



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Indian Education  
1849 C Street NW, MIB-3610  
Washington, DC 20240

## BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children 2024 Membership Roster

BOARD MEMBER NAME	TERM LENGTH	STATE RESIDENCE
<b>NORMAN SHAWANOKASIC, CHAIRPERSON</b> <b>REPRESENTING CATEGORY:</b> TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES	7/10/2023 TO 7/10/2026	WISCONSIN
<b>PILAR PELTIER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	OREGON
<b>LEON K. REVAL, SECRETARY</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	NEW MEXICO
<b>DR. JANET SLOWMAN-CHEE, Ed.D.</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	ARIZONA
<b>MONICA CLEVELAND</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	3/15/2023 TO 3/15/2026	ARIZONA
<b>LESLIE FINNEARTY</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	NORTH DAKOTA
<b>RACHEL HARRISON</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026	OKLAHOMA
<b>WENDY KROUPA</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026	SOUTH DAKOTA
<b>GRETCHEN LEHMANN</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	NORTH DAKOTA
<b>BRIAN WAGNER</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES	11/4/2022 TO 11/4/2025	SOUTH DAKOTA
<b>GRETCHEN WENDELL</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	2/10/2022 to 0/10/2025	SOUTH DAKOTA



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<b>DR. ELIZABETH YOUNCE, Ed.D.</b> <b>REPRESENTING:</b> LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	NORTH CAROLINA

This roster was updated on 4/15/2024.

- According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the BIE must establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State. The Advisory Panel’s role is to advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard, to serving students with disabilities through Part B of IDEA. P.L.108-446, Sec. 611(a)(6), Sec.612(a)(21)(A).
- The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) is an Education Specialist, BIE, Division of Performance and Accountability, who is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. Questions about the BIE Advisory Board can be directed to Jennifer Davis, DFO at Jennifer.Davis@bie.edu or phone (202) 860-7845.