the members that the deadline to submit their End-of-Year Reports and hold State Council meetings was June 30, 2025. She asked for any new topics, questions, or comments. There were no additional comments.

ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cherise Imai
Secretary

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