

Mississippi Department of Education

Office of Special Education

Advisory Panel Membership

2021-2022

- (1) **Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26)**
 1. Ms. Elizabeth Boler*, Parent— 2019-2023
 2. Ms. Carolyn Crawford, * State Representative/Parent — 2019-2023
 3. Ms. Brenda Porter*, Parent – 2021-2025
 4. Ms. Aresia Rhodes*, Parent – 2021-2025
 5. Ms. Sarah Mendez *, Parent --- 2019-2023
 6. Ms. Sharonna Garrison Miller *, Parent --- 2021-2025
 7. Ms. Nikki Giovanni Flippins *, Parent --- 2021-2025
 8. Ms. Bethany Statum *, Parent --- 2021-2025
- (2) **Individuals with disabilities**
 9. Mr. Johnny McGinn, ♦ Director, Client Assistance Program — 2021-2025
 10. Mr. Roger Bullock, ♦ Independent Living Specialist, Living Independence for Everyone, Inc. — 2021-2025
 11. Ms. Sadie Harris, ♦ Individual with a Disability — 2021-2025
- (3) **Teachers**
 12. Ms. Shelley Franklin, ♦ MS School for the Blind ♦ —2019-2023
 13. Ms. Kerri Rankin, Lee County Public School District —2019 -2023
- (4) **Representatives of Institutions of Higher Education that prepare special education and related services personnel**
 14. Dr. Gwendolyn Williams, Jackson State University— 2019-2023
- (5) **State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)**
 15. Ms. Barbara Greene, McKinney-Vento Homeless Representative — 2019-2023
- (6) **Administrators of programs for children with disabilities**
 16. Mr. Grant Dickerson, Special Education Director, Ocean Springs Public School — 2019-2023
 17. Ms. Shelia Brown, Special Education Director, West Bolivar Public School District — 2019-2023
- (7) **Representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities**
 18. Ms. LaVonda Hart, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services — 2019-2023
 19. Ms. Stacy Callender, Mississippi Department of Health— 2019-2023
 20. Dr. Kriistin Merritte, Mississippi Chief Clinical Officer, MS Department of Mental Health — 2021-2025
- (8) **Representatives of private schools and public charter schools**
 21. Ms. Candice Vance, Midtown Charter School – 2019-2023
- (9) **Not less than one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities**
 22. Ms. Pam Dollar, Mississippi Parent Training Center — 2019-2023
 23. Ms. Cindy Goodin, Program Specialist for Specialist Training Pathway, Community College Board — 2021-2025
- (10) **A representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care**
 24. Vacant, Mississippi Department of Human Services — 2019-2023
- (11) **Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies**
 25. Ms. Toni Kersh, Mississippi Department of Human Services— 2021-2025

** NOTE: Special rule. A majority of the members of the panel must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26). (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(21)(b) and (c))

***denotes parent** **♦ denotes individual with a disability**