

Iowa Dyslexia Board - Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting minutes taken by Megan Hunemuller

Present: Wanda Steuri, Tammy Wilgenbusch, Tom Wood, Tina Wahlert, Lindsay Harrison, Katryn Dougherty, John Speer, Michelle Geistkemper, Kody Asmus, Megan Hunemuller, Bambi Boggs, James Northwick, Katy Severe, Kristen Craig, Shane Williams

Virtually: Jill White

Absent: Katie Greving, Nina Lorimor-Easley

Guests: 2 virtual guests

Welcome / Public Comment

1. Meeting called to order
 - a. Shane Williams at 10am
2. Public Comment
 - a. None

Meeting Procedures

1. Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion moved by Michelle, seconded by Kristen to approve today's agenda. Unanimously approved.
2. Approve September 2025 Minutes
 - a. Motion moved by Katryn, seconded by Tammy to approve September minutes. Unanimously approved.
3. Board member announcements and updates
 - a. Jill shared that one of their HS students received a Dyslexia Award.
 - b. Megan shared about the DDIA Educator conference.

Department of Education Updates - Wanda Steuri

1. Wanda shared that the Department's Dyslexia Board and Dyslexia websites have been updated per our work session during our September meeting.
2. Wanda shared that she and Tammy both attended the IDA Annual Conference.
3. Wanda shared that she was able to attend and present at the DDIA Educator Conference. She shared that many people mentioned they were thankful for our Board's work on the Dyslexia Handbook.
4. Wanda thanked everyone for their work on the Legislative Report as it was submitted in November.

5. Wanda gave an update on the upcoming LETRS training. She was thankful to see the informational session was well attended.
6. Wanda explained that she has been working to support the CLSD grant including attending the GSP Leadership conference.
7. Wanda explained she is working on the IA Dyslexia Professional Learning Plan.
8. Wanda explained that she is working on the Department's Early Literacy Implementation webpage and encouraged us to ask questions if we have any.
9. Wanda mentioned that she was involved with the Division of Teacher Quality and Innovation syllabus review. She appreciated this opportunity.
10. Tina shared about the Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement stipend and their work to finalize structures.
11. Tina explained she is working on the upcoming Teacher of the Year standards.
12. Tina explained she is so thankful for John Speer stepping into the IRRC Interim Director role.
13. Tina explained that the HQIM Leadership Academy was partially provided based on a grant received for this purpose. The Department has invited specific schools to participate (CLSD, CSI and IDEA districts, etc.). Her goal is to have all schools in the state have access to this training within the next 3 years.
14. John gave a quick update on what he has been working on within the IRRC as he stepped into the new role. He worked on the IRRC's legislative report. He explained the IRRC is focusing on the Summit right now. He looks forward to the new year to hit the ground running.

Division of Teacher Quality and Innovation Updates - Lindsay Harrison

1. Lindsay mentioned she has been working on releasing the FORT (Foundations of Reading Test) scores.
2. Lindsay explained that they are working on gathering keynote and breakout speakers for the 2026 Higher Education Summer Summit.
3. Lindsay explained how every 7 years institutions of higher education across Iowa have site visits. She was thankful to work with her team on that.
4. Lindsay explained that with only 2 weeks of notice, 10 institutions participated in the HQIM Leadership Academy training. She was thankful for the opportunity to connect with the K-12 schools.
5. Lindsay shared that she was able to attend the DDIA Educator Conference and specifically Travis Wilkins' presentation. It has encouraged her to brainstorm into microlearning ideas: potential lead measures related to FORT Scores. The Board worked together in small groups to brainstorm ideas for the Division of Teacher Quality and Innovation to consider as they plan forward.

Final Review and Approval Iowa Dyslexia Board By-laws and Operating Procedures

1. Wanda discussed the revisions to the Board By-laws based on our feedback from the last meeting. The document was reviewed by legal. The Board reviewed the final version.

- a. After the review, a motion moved by James, seconded by Bambi to approve the By-laws. Unanimously approved.

Brainstorm Action Items Board Goals

1. Wanda explained that she has heard some feedback in regards to our Iowa Dyslexia Webpage, specifically our goals. She is curious how we feel about the goals listed on the website, specifically, are they actionable? As there are 3 goals on the website, we broke up into 3 groups to provide feedback on an area as assigned. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

CLSD Grant - Darcie Kress

1. Darcie provided deeper information about the CLSD grant and shared the Department's goals for this grant. 28 districts across Iowa have received the grant.

IDA Conference Updates

1. Wanda and Tammy discussed the IDA Conference and shared some slides. IDA presented a new dyslexia definition at the conference, so Tammy went through it and explained it so we could understand more about the specifics of why they wrote the definition the way they did.
2. The Board reviewed and shared information related to the explanation for the new definition provided on the [IDA website](#). This will support Board members if they need to address questions related to the new definition with the public.

Iowa Dyslexia Professional Learning Plan

1. Wanda explained that the Dyslexia Professional Learning Plan was put in place because of the Iowa Dyslexia Task Force recommendations. We reviewed this document last year but changes and updates have taken place since then. A PowerPoint and facilitator guide was shared for the Reading Acquisition PD. We broke into teams to review and provided our feedback for these documents.

Closing Remarks / Meeting Adjourned

1. Tammy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:35pm due to winter weather moving in. Megan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.