

South Dakota Department of Education Committee of Practitioners

July 13, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Chairperson
Becky Guffin

Vice Chairperson
Laura Willemsen

U.S. P.L. 114-95 ESEA of 1965 as amended by ESSA 2015 Part F - General Provisions Section 1603 - State Administration

(b) COMMITTEE OF PRACTITIONERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State educational agency that receives funds under this title shall create a State committee of practitioners to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under this title.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Each such committee shall include—

- (A) as a majority of its members, representatives from local educational agencies;
- (B) administrators, including the administrators of programs described in other parts of this title;
- (C) teachers from traditional public schools and charter schools (if there are charter schools in the State) and career and technical educators;
- (D) principals and other school leaders;
- (E) parents;
- (F) members of local school boards;
- (G) representatives of private school children;
- (H) specialized instructional support personnel and paraprofessionals;
- (I) representatives of authorized public chartering agencies (if there are charter schools in the State); and
- (J) charter school leaders (if there are charter schools in the State).

(3) DUTIES.— The duties of such committee shall include a review, before publication, of any proposed or final State rule or regulation pursuant to this title. In an emergency situation where such rule or regulation must be issued within a very limited time to assist local educational agencies with the operation of the program under this title, the State educational agency may issue a regulation without prior consultation, but shall immediately thereafter convene the State committee of practitioners to review the emergency regulation before issuance in final form.

Contact Yutzil Becker at 605-773-3134 for information.

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ESEA Committee of Practitioners

July 13, 2026; 3:00 p.m. CT

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3:00 p.m.

Welcome

Call the Meeting to Order - Becky Guffin, Chairperson

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Open for Public Comment – 5 minutes and submitted in written form

If you are interested in providing public comment, please send notification to yutzil.becker@state.sd.us or call (605)773-3134.

COP Membership

ED Flex Waiver

[Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) Implementation](#)

School Improvement Set-Aside

Assessment and Accountability Updates

Future Meetings

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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