

## MINUTES

### STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

April 2, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Groton Public Schools

Central Office

Members present: Cathy Patterson, Valerie Nelson, Assistant Superintendent Kerry Clery, Groton Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent Miriam Taylor, New London Public Schools and Laura Anastasio

Non-voting members present: Miranda Chapman, Louis Tallarita, and Captain Carl Lahti.

1. Since there was no quorum, the approval of the minutes from the meetings on April 4, 2014, and October 17, 2014, was deferred until the next State Council meeting.
2. Interstate Compact Commission Update:
3. Compact Rules Book: Ms. Anastasio provided copies of the Compact Rules Book for school staff. The booklets should be dispersed to school principals and guidance counselors.
4. Case Studies: Ms. Anastasio stated that the Interstate Compact Commission had asked all Compact Commissioners to provide a case study of Compact issues in their respective states. The Council discussed several past cases that have been addressed in Connecticut.
5. Outreach Activities:
  - If the CABE convention does not interfere with the Interstate Compact Commission's annual meeting, Attorney Anastasio could offer to make a presentation at the 2015 CABE meeting. Captain Lahti also was willing to present at the CABE convention.
  - Ms. Patterson suggested that it might be helpful for districts with military students to use the student success plans as a means to assist military students with planning for possible relocations, such as making the student and the family aware of their rights with respect to placement and strategies for course selection.
  - Captain Lahti suggested that the SDE explore the possibility of introducing the compact to students in teacher preparation programs and in the administrator preparation programs.
  - LEARN provided counselor training recently to 26 participants in the southeastern RESC region.
  - MCEC has scheduled transition training for May 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>.