

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
January 26, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Natasha Alston, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Kari Hall, Christina Luzzi, Emily Polacek, Joshua Viau, Katie Grobman, Frank Worrell, Emily Leary Chesnes, Karen Brakke

Unable to participate: Amber Roopan, Beth Schwartz, Debra Kawahara

Welcome

TOPSS chair Kari Hall welcomed members to the call and Committee members took part in a short activity to get to know each other.

Approving December TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the December 15, 2025, TOPSS Committee meeting.

Request for Proposals Submissions and Discussion

The Committee discussed three submissions received from the Request for Proposals to Support Teaching Workshops and agreed to fund two of the three proposals.

Plans for Advancing TOPSS Goals in 2026

Prior to the call Committee members completed a survey to indicate which of two subcommittees they were interested in joining to advance TOPSS goals in 2026. Members broke into two breakout rooms by subcommittee to discuss preliminary plans for the year. One subcommittee will focus on resources and a second subcommittee will focus on professional development.

Email preference request from APA

Committee members were asked to update their email preference with APA.

Next TOPSS Calls/Meetings

Committee members were asked to complete a doodle poll to select the best call date in February. TOPSS was approved for an in-person/hybrid meeting March 13-14 in Washington, DC.