

The Compact Commission for the Compact for a Balanced Budget Organizational Meeting Minutes and Certification

Date of meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Time of meeting: 12:30 pm CDT
Location of meeting: Telephone conference call
In attendance: Commissioner Mead Treadwell from Alaska
Commissioner Paulette Rakestraw from Georgia
Chip DeMoss – Compact for America Educational
Foundation
Nick Dranias – Compact for America Educational
Foundation
Cameron Eggers – office of Commissioner Treadwell

Agenda Item:

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Treadwell.

1. Resolution to declare that with the appointment of Commissioner Treadwell by Alaska Governor Sean Parnell and the appointment of Commissioner Rakestraw by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, the provisions of Section 9 of Article IV of the Compact for a Balanced Budget (the “Compact”) have been fulfilled, and the Compact Commission is formally established.

Motion: Treadwell
Second: Rakestraw
Vote:
Aye: Treadwell, Rakestraw
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

- 2, Resolution to approve provisionally the Bylaws of the Compact Commission, a copy of which is attached. The Commissioners reserve the right to revise the Bylaws at any point in the future in accordance with the revision provisions contained in the Bylaws.

Motion: Treadwell
Second: Rakestraw
Vote:
Aye: Rakestraw, Treadwell
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

3. Resolution – Appointment of Officers

Chair – Commissioner Rakestraw

Vice Chair / Chair-elect – Commissioner Treadwell

Motion: Treadwell

Second: Rakestraw

Vote:

Aye: Treadwell, Rakestraw

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Disposition: Passed

Vice Chair then turned the gavel over to Chair Rakestraw.

4. Resolution – Approval of Agreement for Pro Bono Technical Advisory Services with Compact for America Educational Foundation, Inc., a Texas not for profit corporation (“CFAEFI”), including the appointment of CFAEFI, acting through its staff, including its relevant officers, board members, and advisory council members, as the Compact Administrator in accordance with Sections 4 and 6 of Article IV of the Compact, and establishment of the Compact Commission’s primary place of business to coincide with that of the Compact Administrator. As provided by Article IV, section 6 of the Compact for a Balanced Budget, in its capacity as Compact Administrator, CFAEFI and its staff, including its relevant officers, board members, and advisory council members, are empowered to act as public officials, under the oversight and subject to the direction of the Compact Commission, with the power and duty: (a) to timely notify the States of the date, time and location of the Convention; (b) to organize and direct the logistical operations of the Convention; (c) to maintain an accurate list of all Member States, their appointed delegates, including contact information; (d) to formulate, transmit, and maintain all official notices, records, and communications relating to this Compact; and (e) keep the Commission seasonably apprised of the performance or nonperformance of the terms and conditions of this Compact. Pursuant to such powers and duties, the Compact Commission herewith authorizes and directs CFAEFI, acting through its staff, including its relevant officers, board members, and advisory council members: (a) to formulate and transmit and to assist the Compact Commission members in formulating and transmitting nonpartisan communications, which offer educational policy analysis, technical advice and expert testimony concerning the Compact for a Balanced Budget, to Congress, Member States and non-member States; (b) to assist the Compact Commission members in encouraging states to join the Compact for a Balanced Budget and Congress to call the Convention in accordance with this Compact; and (c) to assist the Compact Commission members in cooperating with any entity that shares a common interest with the Compact Commission and engages in policy research, public interest litigation or lobbying in support of the purposes of

the Compact. It is the intention of the Compact Commission that CFAEFI, acting through its staff, including its officers, board members, and advisory council members, as the Compact Administrator, shall qualify for exemptions from the lobbying registration laws of all relevant States and Congress based on: (a) the public official status of CFAEFI, acting through its staff, including its relevant officers, board members, and advisory council members, as Compact Administrator; (b) the uncompensated nature of CFAEFI's performance under the foregoing Technical Advisory Services agreement; (c) the fact that CFAEFI, as an entity, and the staff performing under the Technical Advisory Services agreement, including its relevant officers, board members, and advisory council members, personally, subscribe and shall only act as Compact Administrator while they continue to subscribe to the merits of the Compact for a Balanced Budget; and/or (d) based on requests by legislators or registered lobbyists for expert testimony or technical advice concerning the Compact for a Balanced Budget. A copy of the agreement is attached. It is understood that CFAEFI serves as Compact Administrator at the pleasure of the Compact Commission.

Motion: Rakestraw
Second: Treadwell
Vote:
Aye: Rakestraw, Treadwell
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

5. Resolution – the Commissioners desire to hold a public meeting at the earliest convenient time and at a place where the presence of the Compact Commissioners will have a significant positive impact on the passage of the Compact legislation in the state legislatures and/or Congress. The Compact Commission instructs the Compact Administrator to determine the best time and place for such first public meeting at a time that fits the Commissioners schedules, and to allow for a minimum of 5 day notice prior to such meeting.

Motion: Rakestraw
Second: Treadwell
Vote:
Aye: Rakestraw, Treadwell
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

6. Resolution – The Commissioners encourage the continued participation of the Compact Administrator and the Compact Commissions in the weekly status

conference updates to strategize on the expansion of membership in the Compact and the passage of the required Congressional Resolution. As sensitive information is discussed in these weekly conferences, the Commissioners understand and approve that such conferences being held in private Executive Session.

Motion: Rakestraw
Second: Treadwell
Vote:
Aye: Rakestraw, Treadwell
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

7. Resolution to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Rakestraw
Second: Treadwell
Vote:
Aye: Rakestraw, Treadwell
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Disposition: Passed

Certification of Minutes:

1/15/2015
Date

Paulette Rakestraw
Paulette Rakestraw - Chair