

Nebraska Children's Commission 2019-2021

	Appointed	Voting/Ex-Officio	Title/ Organization	Statutory Member Role Position (NRS §43-4202)
1	Terri Knutson	Voting	<i>Parent</i>	Biological Parent previously involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems
2	Vernon Davis	Voting	<i>Young Adult</i>	Young Adult with previous foster care experience
3	Misty Frazier	Voting	<i>Executive Director, Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition</i>	Representative of a Federally Recognized Tribe Residing in Nebraska
4	Lana Temple-Plotz	Voting	<i>Chief Executive Officer, Nebraska Children's Home Society</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
5	Melanie Williams-Smotherman	Voting	<i>Executive Director, Family Advocacy Movement</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
6	Jim Blue	Voting	<i>President & Chief Executive Officer, CEDARS</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
7	A'Jamal Byndon	Voting	<i>Racial and Ethnic Disparities Coordinator, Douglas County</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
8	Beth Baxter	Voting	<i>Administrator, Behavioral Health Region 3</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
9	Jessica Hilderbrand	Voting	<i>Child and Family Advocate</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
10	Felicia Nelsen	Voting	<i>Executive Director, Nebraska Foster and Adoptive Parent Association</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
11	Ron Giesselmann	Voting	<i>Executive Director, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
12	Breanna Anderson	Voting	<i>Platte County Deputy County Attorney, Platte County Nebraska</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
13	Susan Thomas	Voting	<i>Court Appointed Special Advocate</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
14	Kathy Dinkel	Voting	<i>Adoptive Parent</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
15	Dr. Richard Hasty	Voting	<i>Superintendent and Special Education Director, Plattsmouth Community Schools</i>	Stakeholder of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
16	Senator Lynne Walz	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>State Senator, District 15</i>	Designee of the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, Legislative Branch Representative
17	Senator Patty Pansing Brooks	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>State Senator, District 28</i>	Designee of the Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, Legislative Branch Representative
18	Senator Kate Bolz	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>State Senator, District 29</i>	Designee of the Chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, Legislative Branch Representative

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19	Judge Roger Heideman	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Separate Juvenile Court Judge, Lancaster County Separate Juvenile Court</i>	State Court Administrator Appointee #1, Judicial Branch Representative
20	Jeanne Brandner	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Deputy Administrator for the Juvenile Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation</i>	State Court Administrator Appointee #2, Judicial Branch Representative
21	Deb VanDyke-Ries	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Director, Nebraska Court Improvement Project</i>	State Court Administrator Appointee #3, Judicial Branch Representative
22	Lori Harder	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Deputy Director Division of Children & Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services</i>	Designee of the Director of the Division of Children & Family Services Division of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Executive Branch Representative
23	Michele Borg	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Education of Systems-Involved Students (ESIS) Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Education</i>	Designee of the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, Executive Branch Representative
24	Sheri Dawson	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services.</i>	Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Executive Branch Representative
25	Julie Rogers	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare</i>	Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare
26	Kim Hawekotte	Ex-Officio Non-Voting	<i>Executive Director, Foster Care Review Office</i>	Executive Director of the Foster Care Review Office