

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
April 21, 2025, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Natasha Alston, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Kari Hall, Melissa Rogers, Joshua Viau, Virginia Welle, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Jenni Redifer, Emily Leary Chesnes, Beth Schwartz, Aliza Epstein

Unable to participate: Hideko Sera

Approving March meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the March 14-15, 2025, TOPSS Committee meeting.

TOPSS Survey

TOPSS reviewed both text and responses to an APA/TOPSS teacher needs survey conducted in 2021 and considered if the Committee wanted to conduct a teacher needs survey this year. The Committee agreed conducting a survey in 2025 would be helpful and aligns to the 2025 TOPSS work plan. While many of the 2021 survey questions should be used again for comparison, the emphasis on COVID from the earlier survey is much less relevant now. The Committee also recommended including questions on Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as questions to assess how many teachers know how to use AI appropriately or ethically.

TOPSS Subcommittees

The Committee broke into subcommittees to discuss their separate areas of focus.

The Professional Development/Regional Teaching Network subcommittee discussed and made plans for the April 28 webinar on regional teaching networks. The group also discussed developing a short PowerPoint slide deck to share with the regional networks as a way to promote TOPSS.

The Resources subcommittee discussed plans to revise the *Teaching Psychology: Where can I find help?* resource.

TOPSS Reminders

Committee members were reminded to share possible election candidates with Kari Hall or to make direct contact with possible candidates. Committee members were also encouraged to consider applying to participate in the APA Presidential Initiative on Engaging Psychology's Future, and/or to encourage colleagues to apply to the initiative.

Next TOPSS Calls

The next TOPSS call will take place on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 PM eastern. Calls are currently scheduled to take place on the third Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM eastern, through December.