



**TO:** Scott Swisher, Ed.D.  
Deputy Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Gary M. Sherman/Ann Bird  
Office of Special Education

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Special Education Advisory Council

**Proposed Board Action:**

Appoint the following individual to fill a vacancy on the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC):

Name: Queen Greene  
Representation: Parent Representative (i), State Board District 4

**Background Information:**

The State Board approves all SEAC members. Andy Simon, SEAC Parent Representative from Omaha (State Board District 4), resigned from SEAC in September 2013, with three years remaining on his term of appointment, ending in 2016. Queen Greene, Parent Representative from Omaha (State Board District 4) is recommended for appointment to SEAC, with a term ending in 2016.

The State Board approved 2012-2013 SEAC membership at the September 2013 meeting. The completed application for the recommended member is on file in the Office of Special Education, available upon request; not included due to IDEA confidentiality requirements.

**Estimated Cost:**

N/A

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Nebraska Special Education Advisory Council Membership Requirements, Revised Nebraska Special Education Advisory Council Roster for 2013-14

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## NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL 2013-2014

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### Representation Key

- (i) *Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26); or individuals with disabilities;*
- (ii) *Teachers;*
- (iii) *Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel;*
- (iv) *State and local educational officials, including officials who carry out activities under Homeless Assistance Act;*
- (v) *Administrators of programs for children with disabilities;*
- (vi) *Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities;*
- (vii) *Representatives of private schools and public charter schools;*
- (viii) *Not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities;*
- (ix) *A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care; and*
- (x) *Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.*

*Special Rule – a majority of the members of the panel shall be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26).*

**NEBRASKA SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- I. **Regulatory Authority for Committee** (Excerpts from the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – IDEA)  
*Sec. 1412(21)(A) State Advisory Panel*  
(A) *The State has established and maintains 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.*
- II. **Committee Duties** (Excerpts from the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – IDEA)  
*Sec. 1412(21)(D)*  
(D) *The state advisory panel shall –*
- (i) *Advise the state education agency of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities;*
  - (ii) *comment publicly on the state plan and rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities;*
  - (iii) *advise the State educational agency in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618;*
  - (iv) *advise the State educational agency in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under this part; and*
  - (v) *advise the State educational agency in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.*
- III. **Categories of Required Representation** (Excerpts from the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – IDEA)  
*Sec. 1412(21)(B)*  
(B) *Membership – Such advisory panel shall consist of members appointed by the Governor, or any other official authorized under State law to make such appointments, be representative of the State population, and be composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with, the education of children with disabilities, including--*
- (i) *parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26); or individuals with disabilities;*
  - (ii) *teachers;*
  - (iii) *representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel;*
  - (iv) *State and local educational officials, including officials who carry out activities under Homeless Assistance Act;*
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