

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
May 19, 2025, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

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

Unable to participate: Kari Hall, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Hideko Sera

Approving April meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the April 21, 2025, TOPSS Committee meeting.

TOPSS Business/Reminders

Committee members were reminded of several upcoming deadlines and opportunities (e.g. for the TOPSS Committee call for nominations, the APF outreach grants, APA 2025, and the Engaging Psychology's Future presidential initiative) and asked if anyone was interested in applying to take part in one of two committees working to revise the National Council for the Social Studies' C3 Framework.

Pacing Calendars

The Committee was asked to discuss the call for course pacing calendars that TOPSS has disseminated since early 2024. To date, none of the submitted calendars has been aligned to the *National Standards*. The Committee agreed anyone who submits a calendar should be asked to add *National Standards* alignment to their calendar. The call for pacing calendars could be shared at the June 6 trivia night at the AP reading. All Committee members were encouraged to submit a calendar and/or encourage a colleague to submit a calendar for consideration. Stephanie and Natasha offered to draft a sample calendar for review.

TOPSS Subcommittees

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

- The Resources subcommittee discussed and confirmed the goals of *Teaching Psychology: Where can I find help?* resource. Members agreed updates are needed and suggested making edits to the original text by the July 21 meeting. The group also started discussing the resources on skills and the Canvas resource set, both developed at the 2017 APA high school summit, and possible next steps for considering or revising either resource set.
- The Professional Development/Regional Network subcommittee debriefed from the April 28 webinar, discussed the importance of connecting teachers starting regional networks with mentors, and discussed areas of the country currently lacking regional networks. Iowa and Wisconsin were mentioned as states to consider for outreach. The group was also asked to consider why applications to some of the TOPSS-supported spring and summer workshops have been low and noted that participation in in-person events in general may be lower now, as also seen in lower Advanced Placement Summer Institute enrollment.

Next TOPSS Calls

There will be no TOPSS call in June. The next planned call will be held Monday, July 21, at 7:30 PM eastern. Later this year the Committee may decide to replace one or more planned calls with a 90-minute call(s) and not holding a call one or more month(s).