

State Superintendent's Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council Members 2022-2023 School Year

Council Members

1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.

Jennifer Raclaw

Email: jenn.raclaw@gmail.com

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Tiffany Meridith

Email: career.matters15@gmail.com

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Penny Kurkiewicz

Email: pkurkiewicz@freedomschools.k12.wi.us

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

2. Three persons who are members of an organization affiliated with persons who are visually impaired.

Cheryl Orgas, National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Tracey Stanislawski, Vision Forward

Email: tstanislawski@outlook.com

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Kailee Kamps, Wisconsin Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the blind and visually impaired (WAER)

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

3. Three licensed teachers, one of whom is a teacher of the visually impaired, one of whom is an orientation and mobility teacher and one of whom is a general education teacher.

Colleen Kickbush, TVI

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Julie Hapeman, O&M

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Penny Kurkiewicz, General Education
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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

4. One school board member.

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5. One school district administrator.

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6. One school district special education director.

Erikke Nystrom-Grothaus

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.

Wendy Leising

Email: wleising@cesa1.k12.wi.us

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

8. One person who has experience in educating the visually impaired or in educating teachers of the visually impaired and is affiliated with an institution of higher education.

Linda Bailey

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

9. Three other members, at least one of whom is visually impaired.

Jennifer Ottowitz

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Wanda Routier

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Dream Gunther

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

One of whom has been certified by the library of congress as a braille transcriber.

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DPI Representatives

Manriquez, Paul, Assistant State Superintendent, Division for Learning Support

Williams, Patricia, Director, Special Education

Berninger, Martha, Director, Interlibrary Loan & Resource

Mohd Shah, Zarina, Management Librarian, WI Talking Book & Braille Library

Wenzel, Dan, Director, WCBVI

Soto, Dawn, Outreach Director, WCBVI

Rhode, Kay, Liaison to the Advisory Council, WCBVI Outreach

Ramirez, Jacklynne, Secretary to the Advisory Council, WCBVI Outreach

Please click on the link below for the list of statutorily required members.

[List of Statutorily Required Members](#)

If you are interested in serving on the State Superintendent's Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council, please contact us at bvi.advisorycouncil@wcbvi.k12.wi.us and a representative will contact you.
