

# Charter: Policy Rapid Response Network

September 2025



## Timeline & Commitment

**Start date:** September 1, 2025

**End date:** August 31, 2026

The group will communicate primarily through calls and emails. These will take place on an as-needed basis. Task Force members are expected to be available to respond with requested feedback within a reasonable amount of time.

## Composition

- **Members:**
  - Nicole Adner, Clarkson University
  - Jenny Aguiar, New England Law, Boston
  - David Alexander, ECPI University
  - Elizabeth Amador, University of New Mexico
  - Katherine Anderson, Berklee College of Music
  - Traci Armes, University of South Florida
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  - Joan Bailey, University of South Florida Health
  - Daniel Barkowitz, University of Miami
  - Brad Barnett, James Madison University
  - Laura Beer, University of Miami
  - John Bender, Lewis-Clark State College |
  - Heather Boutell, Vanderbilt University
  - Lee Bray, Pitt Community College
  - Lisa Bridgewater, Indiana University Indianapolis
  - Elizabeth Brooks, St. Cloud State University
  - Stephen Brown, Fordham University
  - Justin Chase Brown, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
  - Brenda Burke, Kent State University
  - Brenda Buzynski, The University of Iowa
  - Amy Cable, Louisiana Community and Technical College System
  - Kara Cain, University of the Cumberland
  - Heidi Carl, Purdue University
  - Paula Carpenter, Jefferson College
  - Megan Chaffee, Governors State University
  - Maralee Clayton, Ball State University
  - Aurie Clifford, Pima County Community College District
  - Janelle Cook, Colorado Mountain College
  - Diane Cooper, Northwest Career College

- Jackie Copeland, University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill
- Heather Cowherd, Western Kentucky University
- Shannon Crossland, Frank Phillips College
- Steven Daffer, Rose State College
- Alex DeLonis, Saint Louis University
- Perry Diehm, Southern Nazarene University
- Anastacia Dillon, Lewis & Clark College
- Melissa Donahue, Rhode Island School of Design
- Ryan Dulude, Community College of Vermont
- Karen Eckhart, Midwestern University
- Bryan Erslan, University of Kentucky
- Sarah Everitt, Gonzaga University
- Matt Falduto, Kirkwood Community College
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- Keri Gilbert, Stephens College
- Peter Goss, Portland Community College
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- Lauren Greider, Indiana University Indianapolis
- Melissa Haberman, University of Wisconsin – Platteville
- Emily Haynam, University of Missouri
- Lisa Hoskey, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- LeChelle Hunt-Davenport, Southern College of Optometry
- Leigh Ann Hussey, University of West Georgia
- Tracy Ireland, The Board of Regents of The University System of Georgia
- Lauren Jackson, Northwestern State University
- Emily Jarrell, Richmond Community College
- Kim Jenerette, Cedarville University
- Betsy Johnson, Bowling Green State University
- Angela Johnson, Cuyahoga Community College District
- Lyndsay Johnson, Stony Brook University
- Marie Johnson, University of Vermont
- Kristi Jovell, Johns Hopkins University
- Angela Karlin, University of Kansas
- Linda Katrinic, Baker College
- Holly Kirkpatrick, Arcadia University
- Patti Kohler, Western Governors University
- Tayler Kreutter, Mount Holyoke College
- Stacy Krygier, University at Buffalo
- Christina Lamb, University of Florida
- Sara Lambie, Indiana University Indianapolis
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- Katrina Lee, Wayne Community College
- Casey Lehmann, Nicolet Area Technical College
- Lori Lewis, Duke University
- Nathan Lohr, Purdue University
- Tony Lubbers, University of Central Missouri
- Donna MacDonald, Valencia College
- Jennifer Martin, Johns Hopkins University
- Vanessa Martineau, Western Governors University
- Charles Mayfield, Northwest Missouri State University
- Steven McDowell, Connecticut State Community College
- Michelle McNier, Mid Michigan College
- John McPherson, Ball State University
- Mark Messingschlager, Thomas More University
- Bradley Meyers, Southeastern Louisiana University
- Ben Montecillo, University of Houston
- Matthew Moore, Sinclair Community College
- Jennifer Muldowney, Lasell University
- Angela Nickel, Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Joshua North, Bridgewater College
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- Chad Olson, Iowa State University
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- Consuela Perez, Tarrant County College
- Nathaniel Peterson, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- JoEllen Price, San Jacinto College
- Kevin Roberts, Nightingale College
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- Jessica Sabourin, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Andrew Savage, Community College System of New Hampshire
- Jeffrey Shelby, Stanford University
- Carrie Short, Baldwin Wallace University
- Michael Silvernail, Harvard University
- Scott Skaro, United Tribes Technical College
- Zelotes Smith, Claremont McKenna College
- Jeneé Snyder, College of Western Idaho
- Janet Solberg, Creighton University
- Robyn Sollberger, Campbellsville University
- Kendra Souligne, Kankakee Community College
- Amanda Starwalt, Eastern Illinois University
- Melissa Stoddart, Pima County Community College District
- Jill Towns, Georgia Military College

- Alexandra Tubbs, Arkansas State University, Beebe
- Celena Tulloss, Auburn University
- Janet Turner, University of Portland
- Evan Udowitch, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Melissa Van Meter, Ohio University
- Reilly Watanabe, Colorado Mountain College
- Katy Weisenburger, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Kimber Wellman, California State University System
- Christal Williams, Johnson County Community College
- Caleb Williams, Northern Arizona University
- Amy Wood, Fisk University
- **NASFAA Staff Liaisons:** Megan Walter (for administrative purposes), NASFAA Policy Team

### **Background & Purpose**

A central component of NASFAA’s policy and advocacy work involves providing timely feedback on student aid issues to key stakeholders, including members of Congress and officials from the Department of Education and administration. Stakeholders typically provide a short deadline to provide feedback and often request that NASFAA provide examples and experiences from member institutions. The purpose of the Rapid Response Network is to:

- Become familiar with NASFAA’s policy positions, as adopted by the Board of Directors
- Provide timely, relevant feedback and examples to inquiries related to proposed legislation, regulation and/or related initiatives
- Assist NASFAA policy staff in aggregating and analyzing feedback, including identification of common themes and /or trends among responses
- Based on feedback, engage in discussion with NASFAA policy staff to help inform potential recommendations and official policy positions

The Rapid Response Network will be contacted as needed, through August 31, 2026.

### **Indicators of Success & Outcomes**

NASFAA Policy Staff will have an available and reliable group of members to provide feedback to key stakeholders at the federal level.

### **Task Force Members’ Duties & Responsibilities**

#### **Task-Force Specific Duties**

- Upon request, provide feedback and examples to inform draft legislation and regulation
- Using aggregate feedback, engage in related policy discussions with NASFAA policy staff to inform recommendations
- When appropriate, bring campus-level issues that need attention at the federal level to the NASFAA policy staff

#### **General Duties**

- Respond to requests for feedback from NASFAA policy staff in a timely manner
- Uphold and maintain confidentiality, when appropriate

### **Budget**

There are currently no planned expenditures.