



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
NORMAN SHAWANOKASIC, CHAIRPERSON REPRESENTING CATEGORY: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES	7/10/2023 TO 7/10/2026	WISCONSIN
PILAR PELTIER, VICE-CHAIRPERSON REPRESENTING: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	OREGON
LEON K. REVAL, SECRETARY REPRESENTING: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	NEW MEXICO
DR. JANET SLOWMAN-CHEE, Ed.D. REPRESENTING: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	ARIZONA
SPENCER CHURCHILL REPRESENTING: STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCILS	5/20/2024 TO 5/20/2027	ARIZONA
MONICA CLEVELAND REPRESENTING: INDIAN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	3/15/2023 TO 3/15/2026	ARIZONA
LESLIE FINNEARTY REPRESENTING: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	NORTH DAKOTA
RACHEL HARRISON REPRESENTING: TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026	OKLAHOMA
WENDY KROUPA REPRESENTING: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	4/18/2023 TO 4/18/2026	SOUTH DAKOTA
GRETCHEN LEHMANN REPRESENTING: SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	2/10/2022 TO 2/10/2025	NORTH DAKOTA
MELANIE C. STAR REPRESENTING: BIA EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	5/20/2024 TO 5/20/2027	NORTH DAKOTA



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BRIAN WAGNER REPRESENTING: TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES	11/4/2022 TO 11/4/2025	SOUTH DAKOTA
GRETCHEN WENDELL REPRESENTING: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	2/10/2022 to 2/10/2025	SOUTH DAKOTA
DR. ELIZABETH YOUNCE, Ed.D. REPRESENTING: LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS	9/14/2023 to 9/14/2026	NORTH CAROLINA

This roster was updated on 6/21/2024.

- 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.