



NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL 2021-2022

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS,
CATEGORIES OF REQUIRED REPRESENTATION
& APPROVED MEMBER LIST

EXCERPTS FROM THE FEDERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT – IDEA, SEC. 1412(21)(B):

- B. Membership – Such advisory panel shall consist of members appointed by the Governor, or any other official authorized under State law to make such appointments, be representative of the State population, and be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including—
- (i) parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26); or Individuals with disabilities;
 - (ii) teachers;
 - (iii) representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel;
 - (iv) State and local education officials who carry out activities under Homeless Assistance Act;
 - (v) administrators of programs for children with disabilities;
 - (vi) representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities;
 - (vii) representatives of private schools and public charter schools;
 - (viii) not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and
 - (ix) a representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care; and
 - (x) representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.

Special Rules – a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (age’s birth through 26).

EXCERPT FROM NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES ARTICLE II, SEC. B:

The members shall be selected to represent all eight of the State Board of Education election districts. The Council voting membership shall not be fewer than 15 members.

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NAME / STATE BOARD DIST.	REP.	TERM-END	PHONENUMBER	ADDRESS
† Kasey Alexander H		2023		
State Board District 3	(i) (ii)			
Jean Anderson H		2024		
State Board District 7	(v)			
Paul Bohn		2024		
State Board District 2	(X)			
Amy Bonn		2022		
State Board District 2	(i)			
Adia Brightman §		2025		
State Board District 4	(v)			
† Sr. Janelle Buettner		2024		
State Board District 1	(vii)			
Julie Czepa		2024		
State Board District 2	(i)			
Christina Edelbrock H		2024		
State Board District 4	(ii) (vi)			
Kristin Flott		2022		
State Board District 4	(i) (vi)			
Barb Gentrup H		2022		
State Board District 6	(ii)			
Johanna Higgins		2022		
State Board District 1	(iii)			
† ‡ Terry Houlton		2022		
State Board District 2	(v)			
Samantha Jacobson H §		2025		
State Board District 5	(i) (ii)			
Kami Jessop		2022		
State Board District 8	(v)			
Mary Jorgensen		2022		
State Board District 2	(i)			
Tom Kadavy		2022		
State Board District 1	(i)			
Seamus Kelly		2023		
State Board District 8	(i)			
Renee Kiernan		2022		
State Board District 2	(i)			
Tracey Kovar		2022		
State Board District 4	(vii)			
Kristen Larsen		2023		
State Board District 1	(vi)			
Matthew McNiff		2022		
State Board District 5	(i) (v)			
Jennifer Meints §		2025		
State Board District 1	(i)			
Mandy Plog H		2024		
State Board District 7	(i) (v)			
Dr. Felicity Post H		2023		
State Board District 5	(iii)			
Kirk Russell §		2025		
State Board District 1	(iv)			
Carlos Serván §		2025		
State Board District 1	(i) (viii)			
Graciela Sharif §		2025		
State Board District 8	(i)			
Heidi Sommer H		2024		
State Board District 2	(i) (vi)			
Lupe Stevens §		2025		
State Board District 1	(viii)			
Allison Wilson §		2025		
State Board District 1	(ix)			