

State Advisory Council of Educational Opportunity for Military Children
October 28, 2024

William B. Travis Building, Room 5-103, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701

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The presiding officer of the committee intends to be physically present at the William B. Travis Building, Room 5.103, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. Some members may attend via videoconferencing. Members of the public may attend the meeting at the physical location or via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95652520208>.

The meeting agenda is below:

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments. 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 council. Individuals are limited to three minutes each. An individual may provide written and verbal comments to the council, in which case notification must be provided by the individual to jessica.snyder@tea.texas.gov by 12:00 p.m. on October 28, 2024. 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. Introduction of new member(s)
4. Discussion of ex-officio council membership
5. Council member and staff reports
6. Upcoming events
7. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Kelly Kravitz for Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Family Liaison, Texas Education Agency

Nancy Patterson, School District Administrator

Lina DeLaCruz, Parent Representative

Dr. John Craft, Superintendent, Northside ISD, San Antonio Col.

Damon Dalby, Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo

Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks, School Liaison Officer, Fort Bliss

Patrigna Murphey for Beau Hufstetler, Naval Air Station Fort Worth

Dr. Burnie Roper, Military ISD Rep

Jessica Snyder, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA

1. Call to Order

- Jessica Snyder, TEA, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

- There were no public comment registrations.

3. Introduction of new member(s)

Jessica Snyder, Texas Education Agency, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support (CSSS) Division introduced herself as the new Compact Commissioner, effective earlier this month. She provided a brief overview of her previous roles , including 9 years as a classroom teacher before joining the Texas Education Agency in 2010.

4. Discussion of council membership

- Ms. Snyder recapped her notes from viewing recordings of the council's prior discussions about adding an ex-officio member(s) to the council from an organization that supports military families and students or from the National Guard/Reserve. She explained that she would bring the subject to a vote at the next meeting in January 2025.
- Ms. Snyder stated that the council is wrapping up its second year of operation. She explained that section 2.1(d) and (e) of the council's operating procedures state that certain member terms end after two years of service but have the option of a one-year extension. Ms. Snyder said she will send communication to those members whose terms will be ending to determine whether the individual wishes to extend their term for one year or step down from the council.

5. Council member and staff reports

- Kelly Kravitz, from the Office of Special Populations & Student Supports (OSPSS) Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Unit shared the following updates about her unit's activities and data for military students in Texas that her unit is compiling.
 - Ms. Kravitz shared that the 2024-2025 Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) application review process is wrapping up.
 - 542 campuses awarded the designation – [Published 9/19/24](#)
 - Designations saw a 202% increase from 2023-24 PSCD
 - 72% of awardees are earning PSCD for the first time.
 - A To The Administrator Addressed (TAA) announcing designations was published 9/19/24
 - The Office of the Governor issued a press release on 9/19/24
 - Ms. Kravitz explained that PSCD is a two-year designation after which campuses must reapply. She presented the following criteria for a campus to be identified as a Purple Star Campus:
 - Campus-based military liaison onsite
 - Web page for military-connected families
 - Student-led campus transition program
 - Professional development for staff
 - Participation in at least one of three special initiatives to support military-connected students and families
- Jessica Snyder, Compact Commissioner, shared an update from the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division.
 - Sheri Messer, former Curriculum Specialist in the Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division, conducted a Military Compact training with El Paso Area Directors of Guidance (EPADOG) in August. Ms. Snyder attended the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 16-17.
 - Topics of discussion at the ABM included a proposed increase to the annual dues. Ms. Snyder stated that she had requested additional information to share with the council members.

6. Upcoming events

- Ms. Snyder gave an overview of upcoming events.
 - January 2025 – Monday, January 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - April 2025 – Monday, April 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central
 - July 2025 – Monday, July 21, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central
- Ex-officio position (action item)
- 2025 Priorities
- MIC3 Budget information

7. Adjournment

- Ms. Snyder adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Central.