

**State Superintendent's Blind and Visual Impairment Education
Advisory Council
Members 2023-2024 School Year**

Council Members

1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.

Jennifer Raclaw

Email: jraclaw@cesa1.k12.wi.us

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)

Email: meekerorgas@ameritech.net

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)

Email: kamps034@umn.edu

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.

Council Vice-Chair Colleen Kickbush, TVI

Email: ckickbush@vision-forward.org

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Council Chair Julie Hapeman, O&M
Email: hapemail@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Dream Gunther
Email: dream.gunther@rusd.org
Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

4. One school board member.

Vacant

5. One school district administrator.

Vacant

6. One school district special education director.

Erikke Nystrom-Grothaus
Email: nystrom-grothause@cesa5.org
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
Email: lin1bailey@gmail.com
Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

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

Jennifer Ottowitz
Email: jenniferottowitz@gmail.com
Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Guadalupe Creapeau
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Term: September 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026

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

Kurt Pamperin

Email: kurt.pamperin@wisconsin.gov

Term: September 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026

DPI Representatives

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

Williams, Patricia, Director, Special Education

Tomev, Elizabeth, Assistant Director, Division for Libraries and Technology,
Library Services Team

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, Office Operations Associate to the Advisory Council, WCBVI
Outreach

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.