

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Meeting
April 20, 2026, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participants: Kari Hall, MA (Chair); Natasha Alston, MPS; Emily Polacek, MA; Michael Berndt, MEd; Christina Luzzi; Joshua Viau, PhD; Katie Hope Grobman, PhD; Frank Worrell, PhD; Karen Brakke, PhD; Emily Leary Chesnes, MBA; Beth Schwartz, PhD

Unable to participate: Stephanie Franks, MS, MEd; Amber Roopan; Debra Kawahara, PhD

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

There were no conflict of interest disclosures relevant to this call.

Approving March TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved the minutes of the March 13-14, 2026, TOPSS Committee meeting.

Psychology Teacher Network Recommendations

Committee members discussed the *Psychology Teacher Network* (PTN) news digest. An annual or semiannual TOPSS report in PTN to highlight committee activities could improve visibility about TOPSS. Additional discussion focused on:

- Encouraging PTN subscriptions and increasing membership,
- Promoting the value of PTN and clarifying how it differs from the *Monitor on Psychology*,
- Highlighting PTN as a key communication tool for TOPSS, and
- Expanding outreach to better engage members.

Subcommittee Discussion

The two TOPSS subcommittees broke into separate discussion rooms to discuss any follow-up as needed from the March meeting and next steps for work ahead.

The Resources subcommittee members discussed:

- Reviewing and updating older TOPSS resources, particularly skills-based materials
- A recommendation to develop a lesson plan highlighting podcast content from APA

Improving access to resources through updates to the TOPSS website was identified as a priority.

The Professional Development subcommittee members discussed:

- An upcoming webinar on regional networks scheduled for the following week
- Potential presenters for future webinars
- A partnership with CABA on a webinar to highlight their work on the value of the psychology degree
- The recommendation to address mentoring opportunities in the future.

Updates

Committee members were reminded about the TOPSS Committee call for nominations, the Engaging Psychology's Future initiative, and call for pacing calendars. The chair gave an update on the recently selected APA TOPSS Charles T. Blair-Broeker Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.

Next TOPSS Meetings

The next TOPSS call will be held May 18, 2026.