

Dyslexia Advisory Council

February 23, 2026
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 – 10:40 a.m.	General Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia 101 Educator Module release 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 	Dr. Jessica Dainty
10:40 – 11:10 a.m.	Open Meetings Act Questions	Tate Ball Associate Counsel for Special Education
11:10 – 11:40 a.m.	Dyslexia Fonts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Use 	Dr. Jessica Dainty, Manager of Statewide Dyslexia Strategy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications 	Council Members
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Council Members
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	DSI and SDI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia-specific intervention and specially designed instruction • Fidelity Monitoring 	Dr. Jessica Dainty Christy Hunt Council Members
12:45 – 1:05 p.m.	Screening Guidance	Dr. Jessica Dainty Council Members
1:05 – 1:25 p.m.	Dyslexia Coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DYS02 • DYS03 • Office Hours 	Council Members
1:25 – 2:00 p.m.	Sub Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educator Preparation • Instruction and Intervention • 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 Ebinger, Director of Psychological and Behavioral Services, Assessment Specialist

Wendy O'Neal, Elementary Teacher

Rachel Hays, 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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