

**Dyslexia Advisory
Council**
December 8, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT
Detailed Agenda

Location: TN School for the Blind

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Purpose:

- to advise the department in matters relating to dyslexia
- clarify and refine guidance
- develop resources to support district implementation
- collect data and generate reports on student performance

Agenda (agenda is subject to change)

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome, introductions, norms	Dr. Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia Procurement • HQIM and TN FLSCS Crosswalks • Family Resource Library • Annual DAC Report • Report Card Guidance (finalized) 	Dr. Jessica Dainty
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	TDOE Partnerships Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TN Step • The Arc Literacy Advocacy Groups and Organizations Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA-TN • The Reading League • ALTA • Decoding Dyslexia • TN Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia 	Partners

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	International Dyslexia Association – New Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Implications • Next Steps 	Dr. Jessica Dainty, Manager of Statewide Dyslexia Strategy Council Members
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Refining Definition of Specially Designed Instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity • Connections and Implications for Students with Dyslexia 	Christy Hunt Dr. Jessica Dainty Council Members
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Dr. Jessica Dainty Council Members
12:30 – 1:05 p.m.	Reading Research Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HQIM Study Findings • Current and forthcoming Research 	Dr. Deborah Reed Council Members
1:05 – 1:30 p.m.	Educator Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC CEEDAR Instruction and Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia Module Series Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Buckets” 	Dr. Jessica Dainty Council Members
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Sub Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction and Intervention • Educator Preparation • Family Engagement 	Council Members
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Closing/Wrapping Up	Dr. Jessica Dainty

Council Members:

Lizzette Reynolds, Commissioner of Education

Kristy Brown, Chief Academic Officer

Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Student Supports

April Ebbinger, Director of Psychological and Behavioral Services, Assessment Specialist

Wendy O’Neal, Elementary Teacher

TBD, Middle Grade Teacher

Galen Bell, High School Teacher

Shalee Lastoria, Special Education Teacher



Kristin Davis, Speech Language Pathologist

Andrea Hickok, Parent

Gay Landaiche, Dyslexia Advocacy Group Representative

Susan Porter, Ex Officio

Erin Alexander, Ex Officio

Toremika Brown, Administrator

Alison Atnip, Tier I Instructional Coach

Lauren Derrick, Interventionist

Dr. Deborah Reed, Reading Research Center, UTK

Jessica Dainty, Manager of Statewide Dyslexia Strategy

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