

Iowa Dyslexia Board - Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025 - 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Meeting minutes taken by Megan Hunemuller

Present: Katie Greving, Jill White, Kristen Craig, Katryn Dougherty, Michelle Geistkemper, Kimberly Buryanek, Nina Lorimor-Easley, Bambi Boggs, Megan Hunemuller, Katy Severe, James Northwick, Shane Williams, Wanda Steuri, Lindsay Harrison, Tom Wood, Shawn Datchuk, Tina Wahlert

Virtually: Tammy Wilgenbusch

Absent: None

Guests: None

Welcome / Public Comment

1. Meeting called to order
 - a. 10:00 by Shane Williams
2. Public Comment
 - a. None

Meeting Procedures

1. Approve Agenda
 - a. Nina motioned and James seconded to approve today's meeting agenda.
2. Chair Nominations
 - a. Wanda nominated Shane to be the chair of the Board. Megan seconded. Kim made a motion to close the nominations. Michelle seconded. Roll call vote - Katie Greving (aye), Jill White (aye), Kristen Craig (aye), Katryn Dougherty (aye), Michelle Geistkemper (aye), Kimberly Buryanek (aye), Nina Lorimor-Easley (aye), Bambi Boggs (aye), Megan Hunemuller (aye), Katy Severe (aye), James Northwick (aye), Wanda Steuri (aye), Shawn Datchuk (aye), Tina Wahlert (aye), Tammy Wilgenbusch (aye). Motion passed.
 - b. Bambi nominated Nina to be the vice chair of the Board. Megan seconded. Kim made a motion to close the nominations. James seconded. Roll call vote - Katie Greving (aye), Jill White (aye), Kristen Craig (aye), Katryn Dougherty (aye), Michelle Geistkemper (aye), Kimberly Buryanek (aye), Bambi Boggs (aye), Megan Hunemuller (aye), Katy Severe (aye), James Northwick (aye), Shane Williams (aye), Wanda Steuri (aye), Shawn Datchuk (aye), Tina Wahlert (aye), Tammy Wilgenbusch (aye). Motion passed.
3. Approved April 2025 Minutes

- a. Kim motioned to approve the April 2025 minutes. Nina seconded. Approved by the Board unanimously.
- 4. Board member announcements and updates
 - a. Katie gave an update on DDIA - specifically on their educator conference. It will be held October 27-28, 2025 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa.
 - b. Katy gave an update on the 2nd cohort who just finished their Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement at Grandview University. Cohort 3 has started.
 - c. Bambi updated everyone on her job change and explained that she received an award to become a Wilson trainer.
 - d. Shane mentioned that Mississippi Bend AEA lost a dyslexia endorsee to a district, but they were able to find a replacement.
 - e. Lindsay gave an update on the higher education support from the Department of Education. They hosted the first annual [Science of Reading Summit for Educator Preparation](#) this summer. It was well received by the higher education community.

Department of Education Updates

1. Wanda wanted to give everyone a heads up that we will likely be looking at our by-laws at a meeting in the future. She will be sure we have the Dyslexia Board Iowa Code legislation with the new repeal date in our shared folder. We will also review and offer updates to the priorities and goals if we feel it's needed.
2. Wanda gave 6 presentations for the new Iowa Dyslexia Handbook throughout the state. She also offered 2 virtual presentations and felt they went over well.
3. CLSD Grant update provided by Tina Wahler. They had 2 rounds open for district registrations. The applications have been scored and the recipients are in the process of learning if they received the grant and the amount.
4. Round 6 registrations for the Iowa LETRS had the largest number of registrations to date. The Department and Lexia are working through getting all the administrative work completed so that the course can start in September.
5. Early literacy and math updates - Wanda expressed that a team at the Department is working with schools to help implement the multiple pieces of literacy and mathematics legislation. Multiple presentations have been happening to help districts understand the legislation.
6. The International Dyslexia Association is developing an updated definition for dyslexia. They asked for public feedback and are working through those responses right now.
7. Wanda wanted to make everyone aware of HF890. This legislation states that anyone who receives the Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement with the State of Iowa would be eligible for a one-time stipend. She is hoping that this will become available for people who graduate from the program as early as next summer (2026).
8. There is now a required Board Member training. Those who served on the Board prior to this summer are grandfathered in. The training is free if we use the link supplied from the DOE. They have determined it is worth the time to attend.

Iowa Reading Research Center Updates

1. Shawn updated that the IRRC is working to wrap up this fiscal year. They have 5 specific projects they are working to finish up. He briefly touched on each of them. He then gave us a quick update on their upcoming projects for the new fiscal year.
2. There were 600+ attendees at the Iowa Reading Summit. They have secured the location for the summer of 2026. It will be June 16-17, 2026.
3. The IRRC will host [webinars](#) to support the training of educators on the new tools being released.
4. A suggestion was provided to label the projects with their actual use instead of the acronyms to ease the searchability for educators.

Review Legislative Report November 2024

1. Over a working lunch, we reviewed last year's legislative report and each created a notes document to refer to for our next agenda item.

2024-2025 Iowa Dyslexia Board Review of Minutes and Folder Artifacts

1. We went through each of last year's meeting minutes and combined it into a new shared working document. We looked for highlights in the minutes that matched last year's report.

Small Group Work for Drafting November 2025 Legislative Report

1. We broke into groups to work on the specific sections of our legislative report and combined all our thoughts onto one document for Wanda to look over. Then, we all came back together to provide input.

Reading Assistant Featuring Amira Overview

1. The EPS team and April Gosselink-Lemke with the Department explained Reading Assistant featuring Amira to our group. We talked through how it works and how teachers can utilize it in their classrooms as a supplement to their general education instruction.
2. It has been approved for use with Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction as well.

Closing Remarks / Meeting Adjourned

1. We talked through multiple options to consider for future meeting agenda items.
2. Wanda will work to get our legislative report ready and send it out for review prior to our next meeting.
3. Motion to adjourn by Kim. Seconded by Nina. Unanimously approved by the Board at 2:40pm.