

# NACSACon2022 SCHEDULE

[NACSAcon2022](#) will take place Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the [Hilton Minneapolis](#).  
Below is a draft schedule as of **September 9, 2022**. Please note that this schedule is subject to change.  
All event times below are Central Standard Time (CST).

DAY 1 MONDAY, OCTOBER 24	
1:00 – 4:00 PM	<b>Authorizing 101 Workshop</b> NACSA <i>Separate registration required. <a href="#">Register here</a>.</i>
1:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>A-Game Meeting</b> <a href="#">A-Game</a>
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<b>NACSAcon2022 Opening Remarks &amp; Keynote Speaker</b> <i>Dr. Karega Rausch featuring Dr. Anton Treuer</i>
6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>Opening Reception</b>

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## DAY 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Breakfast (7:30 – 9:30 AM)

### BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (9:30 – 10:30 AM)

#### **We can't 'lean in' alone: Black women leading school choice in D.C.**

*Dr. Christina Grant (Office of the State Superintendent of Education), Dr. Michelle Walker (D.C. Public Charter School Board), and Shannon Hodge (KIPP DC)*

#### **Authorizers Have a Duty to the Community**

*Raymond Ankrum (Riverhead Charter School)*

#### **Introducing NACSA's 2022 Performance Framework**

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#### **Co-Designing for Equity and Community Engagement**

*Anson Jackson (Bellwether Education Partners), Shawn Hardnett (Statesmen College Preparatory Academy for Boys), Martin Nalls (I3 Academy), Paul Morrissey (Compass Rose Public Schools) & Tori Jackson-Hines (Resurgence Hall Charter School)*

#### **Let's Talk Special Education Oversight: Requirements, Challenges, Tools**

*Stephanie Olsen (Volunteers of America – Minnesota), Christopher Reynolds (Minnesota Department of Education) & Dr. Erin Wanat (INDIGO Education)*

#### **All Hands on Deck: Leveraging a Collaborative SEA Community in Charter Authorizing**

*Natalie Elliott, John Garland, and Marian Schutte (Texas Education Agency)*

### BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (10:45 – 11:45 AM)

#### **Novel Approaches to Mental Health: A Supportive Colorado Charter School Approach**

*Betsy Basch (Colorado Charter School Institute) & Clare Vickland (Cadelo, LLC)*

#### **Balanced Accountability of Student Performance**

*Laurie Schroeder (Innovative Quality Schools)*

#### **How flexible is flexibility? Moving beyond policy to practice**

*Sonia Park (Diverse Charter Schools Coalition), Yomika Bennett (NY Charter Schools Association), Kristen James (DC Public Charter School Board), Recy Dunn (Ascend Charter Schools)*

#### **Evolving for Excellence: Moving Beyond Compliance for Students**

*Dr. Corey Loomis (Riverside County Office of Education)*

#### **Why Diverse Educators are Vital for Student Success**

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*Jabari Peddie (BES)*

**Lunch & Community Session (11:45 AM – 1:30 PM)**

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (1:30 – 3:00 PM)**

**TED-Style Talk Block**

- **Innovative Authorizing Organizational Structures** *Laurie Schroeder (Innovative Quality Schools)*
- **Want diversity? Run a great shop.** *Rich Haglund (RH3 Consulting)*
- **This ain't your mother's school oversight** *Rich Haglund (RH3 Consulting)*
- **Race and the Mismeasure of School Quality** *Talia Gerstle & Russell Legate-Yang (MIT Blueprint Labs)*

**Defining What Matters When Supporting Over 500 Schools**

*Johanna Medina & Rachel Hannah (AZ State Board for Charter Schools)*

**Helping “Mini-Authorizers” Do a Big Job: Resources and Strategies to Help Districts Overseeing 1 or 2 Charter Schools**

*Alex Medler (Colorado Association of Charter School Authorizers)*

**Authorizer and Operator Relationship Dynamics: Challenges and Solutions Geared Toward a Common Goal: Great Schools for More Kids**

*Kelly Chrisman (Momentum Strategy & Research)*

**Foundational Understandings of Native American Charter Schools**

*Francis Vigil (National Indian Education Association), Adrian Larbi-Cherif (National Charter School Resource Center), Dr. Arrow Wilkinson (Walatowa High Charter School), Dr. Terri Bissonette (American Indian Academy of Denver), Dawn Sang (Hawaii Department of Education), Kendra Clements (We the People Consulting)*

**Diverse School Models and School Leaders: Barriers & Gateways in the New Schools Application Process**

*David Greenberg (NACSA)*

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (3:30 – 4:30 PM)**

**Fiscal Oversight Beyond a Financial Framework**

*Cindy Schumacher (Schumacher Consulting)*

**Onboarding: A Tool Toward Inclusive Team Transformation**

*Addie Washington, Erin Anderson, Nalani McCutcheon, Emily Edstrom Moore & Ashley Estis (Osprey Wilds Charter School Division), Alul Yesak (A4A)*

**Innovation in and Authorizing of Online Programs**

*Laurie Schroeder (Innovative Quality Schools) & Cathy Diaz (EdVisions Off Campus)*

**What do I look for? Authorizing and Supporting Montessori Programs**

*Sara Suchman (National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector)*

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**Evaluating Specialized Charter Schools Pre and Post COVID 19**

*Jamison White (NAPCS), Lifei Huang (NYU)*

**Leaders Alumni Reception\*\*\*** (*Time TBD*)

**DAY 3**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**Breakfast (7:30 – 9:30 AM)**

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (9:00 – 10:00 AM)**

**Is the Legal Door Open for Religious Charter Schools?**

*Jason Zwara (NACSA) & Renita Thukral (NAPCS)*

**HEI Authorizers and their Unique Contexts**

*Alyson Murphy & Dan Cooper (GVSU), Vanessa Moran (University of Wisconsin System Office of Educational Opportunity), KC Holder (Northern Michigan University Charter Schools Office), Lindsay Omlor (Education One), Amy Ruck Kagan & Sean Conlan (NACSA)*

**Marketing, Recruiting, and Enrolling for Equity: Website Review Tool**

*Lauren Rhim (Center for Learner Equity)*

**Equity Design Lab: A Focus on the Power of Empathy**

*Alul Yesak (A4A)*

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM)**

**Are you authentically engaging your community? Strategies for authorizers**

*Robin Chait & Kelly Wynveen (WestEd), John Carlos Green (DCPCSB), Rebecca Feiden (SPCSA), Joseph Escobedo (Albuquerque Public Schools)*

**TED-Style Talk Block**

- **The Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) Site Evaluation Trends: 2021 - 2022 School Year** *Dr. Selcuk Ozdemir & Karen Gordon (SPCSA)*
- **Estimating Student's Recover Time from COVID-related Learning Losses** *Sofokis Goulas (Stanford University)*
- **It's Time to Talk the Talk! Capacity Interviews: How to Maximize Charter Application Cycle and Challenge the Content** *Emily Paul & Emalee Baker (South Carolina Public Charter School District)*
- **Humanistic Authorizing** *Nick Pretasky (Wisconsin Resource Center of Charter Schools) & Chamomile Nusz (Circle Education)*

**Detoxifying Authorizing: Transforming Your Work Culture to be More Diverse, Inclusive, and Equitable**

*Veronica Brooks-Uy (NACSA), Vashaunta Harris, Samantha Diaz (Pillsbury United Communities)*

**Financial Performance Evaluation and Monitoring: Exploring Challenging Issues**

*David Greenberg (NACSA), Mike Dang (SPCSA), Jim Ford (Ford Research & Solutions, Inc.), Beth Figueroa (TN Public Charter School Commission), Barbara Acenowr (SUNY), James Betley (Indiana Charter School Board) & Marc Carignan (Bluum, Inc.)*

**IoD for Everyone: Using Indicators of Distress in Varying Contexts**

*Aimee Evan (WestEd), David Frank (New York State Education Department), John Carwell (Delaware DOE), Johanna Medina (Arizona State Board for Charter Schools), Jeremy Jones (Maine Charter School Commission)*

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**The Authorization Process is the Entree: Exploring Equitable Processes and Practice**

*Kelli Peterson (The Ed.ucated Approach)*

Lunch (12:00 – 1:30 PM)

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (1:30 – 2:30 PM)**

**LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER: How an authorizer leveraged their resources and influence to help schools examine the pandemic's impacts, changes, and innovations**

*Jason Sarsfield, Erin Conley & Joe Marr (Central Michigan University), David Hartman (Venn Education), Adam Aberman (The Learning Collective) & Lisa Bergman (Renaissance Public School Academy)*

**Community & Student Centered Decision Making**

*Sam Mathias, Carrie Timmermans & Carolina Rodriguez (Chicago Public Schools)*

**Talk story session: How are Authorizers monitoring virtual charter schools for quality and effectiveness?**

*Patrick J (PJ) Foehr (Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission) & Gina Post (Maine Charter School Commission)*

**Combatting Institutional Racism via Community-Based Authorizing**

*Samantha Diaz & Larry A. McKenzie (Pillsbury United Communities), Tony Monfilleto & Deborah Good (Future Focused Education)*

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (3:00 – 4:00 PM)**

**Authorizing Evolved: Case Studies in Authorizing Diverse School Models**

*Janet Dinnen (Colorado Charter School Institute)*

**Working Toward a Student-Centered and Anti-Racist System of Schools**

*Brigid Moriarty-Guerrero (Longview Education) & Nikki Alson (Alliance of College Ready Public Schools)*

**Good to Great Charter School Governance**

*Robbyn Wahby (Missouri Public Charter School Commission) & Kent Peterson (SchoolSmartKC)*

**District and Higher Ed Charter Partnerships: Lessons from Texas**

*Chris DeWitt (Texas Education Agency), Eduardo Hernandez, Phillip Chavez & Theresa Salinas (Edgewood ISD), Cynthia Teniente-Matson & Henrietta Munoz (Texas A&M San Antonio University)*

**Supporting Students with Disabilities through the Pandemic: What role can authorizers play?**

*Lauren Stellano & Lauren Rhim (Center for Learner Equity)*

**Authorizers of Color Mixer\* Time TBD**

*Arielle Diaz*

**NACSAcon2022 Reception (6:00 – 9:00 PM)**

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**DAY 4**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**Breakfast (7:00 – 8:30 AM)**

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (9:00 – 10:00 AM)**

**Equity Design Lab for School Leaders (Part 1)**

*Alul Yesak (A4A)*

**Community Co-Design: How and Why**

*Danalyn Hypolite (BES)*

**From micro to macro - individual success and systemic changes to charter school accountability in Colorado**

*Ryan Marks (Colorado Charter School Institute)*

**Leveraging Technology to Create Consistency and Enhance Quality and Efficiency**

*Mary Bradley (National Charter Schools Institute)*

**Community Impact: Pathways to Careers**

*Theda Sampson (Thomas B Fordham Foundation), David Taylor (Dayton Early College Academy), Ciji Pittman (KIPP: Columbus) & Foresta Shope (Sciotoville Community Schools)*

**BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK (10:15 – 11:15 AM)**

**Washington, D.C. Charter Schools: A Maturing Choice Ecosystem**

*Katie Rouse (Bellwether Education Partners), Mashea Ashton (Digital Pioneers Academy) & Tomeika Bowden (DC Public Charter School Board)*

**Facility Fantasies: The Authorizer's BS Detector**

*Patrick Beausoleil (Highmark School Development)*

**What's Next for the CSP? Navigating the Authorizer's Role in the Administration's Changes to the Federal Charter Schools Program**

*Katie Dammann (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools)*

**Multiple Measures of Success**

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**Equity Design Lab for School Leaders (Part 2)**

*Alul Yesak (A4A)*

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