National Federation of the Blind

Committee for the Advancement and Promotion of Braille

Meeting Agenda at #NFB25

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

8:30AM, Galerie 4

(All times are approximate. In addition to the items listed below, interactive questions will be interspersed throughout the agenda, to quiz your knowledge about landmarks in the 200-year history of Braille (and about the 85-years of NFB’s role in helping to advance it.)

8:30 Welcome—Jennifer Dunnam, Committee Chair

8:35 Technology Taking Braille to New Heights—Jennifer Wenzel, Technology Product Specialist, American Printing House for the Blind

8:55 Strength In Solidarity: CENA’s Commitment to Braille, and How You Can Get Involved—Jonathan Mosen, Executive Director for Accessibility Excellence, National Federation of the Blind

9:20 Braille and the Science of Reading—Erin Zobell, 2024-2025 Maryland STEM2U Coordinator and NFB BELL Academy Southern Maryland Coordinator and Lead Teacher

9:40 Progress Through International Collaboration—Dr. Judith Dixon, President, International Council on English Braille

9:55 Discovering the Brain Basis of Braille Reading—Ziwen Wang, Neuroplasticity and Development Lab, Johns Hopkins University

10:05 Braille and NLS—An introduction from Amber Pearcy, Braille Development Officer, National Library Service for the Blind and Print-Disabled, Library of Congress

10:10 Updates from BANA—Jennifer Dunnam, NFB’s Representative to the Board of the Braille Authority of North America

10:25 Braille Around the World: Take-Aways from the Tactile Reading Conference 2025 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands—Karen Anderson

10:45 Continuing the Celebration of Braille’s 200 Years—a discussion

11:00 Adjourn