

Georgia State Council (MIC3) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:32 AM

Location: Virtual (Microsoft TEAMS)

Submitted By: Curtis Jones, Georgia Commissioner

Attendees

- **Curtis Jones**, Commissioner (GA)
- **Debra B. Frazier**, Superintendent
- **Dr. David Lewis**, Superintendent
- **Kenneth Dyer**, Superintendent
- **Richard Rogers**, Superintendent
- **Tracolya Green**, Superintendent
- **Tommy Welch**, Assistant Superintendent
- **Melany Amato**, School Liaison Officer (SLO)
- **Rachale LaVoie**, Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE)
- **Dr. Robin Hines**, Georgia High School Association (GHSA)
- **Marchell Coleman**
- **Florence, Jaspconia G** (CIV USARMY ID-T2)
- **Girley, Courtney L** (CIV USA)
- **Jefferson, Clainetta T** (CIV USN SUBASE KINGS BAY GA)
- **MCFEETERS, VIRGINIA R** (CIV USAF AFMC 78 MSG/SL)
- **Murphy, Patrigna R** (CIV USN COMNAVREG SE JAX FL)
- **Rickett, Angela J** (CIV USARMY ID-WH)
- **Stover, Melissa A** (CIV USARMY ID-T2)
- **West, Sarah A** (CIV USARMY ID-T2)

Absences

- **Richard Woods**, State School Superintendent
 - **Col. (Ret) Patricia Ross**, Commissioner, Georgia Veteran Services
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Meeting Proceedings

1. Welcome & Openings

- **Commissioner's Welcome:** Commissioner Curtis Jones opened the annual meeting, welcomed council members, and informed the Council that Mr. Woods was not present in the Microsoft Teams meeting before proceeding with the agenda.
- **Superintendent's Address:** The address was not delivered due to State School Superintendent Richard Woods's absence.

2. Military Outlook for SY 2027

- **Presented by:** COL William G. Weaver (Commander, US Army Garrison, Fort Stewart, Georgia)
- **Summary:** COL Weaver provided a comprehensive overview of the upcoming school year's military outlook. He highlighted specific hardships and unique issues affecting military families that the Council should monitor. He addressed questions from the council to frame the day's focus.

3. Military Student & Family Update

- **Presented by:** Rachale LaVoie (Military Student & Family Specialist, GaDOE)
- **Summary:** Ms. LaVoie updated the council on current real-world challenges parents are navigating, providing context on GaDOE's current stance and support frameworks regarding these issues.

4. Interactive Case Studies

- **Facilitated by:** Melany Amato (SLO, SME, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield)
- **Summary:** Ms. Amato led the Council through two distinct case studies. Each exercise included scenario instructions, dedicated team reflection periods, and interactive Q&A sessions. The practical exercises prompted significant group discussion and professional development.

5. Policy & Legislative Update

- **Presented by:** Ms. Tiffany Taylor (Policy Coordinator, GaDOE)
- **Summary:** Ms. Taylor reviewed education laws passed over the last year, detailed active pending legislative bills, and offered guidance on regulatory changes likely to emerge during the current school year.

6. Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Update

- **Presented by:** Dr. Robin Hines (GHSA)
- **Summary:** Dr. Hines delivered an overview of Georgia high school athletics and affirmed GHSA's ongoing commitment to partner with and support the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Council.

7. Georgia Veteran Services Update

- **Note:** Commissioner Col. (Ret) Patricia Ross was absent due to a scheduling conflict. She communicated in advance that she had no explicit action items to bring before the council for this session.

8. Adjournment

- Following closing observations and summaries from Commissioner Curtis Jones, the meeting concluded ahead of schedule at **11:32 AM**.

Signature:  Date: 23 Sep 2026

