

State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
October 30, 2023 · 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. · Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

Attendance

| Member | Role |
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| Dr. Jimmy Bowser Texas Education Agency (TEA) | Highly Mobile State Coordinator, TEA |
| Dr. John Craft Superintendent, Northside ISD, San Antonio | Superintendent representative of a school district with a high concentration of military children |
| Lina De La Cruz Registrar, Denton ISD | Parent Representative |
| Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks School Liaison Officer, Fort Bliss | Military Representative, Army |
| CAPT John Mark McLean Naval Air Station Fort Worth | Military Representative, Navy |
| Kristin Donaldson for Col. Damon Dalby Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo | Military Representative, Air Force |
| Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, TEA | Texas Commissioner Designee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission |
| Dr. Burnie Roper Superintendent, Lackland ISD, San Antonio | Superintendent Representative, Military School District |
| Kathy Smith Assistant Veterans County Services Officer | Chair of Senate Committee on Education, Designee |
| Lani Webster School Counselor, San Angelo ISD | School Counselor Representative |
| Suri Garcia for Madison Yandell Budget and Policy Advisor | Office of the Governor of Texas, Governor Greg Abbot Designee |

1. Call to Order

Sheri Messer, TEA, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

- There were no public comment registrations.

3. School Liaison Panel: the role of the school liaison

- Mrs. Messer introduced the panelist of school liaisons.

Joe Holder, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station

Simone Wendlandt-Hendricks, Fort Bliss

Kristin Donaldson, Goodfellow Air Force Base

Terry Jones, Fort Cavazos

Nita Ford-Hightower, JBSA Fort Sam Houston

- Ms. Hendricks gave an overview of the role of the school liaison. The panelists explained how they support military connected-students and families, school districts, and installations. The panelists explained the su(t)-4 7Tf-11.753 (it)-4 (rt)6.1 (Sm 2 (.)1 (

Dr. Roper seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

- Dr. Bowser presented an update on relevant new legislation, Purple Star Campus designations, and the military student identifier (MSI).
- Ms. Ramos presented on the implementation of new legislation, Senate Bill 1008, relating to establishing residency for purposes of admission into public schools.
- The floor was open to council members to share any state advisory council-related announcements, topics, or issues. No council members shared.

5. 2024 Council Priorities

- Mrs. Messer initiated a conversation about the priorities the council would like to direct attention to for the upcoming year, 2024. The council determined that parents, registrars, and school principals could be better informed about the Military Compact. Mrs. Messer will provide additional information about these priorities at the January meeting.

6. Upcoming Events

- Ms. Messer gave an overview of upcoming events.
- Mrs. Messer adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.