



Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Members
 CH 55 Special Education Technician License job duties
 and special education graduation updates
Committee work begins May 2026

Appointed Member	NRC Role	Location
Kristen Ketola	K-12 Teacher	Laurel
Kristie Matule	Parent	Butte
Brittani Brence	School District Business Official	Ekalaka
Dixie Seleg	School Administrator	Forsyth
Paul Furthmyre	School Administrator	Great Falls
Rickielynn Hughes	Montana Tribe Representative	Brockton
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Kathy Gilboy	Higher Education	Helena
Mary DiBiase	Taxpayer	Conrad
Patrick Cates	OPI	Belgrade
Julie Murgel	OPI	Helena
McCall Flynn	BPE	Helena

For more information on the negotiated rulemaking committee, see OPI’s website:
<https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education>

Questions regarding this committee or the negotiated rulemaking, please contact Patrick Cates at Patrick.Cates@mt.gov