

# DC Education Research Collaborative

Advisory Committee Meeting 1



Welcome!

# Agenda

- Welcome, overview, and motivation 6:00-6:25
- Introductions 6:25-6:55
- What is a Research Practice Partnership 6:55-7:25
- Advisory Committee role 7:25-7:50
- Next steps 7:50-8:00

# Presenters



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# Norms

- Positive energy!
- Public meeting
- Mind your airtime
- Video on
- Raise hand
- Questions in chat
- Tech problems: Mitch Rybak

# What is the DC Education Research Collaborative?

- A *research-practice partnership* established by the District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership Establishment and Audit Act of 2018 “*to support evidence-based ongoing improvement in District public schools*”
- Partners:
  - The [Research Council](#)
  - The [Advisory Committee](#)

# Advisory Committee makeup

- Institutional members:
  - Representatives from Council, Deputy Mayor for Education, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, DC Public Schools, Public Charter School Board, A Charter LEA, Washington Teachers' Union, Council of School Officers, State Board of Education
- Non-institutional members:
  - 6 chosen by the mayor; 6 chosen by the Council

# Research Council members

- American University School of Education
- Bellwether Education Partners
- Brookings Institution
- D.C. Policy Center
- EmpowerK12
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Howard University School of Education
- Mathematica
- Raise DC/Venture Philanthropy Partners
- Trinity Washington University
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland
- University of Virginia EdPolicyWorks
- Urban Institute



# Urban Institute

- A nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization with a 50-year history in DC
- A track record of rigorous quantitative research and community engaged research
- The Collaborative will be housed in the Center on Education Data and Policy and draw on the expertise of researchers, data scientists, communications professionals, and others across the organization

# Introductions

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- 45 seconds
- Who you are and what you're hoping for

# Why are we here?

“The Partnership shall conduct *independent education-related research that will support improvement in the District's public schools*, and shall publicly report the findings of the research, and will also benefit the Council's legislative and oversight responsibilities.”

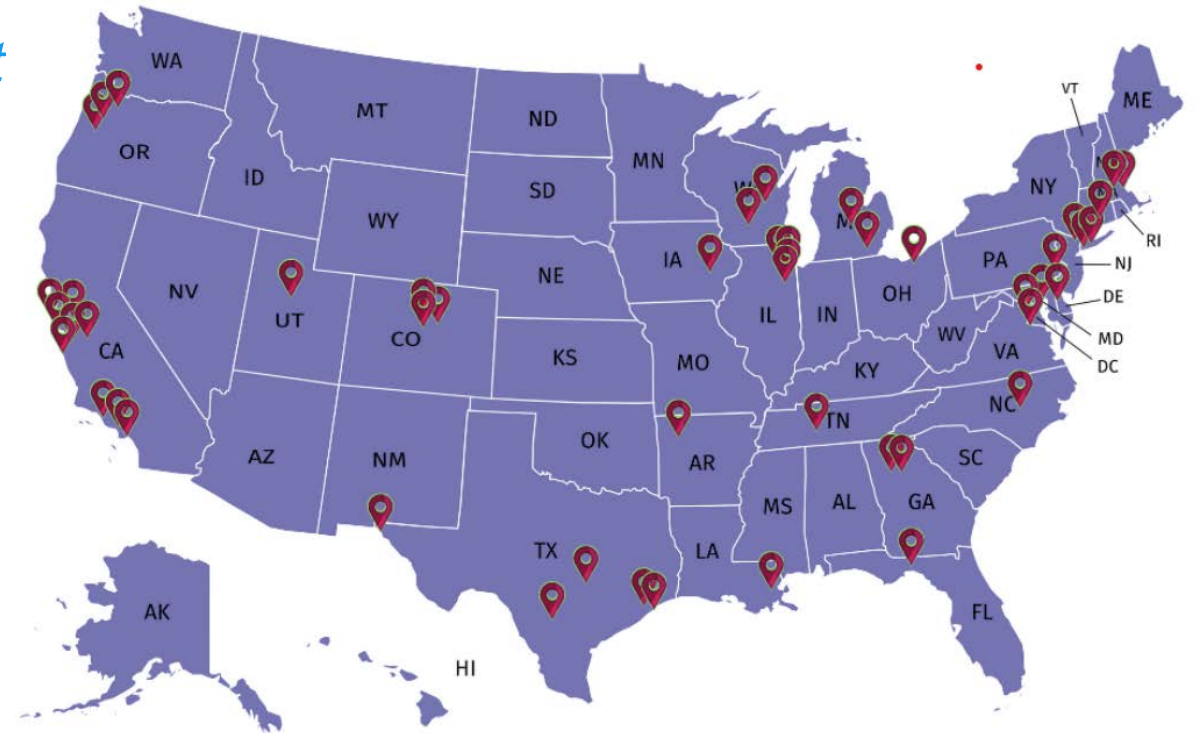
# What is a research-practice partnership?

An RPP...	An RPP does not...
Conducts rigorous, independent research in collaboration with stakeholders	Act as an oversight body
Uses qualitative and quantitative data to answer practitioners' questions	Share data outside of authorized research project uses
Prioritizes projects that are of interest to families and practitioners	Answer every question or weigh in on questions of opinion
Invests in putting research results in context so they can be used by practitioners	Publish solely in academic journals
May publish research that is used to inform policy	Lobby for specific legislation or legislative action

# RPPs exist across the country

“Research-practice partnerships (RPPs) at their very core are *intentional, formalized joint efforts...* to *impact decision making* in education through the use of research evidence.”

“A distinguishing feature of partnership work is the *purposeful integration of expertise* from two often disconnected industries: practice and research in education.”



# What makes an RPP different?

- Shared public mission
- Commit to the long term
- Focus on problems of practice
- Intentionally develop partnership
- Produce original analyses

# The RPP model in Chicago



# Values

- Independence
- Collaboration
- Research integrity and quality
- Transparency
- Equity

# Mission statement

To provide everyone with a stake in the success of DC public and public charter school students with robust, accurate information to support decisions that improve outcomes and advance equity.

**What excites you about building an RPP in DC?**

# Advisory Committee role

- Create a 5-year research agenda
- Provide insight to and feedback on projects
- Represent interests and experiences of your community

# Advisory Committee legislative requirements

- Adopt by-laws
- Create attendance requirements, term limits
- Establish process for electing leadership
- Meet formally at least 6 times a year

# Advisory Committee Governing Bylaws

- Election of Chair/Co-Chairs
- Membership & term limits
- Decision making votes & processes
- Working groups & committees
- Public meetings & engagement
- Communications

# Advisory Committee Leadership – Responsibilities

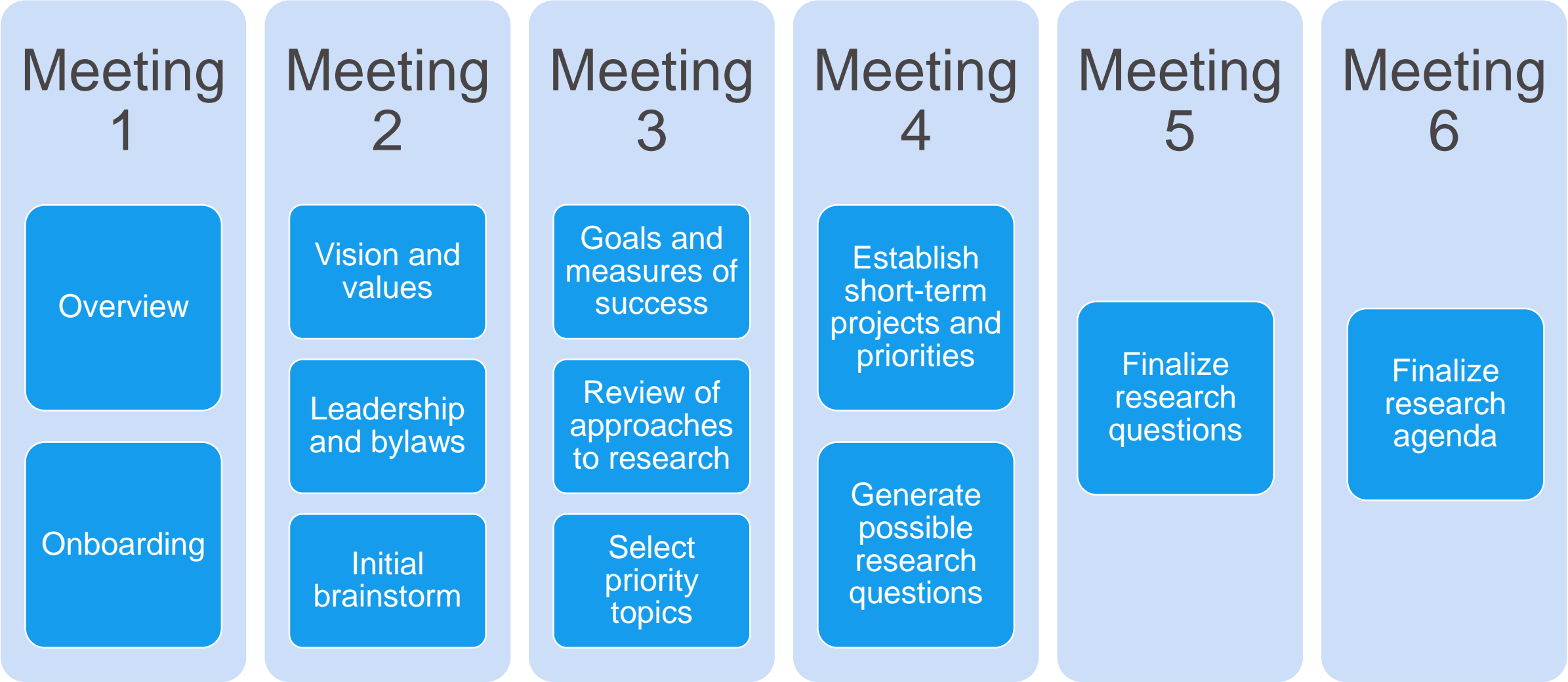
- Co-Chairs will:
  - Approve public meeting agenda and lead Advisory Committee meetings
  - Oversee Advisory Committee working groups and prioritize workflow
  - In consultation with the Executive Director, provide public testimony as appropriate

# Advisory Committee Leadership – Traits

- Potential co-chairs should bring:
  - Leadership capabilities, comfort speaking publicly and facilitating meetings
  - Knowledge of both sectors of the District of Columbia school community
  - Experience engaging with researchers
  - Ability to build consensus and engender enthusiasm for the work of Collaborative
- Candidates should be able to commit the equivalent of two days per month to the responsibilities of working with the Executive Director and Collaborative staff.
- Co-Chairs should be non-institutional members and have terms of at least 2 years



# Potential roadmap



# The DC Education Research Collaborative

Advisory Committee	Urban Institute	Research Council
Set five-year research agenda	Provide management and oversight	Advise on research agenda
Provide feedback on research projects	Lead fundraising and subcontracts	Design, plan, and staff research projects
Help disseminate research projects to community members	Build and house the data warehouse	Provide input on strategic direction of Collaborative
	Oversee communications	

# Next steps

- Before next meeting:
  - Send feedback on values and mission statement
  - Review draft bylaws and leadership duties
  - Consider whether you want to be a co-chair
- Next time:
  - Overview of DC data
  - Brainstorm areas of interest
  - Finalize bylaws, elect leadership
  - Finalize values and mission statement

Questions?