

**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Mark Schultz, Assistant Commissioner/Director  
Vocational Rehabilitation

**SUBJECT:** Approval of new appointments to the Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership Advisory Council membership

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve new appointments to the Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership Advisory Council membership

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The director of the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) is recommending the State Board of Education approve the new appointments of Steve Walline and Opal Feeney to the Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council is established pursuant to the terms of the federal grant provided under the AT Act of 2004 (PL 108-364). The purpose of the Council is to: 1) provide guidance for the development and expansion of assistive technology devices and services on a state-wide basis and 2) provide guidance to state agencies and local planning and administrative entities providing assistive technology devices and services. Candidates for membership complete and submit an application form. The ATP Director appoints the members. A majority of membership (51%) shall be individuals with disabilities, parents, spouses or family members of individuals experiencing a disability. The appointments of Steve Walline and Opal Feeney will assist in meeting this federal requirement.

#### **Estimated Cost**

There is no cost associated with this agenda item.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** NA

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