

Committee of Practitioners Agenda

Tuesday, March 31, 2026- In Person - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (working lunch)

*The Tuesday, March 31, 2026 meeting of the Nebraska Committee of Practitioners
will be held In Person at*

Grand Island PS – Islander Annex Building 3025 College St. Grand Island, NE

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

Or via Telephone: **+1 346 248 7799** Meeting ID: **402 471 2452**

- Call to Order**
 - Welcome & Introductions

- [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) Reminder**

- Public Comment**

- Approval of [Minutes from October 20, 2025](#) meeting**

- Open Meetings Requirements – Dottie Heusman, Assistant Administrator for Federal Programs ([Revised Process Rules](#))**
 - **Changes to Process Rules**
 - **Possible Motion to Approve changes to Process Rules due to Open Meeting Requirements**

- Federal Program Administrator Updates -- Beth Wooster, ESEA Office Administrator**
 - **State Audit – Title I-A, III and IV**
 - **ESEA Distinguished Schools February 2026**
 - **PathwiseK12 Parent Notices (Formerly TransACT)**
 - **Federal Funding updates and Timeline**
 - **Preliminary Allocations for 2026-2027**
 - **Federal Waivers**
 - **What’s not authorized through waivers**
 - **Update of latest waivers by USED**
 - **Difference between EdFlex and Federal Waivers**
 - **Committee input on possible waivers**

- Federal Designation Updates - Amanda Morris, Director of School Improvement Education and Michelle Rezek, Federal Programs Specialist**

- Federal Accountability Designation Data Reports – Amanda Morris, Director of School Improvement Education**

- Working Lunch Topic – Small group discussions on Federal Accountability Designation Data Reports**

- Small group report out after lunch

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: 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st 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
- Parent, Family & Community Engagement
- Nonpublic Ombudsman
- Head Start Collaboration Office

Other

- **NAESPA Conference in Louisville, KY – February 24-26, 2027**
- **Reminder Committee Members term changed and approved for 3-year term**

Next Meeting

- **Fall Meeting Dates**
 - **NDE Office Lincoln, NE. Tuesday, September 29, 2026**