

**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

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

Cheryl Orgas, National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

Email: corgas@ablenow.org

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

Colleen Kickbush, Vision Forward

Email: ckickbush@vision-forward.org

Term: January 13, 2025, to June 30, 2027

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

Email: kkamps@cesa10.k12.wi.us

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 Chair Julie Hapeman, O&M

Email: JHapeman@gmail.com

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Jane Moran

Email: jmoran@cesa1.k12.wi.us

Term September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

General Education teacher

Vacant

4. One school board member.

Vacant

5. One school district administrator.

Laurie Schmidt

Email: lschmidt@waupacaschools.org

Term: September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

6. One school district special education director.

Vacant

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: jottowitz@colled.mstate.edu

Term: September 1, 2022 to July 1, 2025

Guadalupe Torrijos

Email: lupe1788@gmail.com

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.

Nettamara Doak

Email: nettamara.specialtouch@gmail.com

Term: January 13, 2025, to June 30, 2027

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

Voecks, Beth, 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

Peissig, April, Administrative Professional 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.