

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
February 23, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Kari Hall, Natasha Alston, Emily Polacek, Stephanie Franks, Christina Luzzi, Joshua Viau, Katie Grobman, Karen Brakke, Debra Kawahara, Emily Leary Chesnes, Beth Schwartz

Unable to participate: Michael Berndt, Frank Worrell, Amber Roopan

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

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

Approving January TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved the minutes of the January 26, 2026, TOPSS Committee meeting.

TOPSS Subcommittees

The two TOPSS subcommittees meet in separate breakout rooms to discuss plans for the March consolidated/hybrid meeting.

Planning for Spring Consolidated Meetings

TOPSS was asked to consider several issues to prepare for the hybrid meeting taking place in Washington, DC, March 13-14, 2026. Members confirmed that a visit with staff from APA's Advocacy Office would be useful and discussed plans for the visit with the Board of Educational Affairs.

Collaboration with CABE Committee

TOPSS members were invited to discuss specific ideas for how TOPSS could collaborate with the APA Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE) this year, and well as how it wanted to use the in-person time at the March meeting for discussion with CABE.

APA Advocacy Survey

Stephanie Franks lead a discussion on a survey on APA advocacy priorities that all APA Boards and Committees were invited to participate in. The survey is due March 16.

APA 2026 Update

TOPSS received an update on the TOPSS invited speakers planned for APA 2026.

Next TOPSS Meetings

Consolidated meetings will take place in Washington, DC, March 13-14, 2026.