

## **New York State Interstate Compact Council**

### **Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

**10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Council Members Participating (via Zoom):** Debra Jackson (NYS Commissioner), Stephen Todd, Michi Carl, Lisa Beatha, Wendy O’Sullivan, Melissa Montague, Troy Decker, Heather Evangelista

1. Commissioner Debra Jackson welcomed participants and called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She reviewed the agenda with the group.
2. Commissioner Jackson asked participants for “plus/delta” feedback from the previous Council meeting. Participants shared thoughts about what worked and what did not work in that meeting.
3. Commissioner Jackson shared the minutes of the previous Council meeting. Lisa Beatha made a motion to approve the minutes, and Steve Todd seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of approving the minutes.
4. Participants discussed the current vacancies on the Council, and those who are in the process of being approved to fill those vacancies. The process is very slow, so none of those nominees have yet been appointed. We are eager to have the join the Council as soon as possible.
5. Commissioner Jackson shared with the group that she has been updating our MIC-3 website. She asked us to let her know if we see any further elements that need to be updated.
6. Commissioner Jackson reminded Council members that we each are still required to complete the required JCOPE ethics training and reporting requirements.
7. Commissioner Jackson shared with the Council that DoDEA grants are available to support schools with military families to provide STEM-related learning and professional development opportunities.
8. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation of Matt Rogers from the New York State Council, with deep regret, and to thank Matt for his service. The motion was seconded by Lisa Beatha, and was approved by all voting members participating.
9. Michi Carl made a motion to approve the membership of Wendy O’Sullivan as a non-voting member of the Council, taking the seat vacated by Matt Rogers. Melissa Montague seconded the motion, which was approved by all voting members participating.

10. The Council discussed the ongoing topic of transfers from out-of-state, and specific instances that required resolution. Michi Carl shared one major success story she recently experience. Troy Decker shared some recent challenges presented by families' mobility during the current COVID-19 health crisis. Other Council members shared examples and thoughts relating to similar circumstances.
11. The Council discussed the topic of increasing school district awareness of the Compact. Melissa Montague reported that she would work with Mary-Beth Casey to review and update information on the SED website regarding the Compact and related resources.
12. Steve Todd gave an update to the Council on recent efforts to achieve greater flexibility in license reciprocity for military spouses who hold teaching certificates from other states.
13. Commissioner Jackson reminded the Council that our next scheduled meeting is October 14, 2020, but that an additional meeting may be needed this summer to consider the challenges relating to COVID-19 mobility.
14. Commissioner Jackson asked members to share thoughts about what worked in this meeting, and what did not work. Troy Decker noted that the Zoom connection for this meeting worked very well, and all agreed.
15. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am, and Steve Todd seconded that motion. All voting members approved the motion.