

**NICE Community Coordinating Council**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**January 27, 2026 | 3:30-4:30PM ET**

- I. Introduction and Ground Rules** –Susana Barraza, NICE Program Manager
- II. Opening Remarks**
  - a. Academic Co-Chair – Zarina Blankenbaker, Ph.D., President, Tarrant County College – Northwest
  - b. Industry Co-Chair – Michael Alicea, Chief Human Resources Officer, Trellix
  - c. Government Co-Chair – Karen Wetzels, Director of NICE, NIST
- III. Featured Content**
  - a. Report Roundup – Learning from Good Ideas  
  
*Accreditation Model for Cybersecurity Competency-Based Community Clinics*  
Presented by Talisa Jackson, Senior Manager, Programs, Workcred  
URL: <https://share.ansi.org/wc/Shared%20Documents/Workcred-Reports/Accreditation-Model-for-Cybersecurity-Competency-Based-Community-Clinics.pdf>
  - b. Framework Feature – Applications and Uses of Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity  
  
*NICE Framework Updates Open for Public Comments*  
Presented by Michael Prebil, Cybersecurity Workforce Analyst, NICE  
URL: <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2026/01/your-input-matters-comment-proposed-nice-framework-updates-february-2-2026>
- IV. Community Progress Reports**
  - a. Project Progress Reports
    - i. NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference  
December 7-8, 2026, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Presented by Felicia Lamb, iKeepSafe  
URL: <https://www.k12cybersecurityconference.org/>
- V. Featured Topic**
  - a. *Central Maryland Cyber Regional Alliance, Howard Community College*  
Presented by Bronwyn Bates, Workforce Programs Manager, Howard Community College  
URL: <https://www.howardcc.edu/programs-courses/continuing-education/>

## VI. Closing Remarks and Next Meeting Reminder

The next NICE Community Coordinating Council Meeting will be **March 24, 2026**, at 3:30PM ET.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- [NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education COI](#): February 12, 2026, 3:30 – 4:30 PM ET
- [NICE Cybersecurity Career Ambassadors COI](#): February 13, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET
- [NICE Promote Career Discovery WG](#): February 18, 2026, 3:30 – 4:30 PM ET

### Upcoming Events:

- [NICE Webinar Series](#):
- [2026 NICE Local Stakeholders' Engagement Event \(LSEE\)](#): March 20, 2026, 1:00–3:00 PM ET
- [NICE Conference & Expo](#): June 1-3, 2026, Philadelphia, PA
- [Cybersecurity Career Week](#): October 19-24, 2026
- [NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference](#): December 7-8, 2026, New Orleans, Louisiana
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