

**Committee of Practitioners Agenda**  
**Monday, October 20, 2025 - In Person - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (working lunch)**

*The October 20, 2025 meeting of the Nebraska Committee of Practitioners will be held In Person at*  
**NDE Office Building State Board Room Lincoln, NE 68510**

Zoom address: <https://zoom.us/j/4024712452> Meeting ID: 402 471 2452

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- Call to Order**
  - Welcome & Introductions
  
- Nebraska Open Meetings Act Reminder ([here](#))**
  
- Public Comment**
  
- Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2025 meeting ([here](#))**
  
- NDE COP Process Rules – Management and Revision**
  - Election of Committee of Practitioners Chairperson for 2025-2026
    - Nominations and Voting
  - Discuss and motion to approve revised COP process rules ([here](#))
    - COP Voting Member Directory 3-year term Draft ([here](#))
  
- Paraprofessional Qualifications**
  - Discuss and possible motion to revise scoring of Workkeys
  
- Literacy Project Update - Allyson DenBeste, Academic Officer and Office Administrator, Teaching, Learning, & Assessment and Dr. Jamie Cook, Literacy Officer**
  
- ESEA Program Updates**
  - Title I-A: Educationally Disadvantaged
  - Title I-A School Improvement (1003a)
  - Title I-C: Migrant
  - Title I-D: Neglected At-Risk Delinquent
  - Title II-A: Improving Teacher Quality
  - Title III: Language Acquisition
  - Title IV-A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE)
    - Stronger Connections Grant
  - Title IV-B: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC)
  - Title VI: REAP – Rural Education Achievement Program-
    - SRSA – Small Rural School Achievement Program
    - RLIS – Rural Low-Income School Program
  - Title VII-B: Education of Homeless Children and Youth
  - Head Start

- **Dr. Shirley Vargas, School Transformation Officer and Amanda Morris, Director of School Improvement Education**
  - **CSI Resource Allocation Review follow up**
  - **CSI Guidebook from TNTP on What They Learned from Work with Nebraska Schools**
    - **Link ([here](#))**
  
- **Working Lunch Topic – Small group discussions on CSI Guidebook provided by TNTP**
  - **Small group report out after lunch**
  
- **Tom Goeschel, Director of Grant Compliance Education and Lisa Laws, Grants Training Specialist**
  - **Federal Funds and Allowable travel expenditures**
  - **Federal Compliance Regulation**
  - **Federal Financial Regulatory Guidance and Training Available to Subrecipients**
  
- **Federal Funds – USDE Updates**
  - **Lane Carr, Office of Policy & Strategic Initiatives**
    - **Current state of budget at the State and Federal level and the impact on Nebraska education**
    - **Consolidation/streamlining of services at NDE**
    - **Advocacy**
  
  - **Beth Wooster, ESEA Office Administrator**
    - **Federal funding updates**
    - **Communication from previous summer**
      - **Useful information**
      - **Gaps**
      - **2026-2027 Allocation Timeline**
  
- **Other**
  - **NAESPA Conference in Denver, Colorado – February 10-12, 2026**
    - **Distinguished Schools update**
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - **Spring Meeting Date Survey**
    - **March 30, 31 and April 16th**
    - **Grand Island Public School (GIPS) Islander Annex Building, 3025 College St., Grand Island, NE**