Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
Nevada State Council
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	2080 E Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Bristlecone Conference Room
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Battleborn Conference Room
Department of Education	Virtual/Livestream	N/A	N/A

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMMISSION MEETING

STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
State Commissioner Felicia Gonzales
State Council Member Elizabeth Erway
State Council Member Ronald Wolfe
State Council Member Kristina Aubert
State Council Member Sydney Aschenbrenner
State Council Member KellyLynn Charles
State Council Member Daniel Tafoya
State Council Member Derild Parsons
State Council Member Ashley Leon-Ramirez
State Council Member Nora Luna

STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
State Council Member Colonel Harley Thompson
State Council Member Jeanalyn Kuhn
State Council Member Rachel Stewart
State Council Member Julie Pazina
State Council Member Mark Resendez
State Council Member Kelli May Douglas

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT
KellyLynn Charles, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement
Lexi Kovalovich, Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment.
Anabel Sanchez, Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE
None

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM by State Commissioner Gonzales. Roll call was taken and quorum was established. State Commissioner Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT #1**
   No Public Comment

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2023, NEVADA STATE COUNCIL MEETING**
   State Council Member Leon-Ramirez moved to approve the minutes of the November 5th, 2024, meeting.
   State Council Member Kristina Aubert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Commissioner Gonzales welcomed all new members and requested that every member of the council provide a brief introduction.

Member Aubert is the school liaison program manager for Nellis Air Force, Creech Air Force Base, and the Nevada Test and Training Range. Member Erway is a contractor for the Nevada National Guard and oversees the child and youth program. Commissioner Gonzales serves as the Nevada Commissioner and is the Chair of the MIC3 Council. Member Charles is an Education Program Professional in the Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement. She serves as a member of the council along with overseeing recruitment, retention, and recognition for the Department of Education. Member Tafoya works for Clark County School District, and he serves as the Purple Star School liaison for Clark County School District. Additionally, he is the director for ROTC programs, and the Teacher Pathway Program. Member Leon-Ramirez is the Governor appointee on the council, and she currently represents the Nevada School Counselor Association. Member Ashenbrenner is the school liaison for the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, California. Her area of operation covers Douglas County, Nevada. Member Parsons serves as the Superintendent of Churchill County School District. Lastly, Member Luna who serves as the Southern Nevada 4H Program Manager and is representing 4H.

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Gonzales reminded the Council the purpose of the Compact is to provide consistency across all States, and it was drafted with the intent to avoid conflict with existing State codes where possible. It replaces widely varying state policies that affect transitioning military-connected students and supports uniform treatment for these students as they transfer between school districts and member states. She stated that while the Compact is not exhaustive in what it covers, it does address the key issues encountered by transitioning military families and students such as eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation. State membership on this Commission demonstrates Nevada's commitment to military-connected students and our support for successful education transitions.

Commissioner Gonzales shared that the Commission conducts an annual business meeting in the fall to allow State Commissioners to come together and provide input on issues that have come up throughout the year in their states. It also offers the opportunity to engage in discussions within Tier groups, discuss and vote on bylaw changes that may have impacts on our States. Commissioner Gonzales stated the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or MIC3, held its Annual Business Meeting on October 23rd and 24th, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Member Charles attended the event as Commissioner Gonzales' proxy and would provide the Commissioner's report.

Member Charles stated that all the school liaison officers were absent as they were unable to attend due to the federal government shutdown. The most anticipated part of the agenda was the proposed rule change and amendments to section 2.103, which is the increase to the annual dues formula. Member Charles stated that the Commissioners voted to approve the proposed dues increase. Dues will go from $1.15 per student to $1.78 starting in FY27. Beginning in FY28 and continuing every year thereafter the base dues will increase by 4%. The finance committee will review the base dues calculation formula every 3 years to ensure it is on track and whether it needs to be reduced or increased to meet MIC3 goals. Upon review they will make recommendations, should any modifications be required. Additional highlights included committee reports and presentations from ex-officio members, as well as a vote to approve the admission of Education Commission on the States as an ex-officio member. The compliance committee put forth amendments to the code of conduct policy, the conflict-of-interest policy, and the compliance fee assessments. All 3 were approved by the Commission. Furthermore, commissioners also approved the proposed FY27 budget and the financial forecasting report for the health of MIC3 going forward. Member Charles stated she attended the communications and outreach committee in place of Commissioner Gonzales. They discussed support for the states, schools, districts, and new commissioners and/or proxies by establishing a mentoring structure and outlining conversation goals. Lastly, Member Charles informed the council that Daron Korte of Minnesota was elected Chair, Mary Gable of Maryland was elected Vice Chair, and Greg Lynch was elected treasurer.

Commissioner Gonzales closed out this section after no further questions.

6. SCHOOL LIAISON AND MEMBER REPORTS *(Information/Discussion)*

State Commissioner Gonzales asked to hear from the School Liaison Officers and other members, starting with Member Aubert.

Member Aubert stated that she has had no MIC3 disputes or formal concerns in her area of responsibility during this reporting period. She stated that Nevada's military student identifier is not fully implemented across CCSD in charter schools. This would ensure that military connected students are being accurately identified and are being provided with timely MIC3 protection and transition support. The inquiries she has received the most often relates to transitions, credit transfer interpretation, and school choice options. Although families still reach out for clarification during the normal state to state transition process, there are fewer concerns that require intervention or elevated support with the increased knowledge regarding MIC3 provisions.

Member Ashenbrenner stated that she has had no MIC3 issues in here area of responsibility as well. She expressed her gratitude to the council and all the opportunities she has been afforded such as awarding Purple Star Schools in her area. Because she works with districts in California and Nevada, most inquiries she receives pertain to school options and enrollment age. Both states have different enrollment ages and additionally they limit where you can go to school based on geographical location.

Member Erway stated that she has had no MIC3 issues and that she has been working with General Waters to raise awareness of the Commission, Purple Star Schools in Nevada, and ensuring military and National Guard youth are supported.

Member Wolfe stated that he has no current MIC3 issues. Previous issues included transferring credits from a sending state, and granting waivers, both of which were resolved.

Commissioner Gonzales closed out this section after no further questions.

7. PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM UPDATE *(Information/Discussion)*

Commissioner Gonzales asked to hear the update on the Purple Star Schools (PSS) program. She introduced Member Charles to present. (see meeting materials) Ms. Charles shared that 12 new Purple Star Schools were added in 2025. Notable events with Purple Star Schools in April included a display at Aviation Nation, the governor proclaimed April as Month of the Military Child, and Pete LuPiba the founder behind Purple Star schools, visited Nevada. Commissioner Gonzales inquired about the outlook for Purple Star Schools for next year. Member Charles stated that Nevada currently has 54 Purple Star Schools statewide. Although this is 6 short of the goal for 60, she anticipates that there will be a significant number of applications incoming. Commissioner Gonzales suggested to the council a gathering that brings together Purple Star Schools in Nevada to recognize districts and schools that are retaining their Purple Star status.

Commissioner Gonzales closed out this section after no questions.

8. NEVADA STATE COUNCIL GOAL SETTING *(Information/Discussion/For possible action)*

State Commissioner Gonzales opened the floor to KellyLynn Charles to provide updates on Nevada State Goals, to revise or develop goals as necessary. Ms. Charles started with the 2024-2025 Goals presentation for Cultural and Structural goals. She reminded the Council there are Cultural Goals and Structural Goals, both broken into short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals.

In short-term goals, the first goal was to present to school boards on Purple Star Schools and the Compact. KellyLynn presented to Clark County School District. Additionally, Clark County School District put forth an initiative for every school to become a Purple Star School. KellyLynn also shared that when a region gets 100% of their schools designated as Purple Star Schools, they will be awarded a Purple Star region award.

For the mid-term goals, the next goal was to present at conferences and webinars. Members Charles, Aubert, and Ashenbrenner collaborated on a presentation that covers topics such as military life, Compact issues, and scenarios. This ensures they are all providing the same information. Presentations were given at the Counselors Conference, the Family Engagement Summit at both locations, and to the US Army. The next mid-term goal was to increase the number of Purple Star Schools. The goal was to have 60 schools, and they are currently at 54 schools, with 12 being added this year. The last mid-term goal was to present the Compact to National Guard, Reserve, and active-duty units. Additionally, through the Regional Professional Development Program in Clark County, KellyLynn hosts a 2-hour course on the Compact. This course is free of charge and is run

once a month at the Department of Education. Channel 8 News attended the first class to videotape for a segment. There were no long-term cultural goals.

For the long-term structural goals, the goal was to increase data accuracy and specificity of military connected students. This year, every district updated their Infinite Campus questionnaire, along with the state system to include National Guard, Reserves, if they're part time, or retired. The last long-term goal was to assist districts on impact aid applications which is still a work in progress.

KellyLynn opened the floor for questions. There were no questions.

KellyLynn asked if the members had suggestions for new goals, goals to continue, or goals to revise for the coming year. Commissioner Gonzales set a goal to reach 80 Purple Star Schools next year. Member Leon-Ramirez stated she will be pushing out emails to counselors to raise awareness of the Compact and issues military families face regarding education. Commissioner Gonzales expanded on this more, suggesting a survey that gauges counselors' knowledge on the Compact. Member Ashenbrenner suggested making the RPDP course virtual as well. Member Tafoya motioned to adopt the goals discussed. Member Aubert seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Gonzales closed out this section after no questions.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items from the Council.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.