



Special Education Advisory Council Members

2023-2024

Council Member	Appt. Expires (Term)	Representation	Fulfills Majority Requirement	State Board Regions (Home/Work)	Voting Member	Contact information
Jennifer King (Past Chair)	6/30/2024 (2 nd Term)	Representative of Public Charter Schools	Yes	10	Yes	1847 N Chautauqua Wichita, KS 67214 Jking7@usd259.net
Tobias Wood (Chair)	6/30/2026 (2 nd Term)	State Agency Official	No	4	Yes	9400 SW Hoch Rd Auburn, KS 66402 twood@ksbor.org
Marvin Miller (Chair-Elect)	6/30/2026 (2 nd Term)	Parent of an exceptional child ages Birth through 26 years	Yes	10	Yes	10808 W Harvest Lane Wichita, KS 67212 mjmiller@abilityed.com
Dr. Troy Pitsch	6/30/2025 (2 nd Term)	Local Education Official who carries out activities under the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act	Yes	1	Yes	Troy.pitsch@kskps.org

Jennifer Kucinski	6/30/2026 (2 nd Term)	Representative of other State Agency involved in the Financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children	Yes	3	Yes	16100 W 141 st St. Olathe, KS 66062 jkucinski@kssdb.org
Jennifer Kurth	6/30/2026 (2 nd Term)	Representative of Institution of Higher Education that prepares Special Education and Related Services Personnel	No	1	Yes	jkurth@ku.edu
Brandon Gay	6/30/2026 (2 nd Term)	Representative from the State Adult Corrections Agency	No	5	Yes	Brandon.gay@colbycc.edu
Barney Pontious	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Parent of an exceptional child ages Birth through 26 years	Yes	9	Yes	bpontious@usd101.com
Whitney George	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Teacher (General Education)	Yes	6	Yes	3131 Ella Lane Manhattan, KS 66502 whitneyg@usd383.org
Lena Kisner	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Administrator of Program for Exceptional Children	Yes	7	Yes	lkisner@rcec610.org
Paul Buck	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Individual with a Disability	Yes	9	Yes	211 W Elm St. Sedan, KS 67361 paul@paulbucklaw.com

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Sabrina Rishel	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Parent of a Gifted Child	Yes	5	Yes	srishel@gckschools.com
Brooke Moore	6/30/2025 (1 st Term)	Representative of Institution of Higher Education that prepares Special Education and Related Services Personnel	Yes	5	Yes	Brooke.moore@fhsu.edu
Chris Reffett	6/30/2025 (1 st Term)	Representative of Private Schools	Yes	4	Yes	creffett@sjeagles.com
Lindsey Graf	6/30/2025 (1 st Term)	Administrator of Program for Exceptional Children	Yes	9	Yes	200 S 6 th St. Burlington, KS 66839 lgraf@usd244ks.org
Jose M. Cornejo	6/30/2026 (1 st Term)	Representative of other State Agency involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children	Yes	4	Yes	322 Park Hill Terrace Lawrence, KS 66046 jcornejo@usd497.org

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Charity Porter	6/30/2026 (1 st Term)	Representative of a Vocational, Community or Business Organization, concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities	Yes	4	Yes	3449 SW Jardine Ter Topeka, KS 66611 cporter@dreamcatcherscm.com
Jessica Lopez	6/30/2026 (1 st Term)	Teacher (Special Education)	No	8	Yes	1218 E Morris Wichita, KS 67211 jdlopez1413@gmail.com
VACANT		Representative from the State juvenile Corrections Agency			Yes	
VACANT		Representative from State Agency responsible for Foster Care of Children			Yes	
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	Ex-Officio	House Education chair or Designee	N/A		No	

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