



Committee of Practitioners Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2025

9:00 am to 10:00 am

[AGENDA](#)

Active Members:

Last Name:	First Name:	Present:	Last Name:	First Name:	Present:
Avila	Kari		Larson	Carrie	X
Barney	Darcy	X	Mansouri	Darlene	X
Betz	Sheila	X	McAdams	Sharon	X
Bonillas	Aissa	X	McIntier	Chris	X
Bowers	Norine	X	Musil	Robyann	X
Bumford	Kristen	X	Ostgaard	Chris	X
Crain Hacker	Stacie	X	Otto	Susan	X
Diemand	Tanya	X	Penniman	Missy	X
Festa-Daigle	Jaime		Ramsey	Jami	X
Galetti	Sarah	X	Reff	Audrey	X
Garcia	Frank	X	Rose	Cheryl	
Garland	Melissa	X	Salce	Domonic	X
Krueger	Becki	X	Sterling	Shari	X
Lansa	Jon	X	Wood	Jeannie	

Non-Members:

Last Name	First Name:	Present:	Last Name:	First Name:	Present:
Gil	Gabby	X	Rodriguez	Tabitha	X
Kaplow	Deb	X	White	Sarka	X
Ortega	Olivia	X			

I. WELCOME

- a. Sheila Betz from Chinle Unified SD welcomed attendees to the information-only meeting, emphasizing that no minutes would be approved or action items discussed.
- b. The Quorum was met, and Sheila Betz from Chinle Unified SD requested a motion to open the meeting. Sharon McAdams from Balsz SD made a motion to open the meeting, which was seconded by Aissa Renteria from Nogales Unified SD. The motion was carried out, and the meeting was officially opened at 10:03 am.

I. ADE UPDATES

- a. **Olivia Ortega** was introduced as the new Director of Equitable Services, replacing Tiffany Morse. Olivia will also serve as the State Ombudsman contact for Equitable Services.
- b. **Deb Kaplow** was introduced as the new Business Operations Director for ESSA. She will oversee all business operations for Title I, Title 1-D, Title II, Title III fiscal, SEIS, Title IV-A Fiscal Reporting

- and Compliance, RLIS, 21st Century, and Homeless Grants.
- c. Updated Policy for the Rank and Serve in October Data. Rank and Serve Guide has been created to assist districts with quality examples and options for using state data in Arizona. The document will be on the website and in Grants Management.
- d. FY26 Updates:
 - i. Overall funding: Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV-A
 - ii. Preliminary numbers
 - iii. RLIS
 - iv. Released Allocations
 - v. US Department of Education Federal Meeting: Dr. White will attend on July 7th-9th2025.
 - vi. 21st Century Funding and application.
- e. The Income Eligibility Form has been updated and is now live on the website.
- f. Guidance document for Mandatory Trainings will be available at the ESEA Website
- g. Guidance on stakeholders is also available.
- h. Rank and Serve Guide has been created to assist districts with quality examples and options for using state data in Arizona.
- i. Local Guidance for Set-Asides with examples has been released.
- j. Income Eligibility Form Updates:
 - i. Retention Period
 - ii. Monitoring and Audits
 - iii. Income Exclusion
 - iv. Student Specific Form
 - v. Eligibility Duration
 - vi. Early release and complications

II. Discussion and Questions

Sarka White provided answers.

- a. Concerns on the Income Eligibility Form's effective date
- b. Enrollment Packets from the spring were distributed and will not have the updated form
- c. Charter Districts face similar challenges with prior-year enrollment for the upcoming school year
- d. Additional questions can be sent to Dr. White, Deb Kaplow, or ESEA@azed.gov

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Sheila Betz from Chinle Unified SD asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon McAdams from Balsz SD made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 am, which was seconded by Norine Bowers from Crane Elementary SD. This motion was carried out at 10:31 am and the meeting was adjourned.