



Special Education Advisory Council Members 2024-2025

Council Member	Appt. Expires (Term)	Representation	Fulfills Majority Requirement	State Board Regions (Home / Work)	Voting Member	Contact information
*Lindsey Graf (Chair)	6/30/2025 (1st Term)	Administrator of Program for Exceptional Children	Yes	9	Yes	200 S 6 th St. Burlington, KS 66839 lgraf@usd244ks.org
*Lena Kisner (Chair Elect)	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Administrator of Program for Exceptional Children	Yes	7	Yes	2500 E 30 th Avenue Hutchinson, KS 67502 lkisner@rcec610.org
*Marvin Miller (Past Chair)	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 mjmillar@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	tpitsch@usd329.com
*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
*Whitney George	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Teacher (General Education)	Yes	6	Yes	3131 Ella Lane Manhattan, KS 66502 whitneyg@usd383.org
*Rebecca Shultz	6/30/2024 (1 st Term)	Individual with a Disability	Yes	2	Yes	2909 W 94 th St. Leawood, KS 66206 beccaada21@smsd.org

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*Jennifer King	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Parent of a Gifted Child	Yes	10	Yes	1847 N Chautauqua Wichita, KS 67214 jking7@usd259.net
*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
Rebekah Helget	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Representative of other State Agency involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children	Yes	6	Yes	421 E 3 rd Street Minneapolis, KS 67467 Rebekah.helget@greenbus.org
*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 Charityporter87@gmail.com
Jennifer Florez	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Teacher (Special Education)	Yes	3	Yes	70 Ashwood Lane Bonner Springs, KS 66012 jenniferflorez@smsd.org
Jessica Lopez	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Representative of a Private School	No	8		1218 E Morris Wichita, KS 67211 lopez@catholicdioceseofwichita.org
*Roxanne Zillinger	6/30/2026 (1 st Term)	State Education official, including at least one state or local official who carries out activities under the federal McKinney-Vento homeless education act	No	4	Yes	900 SW Jackson St Topeka, KS 66612 rzillinger@ksde.org
Bradley Miller	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Representative from the State juvenile Corrections Agency		4	Yes	1619 SW Oakley Ave Topeka, KS 66604 bmillerdaisy@gmail.com
Sydney Dringman	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Representative from State Agency responsible for Foster Care of Children		2	Yes	1422 S Lindenwood Dr. Olathe, KS Sydney.dringman@ks.gov

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*Sean Smith	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Parent of a child with a disability, ages birth through 26 years.	Yes	4	Yes	2729 Inverness Court Lawrence, KS 66047 785-312-4485 seanj@ku.edu
Autumn Biltz	6/30/2027 (1 st Term)	Individual with disabilities	Yes	5	Yes	1603 6 th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-255-3718 abiltz@skacd.org autumnbiltz@gmail.com
*Ashley Enz	Ex-Officio	KASEA	N/A		No	asenz@bluevalleyk12.org
Melanie Haas	Ex-Officio	State Board of Education	N/A		No	mhaas@ksde.org
*Jon Harding	Ex-Officio	State School for the Blind	N/A		No	1100 State Ave. Kansas City, KS 66102 jharding@kssdb.org
*Leslie Girard	Ex-Officio	Official Parent Training and Information Center for Kansas	N/A		No	5611 SW Barrington Ct. South, STE 120 Topeka, KS 66614 lesli@familiestogetherinc.org
*Luanne Barron	Ex-Officio	State School for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing	N/A		No	450 East Park St. Olathe, KS 66061 lbarron@kssdb.org
*Mike Burgess	Ex-Officio	Official Protection and Advocacy System for Kansas	N/A		No	214 SW 6 th Ave. STE 100 Topeka, KS 66603 mike@drckansas.org
*Idalia Shuman	Ex-Officio	Kansas National Education Association	N/A		No	Idalia.Shuman@knea.org Sherri.schwanz@knea.org
	Ex-Officio	Senate Education Chair or Designee	N/A		No	

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