



## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM MT

PRESENT	Ann Pettit	South Dakota Commissioner MIC3
	Dr. Joseph Graves	Secretary, South Dakota Dept. of Education
	Col Patrice Holmes	USAF, Commander, 28 MSG
	Fran Apland	Ellsworth AFB School Liaison
	Tony Randolph	SD State Representative
	Becky Drury	SD State Representative
	Jonathan Nesladek	Retired SDNG / parent representative
	Jackie McPherson	Douglas Administrative Assistant

GUEST(S)

EXCUSED	Daniel Swartos	Executive Director, SDHSAA
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### I. Call to Order

1. Commissioner Ann Pettit called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM MT on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

### II. Roll Call

2. Roll call was conducted by Jackie McPherson, Douglas administrative assistant. A quorum was established.

### III. Approval of the Minutes

3. Becky Drury motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2022, seconded by Tony Randolph. The motion carried.

### IV. Military Interstate Compact Overview (*Ann Pettit, Commissioner*)

4. Introduction to MIC3, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, what it is and the role of the Council for new members. Required that there is one annual meeting at the state level. This meeting is prior to the National Annual Meeting, and then will schedule a spring meeting.

South Dakota is a Tier 4 state with approximately 1400-1500 military connected students. The State pays the annual dues of \$2300.

Overview of the Compact provisions for military connected students as they transfer from schools as a result of parents active duty in the military. These are reasonable accommodations for students in eligibility, student records, waivers,

exit exams, transfers during senior year, course/program placement, special education, absences related to deployment, enrollment and eligibility requirements.

5. Link to MIC3 website [MIC3.net](https://mic3.net) for the Compact and additional resources.
6. Fran Apland is the State Liaison and EAFB liaison. She does an amazing job as liaison between the military families and area school districts.

## V. **MIC3 Impact in South Dakota** (*Ann Pettit, Commissioner*)

7. **Annual Business Meeting Update** (*Ann Pettit, Commissioner*)  
Held each fall in November - hosted in Richmond, VA this year. Only the State commissioner and school liaison are required to attend. The meeting covers discussion on new rules or regulations, executive committee reports, and military connected presentations. Ann is on the Rules Committee.
8. **School Liaison Meeting Update** (*Fran Apland, Base Liaison*)  
This is Fran's last meeting as she is retiring this week. She is also the State Liaison, a governor appointed position. Fran covered a brief overview of different issues and challenges faced during the 2022-23 school year and how she advocated for military families and students, as well as, state initiatives and programs available. There are many ways she has assisted families and the military-connected students.

## VI. **Council Member Roundtable**

9. Rep. Randolph inquired about the use of online learning if families ask for extended leave due to deployment. Answer provided. Absolutely. During COVID, we learned there are multiple educational options for school systems to help families both in-person and virtually.
10. EAFB is getting ready for the B21 mission. It's bringing lots of changes and challenges to the area, of which housing is one. This committee is responsible for implementing the compact and also bringing awareness around the celebration and struggles the military and education may face. We enjoy honoring our military families and students.

## VII. **Announcements & Adjournment**

11. Spring meeting date will be forthcoming. Meetings will be conducted in alignment with April to celebrate Month of the Military Child and the many planned activities.
12. Commissioner Ann Pettit adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am MT

## VIII. **Attachments**

13. [Minutes](#) from October 7, 2022.