

# State Superintendent's Blind and Visual Impairment Education Advisory Council

Members 2024-2025 School Year

## Council Members

### **1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.**

Jennifer Raclaw

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Term: September 1, 2022, to July 1, 2025

Tiffany Meridith

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Term: September 1, 2022, to July 1, 2025

Penny Kurkiewicz

Email: [pkurkiewicz@freedomschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:pkurkiewicz@freedomschools.k12.wi.us)

Term: September 1, 2022, to July 1, 2025

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

Cheryl Orgas, National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

Email: [corgas@ablenow.org](mailto:corgas@ablenow.org)

Term: September 1, 2022, to July 1, 2025

Tracey Stanislawski, Vision Forward

Email: [tstanislawski@outlook.com](mailto: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.**

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Council Chair Julie Hapeman, O&M

[Email:JHapeman@gmail.com](mailto:JHapeman@gmail.com)

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Jane Moran

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Term September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

**4. One school board member.**

Vacant

**5. One school district administrator.**

Laurie Schmidt

Email: [lschmidt@waupacaschools.org](mailto:lschmidt@waupacaschools.org)

Term: September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

**6. One school district special education director.**

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**7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.**

Wendy Leising

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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](mailto: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

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Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Guadalupe Creapeau

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Term: September 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026

Rachel Krogman

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Term: September 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026

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

Vacant

### **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

Management Librarian, WI Talking Book & Braille Library, Vacant

Wenzel, Dan, Director, WCBVI

Soto, Dawn, Outreach Director, WCBVI

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

Peissig, April, 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](mailto:bvi.advisorycouncil@wcbvi.k12.wi.us) and a representative will contact you.