



Empower Subcommittee

1.12.2026

COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Serve as lead learners for the Advisory Committee as to the best practices for literacy preparation and training; policy recommendations; research and strategies to advance educator expertise in literacy; and monitor progress of the implementation of Imperative 2 – Empower strategies in the strategic plan.

MATERIALS :

[Evaluating-and-Improving-Teacher-Preparation-Programs-Executive-Summary-FINAL.pdf](#)

First Turn/ Last Turn Protocol – prepare by reading report and highlighting 2-3 items for discussion.

Welcome	Time: 5 mins	
A) Welcome. Welcome Reminder of Sub-Committee Purpose Review and Approve Minutes from December meeting		Dr. David Hurford

Topic Discussion:	Time: 50 mins	
1) Review Common Language- Field Experience, Literacy Practicum, Student Teaching 2) Evaluating and Improving Teacher Preparation Programs - First Turn/ Last Turn Protocol 3) Talking Points for Literacy Day		

Action Items	Time: 5 min	
Register for Literacy Day at the Capital		

Upcoming Empower Sub-Committee Meetings – Virtual Only
• February 9, 2026 • April 13, 2026

Upcoming In-Person Full Advisory Committee Meetings and Events

• January 20, 2026	9:00 – 3:30	Literacy Day at the Capital
• March 11, 2026	10:00 – 3:30	Wichita State University
• May 20, 2026	10:00 – 3:30	Washburn University

Building Literacy Expertise: Novice to Master Educator



*See attached document with descriptions of each level of experience reflected in the diagram.