

State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

July 17, 2023 · 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. · Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public comment: The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children will hear comment from the public pertaining to topics related to any agenda items. Members of the public must register prior to the start of the meeting if they wish to address the State Advisory Council. Individuals are limited to three minutes each. An individual may provide written and verbal comments to the State Advisory Council, in which case notification must be provided by the individual to sheri.messer@tea.texas.gov by 12:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023. The request must contain your name, the organization you are representing or if you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.
3. Council membership updates
4. Legislative update
5. Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) End of Year Report
6. Council member and staff reports
7. Upcoming events
8. Adjourn

Attendance

Member	Role
Dr. Jimmy Bowser Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Highly Mobile State Coordinator, TEA
Lina De La Cruz Registrar, Denton ISD	Parent Representative
Heather Jaynes (for CAPT John Mark McLean) Naval Air Station Fort Worth	Military Representative, Navy
Col. Damon Dalby Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo	Military Representative, Air Force
Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA	Texas Commissioner Designee Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission
Dr. Burnie Roper Superintendent, Lackland ISD, San Antonio	Superintendent Representative, Military School District
Kathy Smith Assistant Veterans County Services Officer	Chair of Senate Committee on Education, Designee

1. Call to Order

Sheri Messer, TEA, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. Public Comment

- There were no public comment registrations.

3. Council Membership Update

- Mrs. Messer announced that state advisory council member Col. Eugene “Easy” Moore, military representative for the Air Force, has new orders and is no longer a member of the council.
- Mrs. Messer introduced the new Air Force representative, commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base, Col. Damon Dalby. Col. Dalby introduced himself.
- Mrs. Messer reminded members that they originally agreed that most positions on the advisory council would have two-year terms. She explained that under these

guidelines most council member terms would end at the same time, which could be problematic for the continuity of council functions. Mrs. Messer asked for thoughts and suggestions to stagger terms. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting to allow additional time to generate solutions to present for consideration by the advisory council.

4. Legislative Update

- Dr. Bowser presented on the implementation of new legislation, House Bill (HB) 2892, relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of military service members. He gave an overview of the new legislation and discussed current steps to seek clarification and to create an agency FAQ on HB 2892.
- Ms. Ramos presented on the implementation of new legislation, Senate Bill 1008, relating to establishing residency for purposes of admission into public schools.

5. MIC3 End-of-Year Report

- Mrs. Messer presented on the MIC3 end-of-year report required annually. A link to the Texas 2022-2023 report was included in the presentation for members to review.

6. Council Member and Staff Report

- The floor was open to council members to share any state advisory council-related announcements, topics, or issues. No council members shared.
- Ms. Ramos explained that MIC3 has shared proposed rule changes. She presented an overview of the following proposed new and amended rules from the MIC3 Rules Committee :
 - Amendment to Section 1.101, Definitions, to add Space Force to the uniformed services covered by the Compact
 - Amendment to Section 2.102, Adoption of Rules, to require proposed new rules and amendments be submitted to the national office no later than Feb. 28 of each year
 - Amendment to Section 2.102, Data Collection and Reporting, to clarify rules related to state reporting requirements

Ms. Ramos asked for comments from council members to share during the MIC3 public comment period. There were no comments.

- Dr. Bowser shared the following.
 - Dr. Bowser is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to discuss supports needed from TEA in implementing HB 2892.
 - Dr. Bowser is looking for volunteers to review Purple Star applications
 - Dr. Bowser presented on the Purple Star Rise program
 - Dr. Bowser expressed interest in being included in military installation events

- Mrs. Messer presented results from a survey regarding council member preferences for the four quarterly meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. The agreed upon dates were set, October 30, 2023, January 22, 2024, April 22, 2024, and July 15, 2024.
- Mrs. Messer gave an update on Military Compact trainings that were conducted by TEA staff in the previous quarter.

7. Upcoming Events

- Ms. Messer and Dr. Bowser gave an overview of upcoming events, including dates of upcoming TEA trainings for districts and education service centers.
- Mrs. Messer adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.