

## **NEBRASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

### **Co-chairs**

Marjorie J. Kostelnik, Senior Associate to the President, University of Nebraska  
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### **Government Agencies**

Teresa Berube, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Education  
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Sharon Katt, Senior Administrator for Adult Program Services, Nebraska Department of Education  
John Stinner, Senator, District 48, Nebraska Legislature  
Patricia Timm, President, Nebraska State Board of Education  
Matt Wallen, Director, Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services  
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### **Higher Education**

Linda Boeckner, Program Leader, Nebraska Extension, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
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### **Public Schools**

Tawana Grover, Superintendent, Grand Island Public Schools  
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Jeff West, Administrator, Educational Service Unit 13

### **Practitioners**

Fabiola Dimas, Home Visitor, Crete Sixpence  
Sara Renken, First Grade Teacher, Eagle Elementary School, Waverly School District 145

Stacie Williams, First Grade Teacher, Central Elementary, Kearney Public Schools  
Kelly Kiihne, Director, Kelly's Kids Learning and Development Center

### **Early Care and Education Settings**

Amy Bornemeier, Associate Vice President of Early Childhood Programs, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation  
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Cristina Fernandez, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Creighton University School of Medicine; Medical Director, HEROES Clinic, Children's Hospital and Medical Center  
Joan Luebbers, Head Start State Collaboration Director, Nebraska Department of Education

### **Charitable/Business/Advocacy**

Sarah Ann Kotchian, Vice President of Education and Early Childhood Policy, Holland Children's Movement  
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