

State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Minutes

June 22, 2015

Conference Call

Members in Attendance: Dr. Jerry Guess, Ron Harder, Jeremy Lasiter, Dr. Tony Thurman, Dr. Janice Walker, John Steele, Erasmo Reyes

Meeting location: Arkansas Department of Education, Four State Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas

Others in Attendance: Senator Jane English, Ken Griffin (Governor's Office), John "Don" Kaminar (Arkansas Department of Education)

Call to Order:

Jeremy Lasiter called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Though the meeting was conducted via conference call, Senator English and those who work at ADE met in room 201-A.

Minutes:

Mr. Lasiter asked for a motion to approve the March 16, 2015 minutes. Dr. Guess made the motion to approve, Mr. Harder seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business:

Lasiter Leaving: Mr. Lasiter announced that this is his last meeting, as he has accepted a position at Bryant School District. He introduced John "Don" Kaminar, whom ADE Commissioner Johnny Key is expected to appoint to fill the role of Compact Commissioner. Mr. Kaminar, who retired from the Army in 2013 with the rank of Colonel, is a former educator who currently oversees the Arkansas Department of Education's emergency preparedness program. Mr. Kaminar addressed the council members briefly and expressed his enthusiasm about working with everyone on the council and for the military families in the state.

National Meeting: Mr. Lasiter encouraged council members to attend the Military Interstate Compact National meeting in Seattle on November 5-7. He stated that it is a great learning experience and a good opportunity to share best practices and discuss legal issues with Compact members from around the country. Ms. Kincaid will send out meeting information to council members.

Arkansas Issue: Mr. Lasiter shared that the first issue in which the Arkansas Compact has been involved is nearly resolved. An Arkansas student who transferred to Texas is having trouble getting a high school diploma due to lack of credits in Texas. He has been working with her Arkansas school to try to get her an Arkansas diploma. He promised to keep council members updated on the situation.

Next Meeting: Ms. Kincaid will send out a Doodle poll for the next meeting date.

Future Meeting Dates: TBD-September

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Recorded by Brittany Kincaid