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# KATS Network Advisory Council Members List

#### Amended 11/3/2022

FFY 2021 Co-Chairs: Kevin McCormack, Mindy McGirt

Authority EO 2009-387 Public Law 108-364, section 4

Compensation Reimbursed for necessary expenses pursuant to KRS 12.029

Membership Requirements Seven (7) individuals with disabilities that use Assistive Technology or the family members or guardians of the individuals; a representative of the designated state agency, as defined in Section 7 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; a representative of a state center for independent living described in part C of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; a representative of the State Workforce Investment Board established under Section 111 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1988; a representative of the State Educational Agency, as defined in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; a representative of the KY Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing established under KRS 163.506; and representatives of other state agencies, public agencies, or private organizations as determined by the State.

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Description

The KATS Network Advisory Council, which consists of 14 gubernatorial appointees, along with the coordinating center staff help coordinate the implementation of statewide capacity building and advocacy initiatives regarding the availability of assistive technology. These organizations, designed to work toward permanent systems change for the enhancement of access to assistive technology for Kentuckians with disabilities, constitute the KATS Network, providing consumer responsive, comprehensive, statewide programs of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

**Meeting Schedule** 

4 times per year and any special meetings may be called as necessary

Number of members

14

Term 3 years

## Representatives of Designated Agencies

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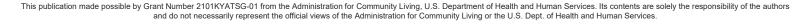
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