

STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

MINUTES

April 13, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Submarine Force Library & Museum (USS Nautilus)

Members present: Valerie Nelson, Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Bob Ross, Laura Anastasio

Non-voting members: Captain Paul Whitesell and Miranda Chapman

Also attending: Dr. Michael Graner, Dr. Susan Austin, Dr. Nicolas Spera, Captain Joseph Smith, U.S. Coast Guard

1. Interstate Commission.

The Interstate Commission is currently searching for a new Executive Director. We expect an appointment by the end of this summer.

2. Application of the Compact in Connecticut.

Discussion of requesting legislative appointments to the State Council.

Discussion of several specific cases concerning transitions into or out of the state, including a discussion of the awarding of credits for classes based upon a one-year system to a two-semester system (Connecticut to Georgia); waivers for certain state-specific courses; an attempt to use the Compact for a PE waiver.

Discussion of the Compact rule regarding excused absences for visiting with a parent on leave from or prior to deployment. The Compact defines “children of military families” as school-aged children enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th Grade in the household of an active duty member. This definition does not include a child of divorced parents who resides with the non-active duty parent. As such, a child of divorced parents would not be entitled to excused absences to visit with the non-custodial parent on leave or prior to deployment. This

4. Interstate Commission Annual Meeting.

The Commission meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 26 through October 28.