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Voting Rights Act of 1965 - 50th Anniversary

In 1965, the president of St. Thomas College in Minnesota traveled to Selma, Alabama to speak at the memorial service of civil rights activist Reverend James J. Reeb, who was a St. Olaf graduate and killed during the civil rights marches in Selma. His trip was covered in the St. Paul Dispatch on March 16, 1965.

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BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES



Commissioner: Josh L. Tilsen
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$105,465

Minneapolis. San Francisco State College (1974); H.E.R.E Local 17, Labor Leader (1977–87); Labor Mediator, Administrative Hearing Officer and Manager, Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services (1988–2011).

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Law provides: The mission of the bureau is to promote stable and constructive labor-management relations and the use of alternative dispute resolution and collaborative process in areas other than labor-management. There are three program areas: mediation, representation, and labor-management cooperation. These programs assist parties in resolving collective bargaining, and public policy disputes; resolve questions of labor union representation and bargaining unit structure; support, train, and facilitate area and worksite joint labor-management committees; provide related technical training and information; and develop and maintain a roster of labor arbitrators. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 179, 179A)

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION



Commissioner: Matt Massman
Appointed: 2014

Salary: \$119,517

Minneapolis. MA, Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin (1992); BA, Political Science and Economics, Hamline University (1988); Program Evaluator, Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau (1992-1999); Fiscal Analyst, Minnesota House of Representatives Tax Committee (1999-2004); State and Local Tax Policy Director, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2004 - 2005); Chief Fiscal Analyst, Minnesota Senate (2005-2011); Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2011-2014); Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Mark Dayton (2014).

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Law provides: The department manages and administers centralized operations of state agencies, including procurement of goods and services, travel and fleet services, building construction and maintenance, real estate leasing and management, and facilities and maintenance services. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B, 16C)

Function: The Department of Administration (Admin) provides a broad range of business management, administrative and professional services and resources to state agencies, local governments and the public. The department on an annual basis purchases more than \$2.1 billion in goods and services, manages more than 400 construction projects and 700 property leases, maintains 22 state-owned buildings, including the State Capitol, leases vehicles, sells surplus property and coordinates the state's Enterprise Lean business process improvement program.

Plant Management Division maintains 22 state buildings with more than four million square feet of space, 32 parking facilities and 25 monuments and memorials and associated grounds, primarily in the State Capitol area; promotes energy conservation opportunities at its 54 facilities; issues permits for special events at the State Capitol and grounds; processes state agency mail and operates Minnesota's Bookstore.

Real Estate and Construction Services is responsible for the inventory, allocation, planning, and leasing of office and storage space in non-state-owned buildings and in state-owned buildings under the custodial control of the Department of Administration. The division acquires and disposes of real property and is the central resource for Minnesota's predesign program, including design,

Note: Listed salaries of state agency commissioners are those at the time of print.

construction, and remodeling needs for most state agencies, administers the statewide facilities management program, and coordinates the state's sustainable building design guidelines program.

Information Policy Analysis Division (IPAD) promotes understanding of and compliance with laws regulating government information. IPAD helps define and interpret decisions about the classification of information as public or not public and answers questions about government data and open meeting laws.

Materials Management Division is responsible for purchasing more than \$2.1 billion in goods and services for state agencies, including professional and technical services, and operates the nation's two largest multi-state contracting cooperatives.

Office of the State Archaeologist sponsors, conducts, and directs research into the prehistoric and historic archaeology of Minnesota; protects and preserves archaeological sites and objects; and enforces provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, 138.31-138.42 and 307.08.

Risk Management Division is responsible for the development and operation of the state's risk and insurance management program and manages the state employee workers' compensation program. The division's property and casualty unit seeks to minimize the adverse impacts of risks and losses for state agencies; absorb risk while maintaining a stable financial profile; and ensure the long-term financial security of the state and its agencies. The workers' compensation unit also seeks to reduce work-related injuries through safety and loss control programs.

Fleet and Surplus Services supplies vehicles to state agencies and political subdivisions for official business, provides support services such as fuel, maintenance and insurance, and assists in the acquisition and disposal of surplus government property (other than real estate).

State Demographic Center estimates, forecasts and investigates changes in the state's population, analyzes census data, and distributes information, and is Minnesota's liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau.

Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities seeks to ensure that people with developmental disabilities receive the necessary support to achieve increased independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion into the community.

A System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR) seeks to help all Minnesotans gain access to and acquire assistive technology that increases, maintains or improves the functional capabilities of a person with a disability.

Office of Grants Management provides policy leadership and direction to foster consistent, streamlined interaction between executive agencies, funders, and grantees, and coordinates the availability of grants information to the public.

Small Agency Resource Team (SmART) delivers consolidated and streamlined human resources and financial management services to small state agencies, boards and councils.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Commissioner: Dave Frederickson
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

Roseville. BS, Elementary Education, St. Cloud State University (1968); School teacher (1968-75); Farmer (1975-99); Minnesota Senate (1987-92); President, Minnesota Farmers Union (1991-2002); President, National Farmers Union (2002-06); Agriculture Outreach Director, Office of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (2007-10).

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Deputy Commissioner: Jim Boerboom
Assistant Commissioner: Matthew Wohlman
Assistant Commissioner: Charlie Poster

Law provides: The department encourages and promotes agricultural industries, assists in the marketing of farm products, and exercises regulatory powers to ensure the continued high quality of Minnesota agricultural production. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 17.03)

Function: The MDA's mission is to enhance Minnesotans' quality of life by ensuring the integrity of our food supply, the health of our environment, and the strength of our agricultural economy.

Marketing and Development Division: Works to strengthen Minnesota's agricultural economy by promoting and marketing local foods, organics, livestock and renewable fuels, as well as develop domestic and international markets for Minnesota agricultural products. The division provides financial and technical assistance to producers and small businesses, supports agricultural education in schools, and promotes land stewardship programs.

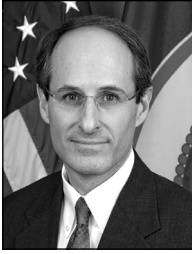
Dairy and Food Inspection Division: Protects public health by enforcing state laws and regulations pertaining to the production, processing, and sale of dairy, food, meat, and feed products. The division inspects food manufacturers, retail grocery stores, dairy farms, feed mills and pet food manufacturers to verify quality, condition, labeling and sanitation. It also investigates reports of food contamination to determine cause of foodborne illness outbreaks.

Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division: Regulates the use of pesticides and fertilizers; licenses applicators; inspects and issues permits to agricultural chemical facilities; develops and promotes best management practices; conducts pesticide misuse investigations; and monitors surface and ground water for agricultural chemicals. The division also has oversight of voluntary cleanups, waste pesticide collection and agricultural chemical site remediation.

Plant Protection Division: Protects Minnesota's crops and native plant species through regulatory programs and support services; certifies, inspects and regulates nursery and apiary industries to protect against invasive or exotic pests; provides certification services to nursery stock, bee colonies and related equipment for export requirements; inspects and certifies the seed and seed potato industries; conducts surveys for agricultural and forest pests and diseases; and has overall responsibility for reducing or eliminating exotic and invasive plant pests.

Laboratory Services Division: Provides microbiological and chemical analysis of samples to determine if the samples meet the standards established under law, regulation or label; and performs analyses to fulfill contracts and cooperative agreements with the USDA, FDA, EPA, and other federal and state agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



Commissioner: Michael J. Rothman
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

Minnetonka, BA, Political Science, Carleton College (1984); JD, University of Minnesota Law School (1988); Law Clerk to the Honorable Gary L. Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1988–89); Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Senate Majority Leader, Minnesota State Senate (1989–92); Associate Attorney, Rubinstein & Perry (1993–95); Associate Attorney, Loeb & Loeb (1996); Associate Attorney (1996–2001), Partner (2001–02), Barger & Wolen; Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School (2005–07); P.A.: Shareholder and Co-chair of Insurance and Financial Services Practice Group, Winthrop & Weinstine (2002–11); Founding and Honorary Board Member, Minnesota Urban Debate League (MUDL) 2004–present).

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Deputy Commissioner & Chief of Staff: Vacant

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Deputy Commissioner, Financial Institutions: M. Shane Deal

Deputy Commissioner, Insurance: Tim Vande Hey

Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement: Martin Fleischhacker

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Institutions: Mary Jo Wall

Assistant Commissioner, Energy Resources Division: Vacant

Assistant Commissioner, Consumer & External Affairs: Anne O'Connor

Law provides: The department regulates financial service industries in Minnesota including insurance, state-chartered banks, credit unions, securities, and real estate. The department licenses franchises, collection agencies, and currency exchanges. The department also enforces Public Utilities Commission rules and orders, regulates natural gas and electric public utilities, energy conservation standards, and administers energy information programs, low-income home energy assistance and weatherization, regulation of telephone companies, Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM), the Petrofund, and unclaimed property programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters: 45–56, 58, 58A, 59A, 59B, 59C, 60A–60C, 61A–B, 62A–V, 64B, 65A–B, 66A, 67A, 69, 70A, 71A, 72A–C, 79, 79A, 80A–C, 81A, 82, 82B–C, 83, 115C, 116J, 123B, 168.66, 216A, 216B, 216C, 216E, 216F, 169, 174, 176, 214, 239, 332; 45, 60–79; 45, 80, 237; 306, 332, 501; 82–83; 345; 115C; Minnesota Rules, 2600–2899, 7600–7602, 7603–7799, 7810–7835).

Function: The Commerce Department's mission is to protect the public interest and advocate for Minnesota's consumers; ensure a strong, competitive, and fair marketplace; strengthen Minnesota's economic future; and serve as a trusted resource for consumers and businesses.

Consumer and Administrative Division oversees the Consumer Services Center, licensing unit, Unclaimed Property Program, Petrofund Program, and provides internal support functions for the department. The Consumer Services Center responds to consumer complaints and requests for information, engages in outreach activities, and provides disaster response services in emergency situations. The division licenses approximately 190,000 professionals in Minnesota. The Unclaimed Property Program ensures compliance with the state's unclaimed property laws and reuniting individuals with their unclaimed properties, such as safe deposit boxes, security-related holdings, savings accounts, uncashed paychecks, traveler's checks, stock, insurance and uncashed tax refunds; and the Petrofund Program, which provides staff assistance to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board and manages petroleum storage tank cleanup.

Energy Resources Division promotes the use of renewable energy and conservation to improve the environment, promote the clean-energy economy, and a strong renewable energy sector. The Division promotes energy-efficient building, conservation, alternative transportation fuels, as well as focuses on accelerating the use of high-efficiency and renewable energy technologies and practices. Additionally, the Division advocates on behalf of consumers and ratepayers in proceedings at the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that rates are justified and that energy service is reliable. For

Minnesota consumers, the Division houses the State's Energy Information Line, administers the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization Program.

Enforcement Division ensures compliance and responsible business conduct in Minnesota. The division receives and investigates consumer complaints and market misconduct regarding insurance agents and brokers, stock and investment brokers, real estate agents and brokers, mortgage originators, appraisers, franchises, collection agencies, currency exchanges, and other regulated industries in the state. Additionally, the division houses the Securities Section that reviews applications for common stock, limited partnerships, investment company securities, preferred stock, bonds, and other debt securities, corporate takeovers, subdivided land and franchises. The division also houses the Commerce Fraud Bureau, a law enforcement agency, which conducts criminal investigations and makes arrests in cases of insurance fraud alleged by insurance companies, other law enforcement agencies or consumers.

Financial Institutions Division regulates, examines, and licenses state-chartered banks, credit unions, mortgage companies, finance companies, and other financial institutions. The division analyzes current information on the financial condition and solvency of institutions and provides guidance in taking regulatory action to protect consumers. The Financial Institutions Division is nationally accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS).

Insurance Division regulates Minnesota's insurance market and insurance companies. As Minnesota's insurance regulator, the division licenses, examines and regulates domestic and foreign insurance companies for safety and financial solvency to ensure a strong, competitive and fair marketplace. Additionally, the division evaluates insurance policies and rates to ensure fairness and compliance with *Minnesota statutes*. The Insurance Division is nationally accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

Telecommunications regulates the state's telephone industry to ensure quality, reliable service at fair prices. It represents the public interest before the Public Utilities Commission, has the ability to investigate telecommunication issues and enforces the commission's orders and statutory requirements. The division also manages the Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM) program for the deaf and hard of hearing Minnesotans.

Weights and Measures is the state's first consumer protection agency, established in 1885. It ensures the accuracy of all commercial weighing and measuring equipment in Minnesota, from gas pumps to grain elevators to grocery scales. The division also offers precision measurement services, inspects packaged commodities, and monitors the quality and correct labeling of petroleum products.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Commissioner: Tom Roy
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

St. Paul. BA, Political Science, University of Minnesota (1974); Pre-trial Officer, Duluth; Adult and Juvenile Officer and Supervisor, Carlton County; Chief Probation Officer, five Arrowhead Counties (1994); Executive Director, Arrowhead Regional Corrections (2002); Regional Representative, Executive Board, American Probation and Parole Association (2007-09); Sentencing Guidelines Commission, Olmstead Plan /Implementation Subcabinet, Sex Offender Civil Commitment Task Force, Chair, Reentry Committee, Association of State Correctional Administrators (2011-present).

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Law provides: The commissioner has the power and duties to accept persons committed by the courts for care, custody, and rehabilitation and for the administration of the state correctional facilities. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 241)

Facility Services Division operates 10 correctional facilities housing male and female offenders throughout the state. This division is also responsible for the management and delivery of services, such as offender chemical dependency and sex offender treatment, education, offender medical care and treatment, religious programming, offender transfer and classification, criminal investigations,

fugitive apprehensions, building improvements, expansions, investigations, workplace safety, and correctional industries (MINNCOR).

Community Services Division is responsible for probation and release supervision, administration of the community corrections act, jail inspection, interstate compacts, community service and work release programs, county probation subsidy, contracts with community-based programs, reentry services, and hearings and release.

Operations Support Division is responsible for human resource management, employee development, victim assistance/restorative justice, financial services, offender records and information technology.

Minnesota Correctional Institutions:

Stillwater: close-security facility for adult male felons. **Warden:** Michelle Smith

St. Cloud: close-security facility for adult male felons; reception facility for all adult male offenders. **Warden:** Collin Gau

Oak Park Heights: maximum-security facility for high-risk adult males. **Warden:** Kent Grandlienard

Lino Lakes: medium-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Eddie Miles

Shakopee: all-security level facility for adult female offenders. **Warden:** Tracy Beltz

Faribault: medium-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Bruce Reiser

Willow River/Moose Lake: medium-security facility for adult males (Moose Lake); also site of Challenge Incarceration Program (boot camp) for males (Willow River). **Warden:** Becky Dooley

Red Wing: facility for juvenile male offenders and a small population of separately housed adult males. **Superintendent:** Kathy Halvorson

Rush City: close-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Steve Hammer

Togo: program for juvenile males referred by the courts and site of Challenge Incarceration Program (boot camp) for separately housed adult females. **Superintendent:** Gino Anselmo

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Commissioner: Dr. Brenda Cassellius
Appointed: 2010

Salary: \$119,517

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Law provides: The mission of the department is to increase the capacity of Minnesota communities to improve measurably the well-being of children and families. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 199A.01, Subd. 3)

Mission: "Leading for educational excellence and equity. Every day for every one."

The department focuses on three primary goals:

- making sure every child arrives at kindergarten ready to learn;
- closing the achievement gap, so all students in Minnesota have full opportunities to succeed;
- ensuring every student has an excellent teacher and principal, to receive the best possible education and graduate fully prepared for success in college or a career.

The department is organized into four general areas:

Student Success: Create equitable opportunities for every student: provide supports so all students are ready to learn and achieve at high levels.

Educator Excellence: Support teaching for better schools: provide exemplary academic instruction and recruit, prepare exemplary service providers, teachers and administrators to ensure all students succeed.

Early Learning and Family Support: Provide better early childhood education: establish and maintain systems and structures to ensure all children enter school ready to learn.

Accountability: Improve testing for better results: align systems and structures that promote and provide quality education to all students.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Commissioner: Katie Clark Sieben
Appointed: 2012

Salary: \$119,517

Edina. BS, Human Resources Development, University of Minnesota (2003); National Community Relations Senior Specialist, Target Corporation (2003–08); Director of Community Relations, National Wind, LLC (2008–10); Finance Director, Mark Dayton for a Better Minnesota (2010–11); Executive Director of Minnesota Trade Office, Department of Employment and Economic Development, State of Minnesota (2011–12).

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Law provides: The department is the state's principal economic development agency, with programs promoting business recruitment, expansion, and retention; workforce development; international trade; and community development. The department employs all available state government resources to upgrade the skills of Minnesota's workforce, foster economic independence and self-sufficiency, and facilitate an economic environment that produces net new job growth in excess of the national average. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16A, 116J, 116L, 116M, 248, 268, and 268A)

Function: The department supports the economic success of individuals, businesses, and communities by improving opportunities for growth.

Business and Community Development Division provides a variety of financial and technical services to business, communities, and economic development professionals. The division promotes and assists in the expansion of exports, works with companies to locate and expand in Minnesota, and helps communities with capacity-building and infrastructure-financing.

Workforce Development Division works with local and statewide partners to provide training and support to unemployed and dislocated workers and financial assistance to businesses seeking to upgrade the skills of their workforces. Additional services include State Services for the Blind, Rehabilitation Services, Local Labor Exchange, and Disability Determination. Many of these services are provided at Minnesota WorkForce Centers, which are located throughout the state.

Communications, Analysis and Research Division coordinates DEED's information resources and provides centralized services in the areas of communications, marketing, publications, economic analysis, and labor market and other research.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Commissioner: Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH **Salary:** \$119,517
Appointed: 2011

Minneapolis. BA, University of Wisconsin: Madison; MSPH, University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill; MD, University of Wisconsin: Madison; Director of Personal Health Services, Minneapolis Health Department (1980–95); Director and Chief Health Officer, Boynton Health Service, University of Minnesota School of Public Health (1995–2011); Adjunct Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health, University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

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Law provides: The department is responsible for the development and maintenance of an organized system of programs to protect, maintain, and improve the health of citizens. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144)

Function: The department identifies public health problems through collection and analysis of health data; provides services to prevent and control infectious and chronic disease; promotes healthy behaviors; establishes and enforces standards for health care facilities and for environmental health hazards; monitors the state's health care delivery system; provides technical assistance for health care facilities and professionals; administers the office of health facilities complaints; disseminates public health information; coordinates, integrates and evaluates local, state and federal programs and services affecting the public's health; and advises the governor and the Legislature on matters affecting public health.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Commissioner: Kevin Lindsey **Salary:** \$119,517
Appointed: 2011

St. Paul. BS, College of Liberal Arts, University of Iowa; JD, University of Iowa College of Law; Attorney, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly (1991–98); Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, Axis, Inc. (1998–2005); Attorney, Halleland, Lewis, Nilan & Johnson (2005–09); Attorney, Lindsey Law Office (2009); Civil Litigation Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office (2010–11).

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Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement and Compliance: Gregory Torrence

Law provides: The department administers the Minnesota Human Rights Act to ensure that civil rights as defined by Minnesota law are afforded to all people within Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statute*, 363A)

Mission Statement: The department seeks to make Minnesota discrimination free by eradicating discrimination and empowering every person in Minnesota with the ability to enjoy all of the benefits of society regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability,

age, sexual orientation, familial status, and public assistance status.

Function: Consistent with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, the focus of the department is to:

- Receive, process and investigate charges of discrimination to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the Minnesota Human Rights Act was violated and resolve complaints through agreement of the parties or through litigation,
- Ensure state contractors comply with the state of Minnesota's equal employment opportunity laws, and
- Attempt, by means of education, conference, conciliation and persuasion to eliminate unfair discriminatory practices.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Commissioner: Lucinda E. Jesson

Salary: \$143,821

Appointed: 2011

St. Paul. BA, University of Arkansas (1979); JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School (1983); private law practice, Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly LLP (1983–93); Minnesota Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General (1993–98); Chief Deputy Hennepin County Attorney (1999–2000); private law practice, Jesson & Pust, P.A., (2001–06); Associate Professor of Law, Founder and Director of the Health Law Institute, Hamline University School of Law (2006–11).

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Law provides: The department administers programs for citizens whose personal or family resources are not adequate to meet their basic needs. The commissioner administers and supervises publicly funded health care programs, economic self-sufficiency programs, children's services and community-based services to persons with disabilities. It also administers state-operated services for persons with chemical dependency, developmental disabilities, and mental illness and operates one center for geriatric patients. (*Minnesota Statutes, 245–261*)

Mission statement: The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) helps people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential.

Function: Health care programs and economic assistance programs.

DHS administrators:

- Medical Assistance (MA), Minnesota's Medicaid program for low-income seniors, children and parents and people with disabilities
- MinnesotaCare for residents who do not have access to affordable health insurance and do not qualify for other publicly funded programs

Economic Assistance Programs

DHS works with counties and tribes to help low-income families with children achieve economic stability through programs such as the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), the Diversionary Work Program (DWP), child support enforcement, child care assistance, food support, refugee cash assistance and employment services.

Child Welfare Services

DHS works with counties and tribes to ensure that children in crisis receive the services they need quickly and close to home so they can lead safe, healthy, and productive lives. DHS guides statewide policy in child protection services, out-of-home care, and permanent homes for children.

Services for People with Disabilities

DHS promotes independent living for people with disabilities by encouraging community-based services rather than institutional care. DHS sets statewide policy and standards for care and provides funding for developmental disability services, mental health services and chemical health services. DHS also provides services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing through its regional offices in Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, St. Cloud, St. Paul, St. Peter and Virginia.

Direct Care Services

DHS provides an array of treatment and residential services to people with mental illness, chemical dependency, developmental disabilities or acquired brain injury, some of whom may pose a risk to society. These services are provided through programs based in a number of Minnesota locations, and through Minnesota State Operated Community Services, which has programs and homes for people with developmental disabilities throughout the state. DHS also provides treatment for people who have been civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter.

Sex Offender Treatment

The Minnesota Sex Offender Program in Moose Lake and St. Peter provides inpatient services and treatment to people who are committed by the court as a sexual psychopathic personality or a sexually dangerous person.

Services for Seniors

DHS supports quality care and services for older Minnesotans so they can live as independently as possible. Quality assurance and fiscal accountability for the long-term care provided to low-income elderly people, including both home and community-based services and nursing home care, are key features.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Commissioner: Ken B. Peterson
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

St. Paul. BA, Hamline University; JD, George Washington University; MPA, Harvard University; Deputy Commissioner, MN Department of Public Service (1983–86); Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner, MN Department of Labor and Industry (1986–90); Chief of Staff, St. Paul Mayor's Office (1990–92); Director, St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development (1992–93); Associate Professor, Metropolitan State (1994–98); Deputy Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1999–2007); Attorney, private practice (2007–10).

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Assistant Commissioner, Construction Codes and Labor Standards: Jessica Looman

Legislative Liaison: John Rajkowski

Law provides: The department administers laws relating to workers compensation, working conditions, wages, child labor, construction codes and licensing and combative sports. (*Minnesota Statutes* 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 181A, 182, 184, 325E.66, 326B, 327.20, Subd. 1(5), 327.205, 327.31-327.36, 327A, 327B, 341, 31.175.)

Function: The department is a regulatory and technical assistance agency with responsibility to ensure widespread compliance with all state laws and established construction codes for all of Minnesota's work and living environments through education, licensing, and penalty citations.

Construction Codes and Licensing Division advises the public and enforces laws, rules, codes, and regulations regarding construction codes and licensing of the construction industry.

Safety and Workers' Compensation Division assures compliance with workplace safety standards and workers' compensation statutes, maintains workers' compensation records, monitors workers' compensation rehabilitation services, resolves workers' compensation disputes, pays benefits to injured workers whose employers were uninsured or bankrupt and pays supplemental benefits.

Labor Standards and Apprenticeship Division enforces employment laws governing child labor, minimum wage, overtime, prevailing wage, and parental leave. It regulates, supervises, and promotes apprenticeship programs that meet state standards.

Office of Combative Sports enforces combative sport laws and issues licenses to combatants, promoters, and others required to be licensed.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS



Adjutant General: Major General Richard C. Nash **Salary:** \$172,062
Appointed: 2010

New Prague. BA, Health/Biology/Physical Education, Mankato State University (1972); Minnesota Army National Guard (1972–2010); U.S. Army War College (1998); Vice President of Corporate Operations, Fabcon Incorporated (1972–2000); Vice President/General Manager, Hanson Spancrete Midwest (2000–04); Commander, 34th Infantry Division, Minnesota Army National Guard (2007–10).

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Assistant Adjutant General: Brigadier General Neal Loidolt
Executive Director: Don Kerr

Law provides: The adjutant general is the chief of staff to the commander-in-chief and the administrative head of the military department with responsibility for the military forces and reservations of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 190)

Function: The department is responsible to provide personnel and units that are trained, equipped, and supported by facilities to meet all federal and state missions.

The Department of Military Affairs serves as the civilian leadership for the Minnesota National Guard and provides oversight and management of the state functions of the National Guard. The Guard has served with distinction from the Civil War through the current era by providing relevant forces to the nation in times of war. It also provides forces to the state to support civilian authorities during domestic emergencies to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety. Army units are stationed in 63 state-owned armories throughout the state and at aviation facilities in St. Paul and St. Cloud. Air units are based at Duluth (148th Fighter Wing) and the Minneapolis–St. Paul (133rd Airlift Wing) International Airports. The department also manages the National Guard training sites at the Camp Ripley Training Center in Morrison County and at Arden Hills.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Commissioner: Tom Landwehr **Salary:** \$119,517
Appointed: 2011

Shoreview. BS, University of Minnesota School of Natural Resources (1980); MS, Wildlife Management, University of Minnesota (1986); MBA, Business Management; University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management (2001); Wetland Wildlife Program Leader, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (1982–1999); Council Member, City of Shoreview (1995–2001); Director, Ducks Unlimited (1999–2003); Assistant State Director, The Nature Conservancy (2003–11); Adjunct Instructor, University of Minnesota (2004–Present).

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Deputy Commissioner: Dave Schad

Law provides: The department coordinates management of the public domain and seeks to serve the public in developing a long-range program to conserve the natural resources of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 84)

Function: The mission of the department is to work with citizens to conserve the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

Ecological and Water Resources Division promotes integrated land and water conservation to achieve healthy watersheds throughout Minnesota. The division collects and delivers information on ground and surface water, lake and stream habitat, and rare plants and animals. It also regulates water use, public water modifications, and dam safety, and provides regulatory oversight to local governments for shoreland, floodplain, and Minnesota's Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The division is also responsible for managing and preventing the spread of invasive species as well as the Scientific and Natural Area, nongame wildlife, and threatened and endangered species programs. **Director:** Steve Hirsch

Enforcement Division enforces natural resource laws and promotes public safety through enforcing recreational laws; provides snowmobile and firearms safety training, and advanced hunter education; and engages in public relations and conservation programs.

Director: Colonel Jim Konrad

Fish and Wildlife Division protects and manages Minnesota's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for their intrinsic values and long-term ecological, commercial, and recreational benefits to the people of Minnesota. Emphasis is placed on managing harvestable species on a sustainable basis to provide quality hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor experiences.

Director: Ed Boggess

Forestry Division manages 4.2 million acres of state-owned forest land for multiple values including wildlife habitat, biological diversity, water quality and outdoor recreation; protects people, property, and natural resources from wildfire on 45.5 million acres of land in Minnesota; supports Minnesota's forest products industry by supplying about 30 percent of the wood fiber used in the state; and provides income for the Permanent School Fund through the sale of state timber.

Director: Forrest Boe

Lands and Minerals Division manages real estate transactions on 5.5 million acres of state-owned lands and mineral activities on about 12 million acres of state-owned mineral rights, including 18 percent of the mineral rights on the Mesabi Iron Range; manages state-owned lands and mineral rights to generate revenue for the Permanent School Fund, Permanent University Fund and taxing districts throughout the state. **Director:** Jess Richards

Operations Support Division provides the critical policy, programmatic, business and managerial support necessary to achieve the DNR's mission. Division functions include planning and continuous improvement programs; deploying the agency's financial, human, and physical resources; and administering pass-through grants. **Director:** Laurie Martinson

Parks and Trails Division manages state parks, trails and water recreation to create unforgettable experiences that inspire people to pass along the love for the outdoors to current and future generations. The division is responsible for preserving, restoring and interpreting natural and cultural resources and for providing affordable access to lakes, rivers and public land for the purpose of enjoying nature and recreation. **Director:** Courtland Nelson

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Commissioner: Mona Dohman
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

Maple Grove. BA, Criminal Justice Administration, Metropolitan State University; MA, Educational Administration/Police Leadership, University of St. Thomas; Graduate, FBI National Academy; Patrol Officer, Glencoe Police Department (1982); Patrol Officer, Marshall Police Department (1983); Patrol Officer, Investigator, Police Liaison Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Captain (1984–2001), Police Chief (2001–10), Maple Grove Police Department; Chair, Police Officer Standards and Training Board (2010).

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Email: dps.commissioners@state.mn.us
Deputy Commissioner: Mark Dunanski

Law provides: The department coordinates and directs the functions and services of the state

relating to the safety and convenience of its citizens. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299A)

Function: The department is an enforcement, licensing, and services agency that develops and operates programs in the areas of law enforcement, traffic safety, alcohol and gambling, fire safety, driver and vehicle licensing, emergency management and public safety information.

Department of Public Safety Divisions:

Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement issues manufacturing liquor wholesale licenses, approves some retail licenses, and serves as statewide repository for remaining retail license records. Enforcement includes prosecution of bootlegging, illegal sales to minors, and trade practice violations. The division conducts investigations related to lawful gambling, such as the Minnesota Lottery, pari-mutuel horse racing and tribal gambling. **Director:** Michele Tuchner

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension provides investigative and specialized law enforcement services to prevent and solve crimes in partnership with law enforcement, public safety and criminal justice agencies. Services include criminal justice training and development, forensic laboratory analysis, criminal histories and investigations. **Superintendent:** Wade Setter

Driver and Vehicle Services administers Minnesota's driver's license and vehicle registration programs, including driver's license testing and issuing, driver safety compliance, motor vehicle titling and registration, commercial vehicle registration, collection of crash data, and auto dealer licensing and regulation. **Director:** Pat McCormack

Emergency Communication Networks oversees the Statewide 911 Program, Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) radio communications network, and the Interoperability Program. **Director:** Jackie Mines

Homeland Security and Emergency Management helps Minnesota prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and human-caused disasters. The division develops and maintains partnerships, collects and shares information, plans, trains and educates, coordinates response resources, and provides technical and financial assistance. **Director:** Joe Kelly

State Fire Marshal assists local authorities in the investigation of fires, conducts fire and life safety inspections of certain buildings, coordinates hazardous materials response teams, collects and analyzes fire incident data, defines issues for fire prevention and public education efforts, and develops fire code and strategies to address the fire threats to those most at risk in Minnesota. **Director:** Jerry Rosendahl

State Patrol provides for safe and efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota's roads and highways, assists motorists at crashes, and inspects school buses and commercial vehicles. Capitol Security/Executive Protection provides security for all persons and property in the Capitol complex and state buildings in the Twin Cities. **Chief:** Matt Langer

Office of Pipeline Safety inspects natural gas, propane and hazardous liquid pipelines, and investigates leaks and accidents. The office collects data used to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of pipeline operators. **Director:** Jerry Rosendahl

Private Detective Board administers laws and rules relating to private detectives, investigators, and security service providers in Minnesota. **Executive Director:** Greg Cook

Office of Traffic Safety coordinates federally funded enforcement and education traffic safety programs and administers state funds for the motorcycle safety program. The office develops an annual Highway Safety Plan and compiles data for and publishes *Minnesota Motor Vehicle Crash Facts*, an annual summary of traffic crashes on Minnesota's roads. **Director:** Donna Berger

Office of Communications provides public information to media, promotes department programming and initiatives, prepares public education campaigns and material, and manages website content and social media. The office also manages the Joint Information Center when the State Emergency Operations Center is activated. **Director:** Bruce Gordon

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



Commissioner: Cynthia Bauerly
Appointed: 2015

Salary: \$119,517

B.A., Concordia College; J.D., Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington; MPA, Indiana University's School of Environmental and Public Affairs; Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue; Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; Commissioner of the Federal Election Commission from 2008-2013, and as Chair of the agency in 2011. Attorney, Fredrikson & Byron.

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TTY: 711 **Website:** revenue.state.mn.us **Email:** dorweb.comm@state.mn.us

Law provides: The department supervises the administration of Minnesota tax laws. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 270C.02)

Function: The department provides customers with information, education, and services they need to meet their obligations, processes returns and payments, audits to resolve discrepancies and discourages tax evasion, enforces the tax laws, and identifies and recommends improvements to the revenue system.

The department administers 28 taxes with annual tax collections of approximately \$20.5 billion in FY 2014. This money funds school aids, property tax relief, local government aids, individual assistance programs, and a number of other state programs and operations. Of the state's FY 2014 general fund revenues, 50.2 percent is from individual income tax, 26.2 percent from sales tax, 6.6 percent from corporate income tax, 4.3 percent from the statewide property tax, and 9.0 percent from all other taxes. All other revenues account for 3.7 percent.

The department divisions are:

- Individual Taxes (individual income tax and withholding, collection, tax operations, integrated tax system management)
- Business Taxes (corporate franchise tax, sales and use tax, special taxes, property tax, analytics management)
- Tax Policy (Policy, legislation, and research)
- Administrative Law and Compliance (Appeals and legal services, criminal investigations, data practices, and disclosure)
- Administration (Financial management, human resources, business planning and improvement, internal audit)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Commissioner: Charles A. Zelle
Appointed: 2012

Salary: \$119,517

Minneapolis. BA, Bates College (1977); MBA, Yale School of Management (1983); Senior Associate, Merrill Lynch Capital Markets (1983-85); Senior Positions, The Jefferson Company (1985-92); President and CEO, Jefferson Partners L.P. (1992-2012).

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Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer: Bernie Arseneau

Government Affairs Director: Scott Peterson

Communications Director: Kevin Gutknecht

Law provides: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) manages a statewide transportation system that includes aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, ports, public transit, and railroads. MnDOT is the principal agency for developing, implementing, administering, consolidating, and coordinating state transportation policies, plans and programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 174)

Function: MnDOT's mission is to improve access to markets, jobs, goods and services and improve mobility by focusing on priority transportation improvements and investments that help Minnesotans travel safer, smarter and more efficiently.

Modal Planning and Program Management Division provides leadership on statewide transportation investment and modal operations (including aeronautics, freight, and commercial vehicle operations and transit). **Director:** Tim Henkel

Engineering Services Division provides engineering guidance, standards, research, training and other expertise to support MnDOT's eight transportation districts in delivering projects and managing roads. **Director:** Jon Chiglo

Policy, Safety and Strategic Initiatives Division provides policy oversight and strategic guidance to achieve department priorities and objectives. In coordination with the other divisions and external transportation partners, the division supports delivery of a balanced transportation program. **Director:** Nick Thompson

State Aid for Local Transportation (SALT) Division administers the distribution of state-aid and federal-aid funds to eligible counties, cities, and townships; authorizes grants for bridge construction on local road systems; provides technical assistance in the design, construction, and maintenance of the state-aid and federal-aid road systems. The district state aid engineers and their staff members represent SALT in the districts. The district offices are an integral part of the state aid project delivery system, as are a number of specialists who work for SALT on local projects, but who are located within other MnDOT divisions, including the offices of bridges, materials, construction, technical support, and finance. **Director:** Julie Skallman

District Operations Division is divided into eight transportation districts statewide and is responsible for programming, planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining state highways. The division also plays a role in meeting the needs of other transportation modes (transit, rail rehabilitation, airport, and bikeways) in each district. Each district has a transportation district engineer who represents the commissioner of transportation to the public and other agencies. District engineers lead the development of the transportation system in their regions while coordinating those efforts with the other districts and MnDOT's central office in St. Paul. The district offices are: District 1-Duluth; District 2-Bemidji; District 3-Baxter; District 4-Detroit Lakes; Metro District-Roseville; District 6-Rochester; District 7-Mankato; and District 8-Willmar. **Director:** Mike Barnes

Employee Corporate Services Division provides leadership, guidance, and support services to MnDOT employees focusing in the areas of human resources, affirmative action, information, technology, purchasing, contract management, financial administration, materials management, document management, facility management, and various other administrative functions. The division is the key focal point for the agency's interactions with the state departments of Administration, MN.IT, Minnesota Management and Budget, and Human Rights. **Director:** Sue Mulvihill

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Commissioner: Larry Shellito
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

Woodbury, BA, Accounting and Business Administration, Moorhead State University (1968); BS, Distributive Education (1972); MS, Business Education (1979); Command and General Staff College (1984); U.S. Army War College (1994); EdD, University of Minnesota (1998); U.S. Army (1968–1973); Instructor, Alexandria Technical College (1972–84); various positions, Minnesota Army National Guard (1973–2000); institutional marketing, Alexandria Technical College (1984–88); Vice President, Alexandria Technical College (1988–95); President, Alexandria Technical College (1995–2003); Commander, 34th infantry division, Minnesota

National Guard (2000–04); Adjutant General, Department of Military Affairs (2003–10).

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Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Services: Bradley S. Lindsay (Interim)

Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care: Robin Gaustad (Interim)

Law provides: The department was established to furnish services and benefits to veterans and their families. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 196, 197, 198). In November 2007 an Executive Order merged the Minnesota Veterans Homes with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. (Executive Order, 07-20, 08-01346; 07-21, 08-01376).

Minnesota Veterans Homes are located around the state in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The mission of the Veterans Homes is to oversee and guarantee high-quality health care for Veterans and dependents.

Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care: Robin Gaustad (Interim)

Programs and Services Division assists Minnesota's 360,000 Veterans and their dependents to obtain benefits and services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and provides statutorily mandated services specific to Minnesota.

Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Services: Bradley S. Lindsay (Interim)

Claims and Outreach Division advocates for Veterans and dependents seeking Veterans' benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This division seeks to identify and serve Veterans of all social and economic backgrounds, including those who are unable to seek assistance due to disability or geographical location.

Director of Claims and Outreach: Ron Quade

Fargo Claims Office advocates for Veterans and dependents in northwestern Minnesota seeking Veterans benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Veterans Claims Branch Office Supervisor: Jeff Burth

Field Operations — Veterans Outreach seeks to identify and serve Veterans of all social and economic backgrounds including those who are unable to seek assistance due to disability or geographical location. They act as a liaison and personal advocate to those seeking benefits such as subsistence, dental, optical and counseling; Federal claims and Federal Department of Veterans Affairs health care. Field Operations is the mobile unit of the MDVA Claims Division with flexibility to travel to those in need while offering professional service and advocacy.

Supervisor: James Miller

Women Veterans and Families Program Coordinator serves Gold Star Families and the gender-specific needs of women Veterans through awareness initiatives and special events.

Women Veterans and Families Program Coordinator: Ashley Langanieri

Benefits Division provides temporary financial, dental and optical assistance, benefit information, referrals, education programs and discharge locator services.

Director of Benefits: Kathy Schwartz

Veterans Preference Division provides enforcement of state Veterans' preference statutes pertaining to the rights of Veterans in hiring and dismissal actions. This program officer also serves as point of contact for all state employees with Veteran employment issues.

Veterans Preference Officer: Dennis Devereaux

Minnesota Services C.O.R.E. is a nation-leading program in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota designed to bring essential, community-based services directly to Veterans, military members and families across Minnesota by using an existing network of community resources.

Director: Kathy Schwartz

M.O.V.E Program, Minnesota Operation for Veteran Empowerment addresses the state's population of homeless Veterans. Veterans experiencing homelessness are given the opportunity to focus fully on getting their lives back on track. By taking care of basic needs, M.O.V.E. Veterans are empowered to take steps to regain their independence and self-sufficiency.

Director: Kathy Schwartz

State Veterans Cemetery provides burial services to Veterans and eligible dependents who wish to be buried at the cemetery near Little Falls. For information, call (320) 616-2527.

Cemetery Supervisor: David Swantek

LinkVet Call Center is staffed by trained MDVA staff during business hours and provides information on Veterans' benefits, healthcare, education, and reintegration. After business hours the line is transferred to Crisis Connection counselors for 24-hour, seven days a week coverage (including holidays) for immediate crisis intervention and psychological counseling.

LinkVet contact number: 1-888-LinkVet (1-888-546-5838)

Higher Education Veterans Program is designed to support the success of Veterans, current military members, and their families at Minnesota's colleges and universities by providing on campus Veterans Resource Centers, comprehensive information about benefits and resources as well as institutional readiness in support of the unique needs of these students.

Director of Veterans Education and Employment: David Bellefeuille

Minnesota State Approving Agency provides administrative oversight and approval of schools/programs to enable Veterans to use G.I. Bill educational benefits.

Director of Veterans Education and Employment: David Bellefeuille

Communications Department supports the MDVA overall program goal of serving Minnesota Veterans through media relations, advertising, internal and external communications, marketing, branding, event management and website content management.

Communications Director: Anna Lewicki Long

Legislative Department provides guidance and oversight in the areas of state and federal legislation, reports to the legislature, Veterans' events, the Commanders Task Force and the County Veteran Service Officer grant process.

Legislative Director: Mike McElhiney

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



Commissioner: Mary Tingerthal
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$119,517

St. Paul. Business, Stanford Graduate School of Business; President, Capital Markets Companies, Housing Partnership Network; National Equity Fund; GMAC Residential Funding; City of St. Paul; Community Reinvestment Fund; Board Member, National Housing Trust, National Community Investment Fund, National Council of State Housing Agencies; Chair, Olmstead Subcabinet; Co-Chair, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness.

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Deputy Commissioner: Barb Sporlein

Law provides: The agency facilitates the construction, acquisition, improvement, and rehabilitation of housing for low and moderate income Minnesotans by providing affordable financing and related assistance. Its board consists of the state auditor, and six members of the public appointed by the governor. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 462A)

Function: Minnesota Housing finances affordable housing for low- and moderate-income Minnesotans while fostering strong communities. As the state's mission-driven financial institution, it helps Minnesotans buy and fix up their homes and provides resources to stabilize neighborhoods, communities and families. The agency works cooperatively with others to support the development and preservation of affordable rental housing through both financing and long term asset management. It has also pioneered a model for supportive housing that helps stabilize the lives of some of the state's most vulnerable citizens.

IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD (IRRRB)



Commissioner: Mark Phillips
Appointed: 2015

Salary: \$105,465

Oakdale. University of Minnesota-Duluth, B.A., business administration (1973); University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management, Certificate, Minnesota Executive Program (1998); director, community and economic development, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (1983-88); director, development, Minnesota Power (1989-99), vice president, Northeast Ventures Corp. (1999-2005); director of business development, Kraus-Anderson Construction Co. (2007-11); commissioner, Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (2011-2012); director of business development, Kraus-

Anderson Construction Co. (2007-11)(2012-15).

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Law provides: IRRRB is a development agency whose mission is to promote and invest in business, community and workforce development for the betterment of northeastern Minnesota. The agency is funded by a portion of local taconite production tax, paid by mining companies on each ton of iron ore pellets produced. These taxes are paid in lieu of local property taxes. The agency provides funding, including low or no-interest loans, grants and loan guarantees, for businesses relocating or expanding in the region. A variety of grants are available to local units of government, education institutions and nonprofits that promote workforce development and sustainable communities. IRRRB also administers mineland reclamation programs, and owns and operates Giants Ridge in Biwabik, Minnesota.

MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET



Commissioner: Myron Frans
Appointed: 2015

Salary: \$119,517

Minneapolis. Washburn University BA, criminal justice (1972); Sam Houston State University MA, criminology (1977); University of Kansas Law School, JD (1983); associate, Miller & Chevalier (1983–85); partner, Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett (1985–1999); senior partner, Faegre & Benson (1999–2009); president, Leeds Precision Instruments, Inc. (2009–11), Commissioner, Department of Revenue (2011–14).

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Deputy Commissioner: Lynn Anderson

Assistant Commissioner, Accounting Services: Cindy Farrell

Assistant Commissioner, Budget Services & State Budget Director: Margaret Kelly

Assistant Commissioner, Debt Management: Kristin Hanson

Assistant Commissioner, Enterprise Human Resources: Ann O'Brien

Assistant Commissioner, Labor Relations & Employee Insurance: Marcy Cordes

State Economist, Economic Analysis: Laura Kalambokidis

Law provides: The agency is in charge of human resources, labor relations, and overall finance and management of the state.

Accounting Services Division is the foundation that supports the state's financial management operations. It provides the required infrastructure for efficient and effective accounting and payroll services conducted throughout the state. The following services are provided:

- Establish statewide policies and procedures to safeguard assets and comply with legal requirements.
- Direct the operation of the statewide accounting and payroll systems.
- Process bi-weekly payroll for state employees and issue payments to various types of vendors including individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, school districts, and other governmental units.
- Train and assist agency staff on the efficient and effective use of the statewide systems.
- Prepare statewide financial reports including the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Single Audit Report, and Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.

Budget Services Division develops the state's biennial and capital budgets. Staff members monitor and analyze financial data within specific activities to ensure implementation of the budgets. It also manages statewide reporting of fees and reviews program policies, identifies alternative budget strategies, and makes recommendations to the Legislature and governor.

Debt Management Division is responsible for debt management and capital budget implementation as well as compliance. These functions seek to increase state government's capacity to manage the state's resources to ensure exceptional service and value for Minnesota citizens.

Enterprise Human Resources is responsible for the management of state hiring and employment through research, development and enhancement of statewide systems for job applicants, hiring managers, supervisors, and state agency human resource offices. The division provides services to all state agencies with direction, development, and maintenance of the applicant process, selection process, classification, and training to maximize state agency efforts to recruit, hire, and retain a diverse workforce.

In addition, the division works with state agencies to establish and maintain a statewide system designed to ensure that equal opportunity, affirmative action, diversity, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) best practices are implemented in the state's recruitment/selection process and work environment. The division also provides workforce planning guidance and information to state agencies.

Labor Relations Division negotiates and manages the total costs of labor contract settlements, and ensures allocation of resources in ways that maximize value to employees, while recognizing the state's budgetary responsibilities. It represents the state in grievance arbitrations. It also administers the state's compensation system and monitors local government subdivisions to ensure their compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

Employee Insurance Division plans, develops, administers, and manages state employee insurance benefits that are competitive in the labor market. The division ensures benefits are affordable and structured so that they enhance employee engagement, recruitment, and retention.

Economic Analysis Division analyzes economic factors affecting the state's revenue forecasts. It projects revenues the state can expect to receive and monitors the state's revenue positions, develops financial forecasts, and provides economic analysis to other units of government.

Management Analysis Division (MAD) is an internal consulting unit offering Minnesota state agencies and public sector entities cost-effective analysis, program review, processing and workplace advice, facilitation and training.

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY



Commissioner: John Linc Stine
Appointed: 2012

Salary: \$119,517

St. Paul. BS, Soil and Water Resource Management, University of Minnesota; Section Administrator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (1993–2002); Assistant Division Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (2002–05); Division Director, Minnesota Department of Health (2005–09); Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health (2009–11).

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Website: pca.state.mn.us

Law provides: That the agency have a commissioner and a nine-member citizens' board to administer the laws relating to preservation of the environment and protection of the public health consistent with the economic welfare of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116)

Deputy Commissioner: Michelle Beeman

Assistant Commissioner, Air Policy: David Thornton

Assistant Commissioner, Water Policy: Rebecca Flood

Assistant Commissioner, Legislative and Land Policy: Kirk Koudelka

Function: The agency's mission is to help Minnesotans protect the environment. The agency measures the quality of the state's environment, develops rules that protect human health and the environment and helps individuals and organizations meet their environmental responsibilities.

Industrial Division administers core regulatory programs affecting large industrial facilities to ensure they comply with air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste regulations, including those related to air and water permitting, waste management, and storage tanks. **Director:** Jeff Smith

Municipal Division works with localities to ensure proper management of wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste. Work includes technical assistance, development of rules and policy, permitting, compliance and enforcement. **Director:** Mark Schmitt

Remediation Division oversees the process of cleaning up pollution in the soil, water or air from accidental spills or from polluting activities that occur over a long period of time. Programs range from voluntary investigation and cleanup to the emergency response team. The Brownfields program cleans up abandoned land sites contaminated by industry so they can be redeveloped.

Director: Kathy Sather

Watershed Division delivers environmental programs, products, and services for smaller, dispersed sources of pollution such as small cities, businesses and individuals. Many water quality programs are based in this division, including specific programs such as feedlot permitting, watershed monitoring, assessment and management and other programs targeting nonpoint source pollution.

Director: Gaylen Reetz

Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division monitors and evaluates the physical, chemical and biological conditions of Minnesota's environment. This information is used to identify environmental threats and impacts to human and ecosystem health; help set environmental goals and measure progress in achieving them; establish standards; conduct risk assessments and effluent limit evaluations in support of regulatory programs; make data accessible to agency leadership, staff, stakeholders and citizens; and lead strategic planning for the agency.

Director: Shannon Lotthammer

Operations Division provides goods and services to other MPCA divisions and enables the management of resources (people, dollars and knowledge) to meet the agency's current and future priorities by providing a financial management and reporting framework. Examples of services include funding and budgets, data and performance management systems, human resources, news media/communications center and agency publications. **Director:** Cathy Moeger

Resource Management and Assistance Division includes the Customer Assistance Center (CAC) and Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP). CAC staff answer questions from regulated parties and citizens about air quality, water quality, hazardous waste, and storage tanks. The SBAP provides free, non-regulatory, confidential environmental assistance to small businesses.

Director: Dave Benke

MN.IT SERVICES



State Chief Information Officer: Tom Baden **Salary:** \$150,000
Appointed: 2015

Eagan. Previous roles: Chief Information Officer, Department of Human Services; Chief Architect, Office of Enterprise Technology; Enterprise Architect, Medicaid Management Information System - Department of Human Services; Enterprise Architect and Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Economic Development

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Law provides: The chief information officer is responsible for providing or entering into managed services contracts for the provision, improvement, and development of information technology systems and services to state agencies. The office shall provide oversight, leadership, and direction for information and telecommunications technology policy and the management, delivery, and security of information and telecommunications technology systems and services in Minnesota. The office shall manage strategic investments in information and telecommunications technology systems and services to encourage the development of a technically literate society, to ensure sufficient access to and efficient delivery of government services, and to maximize benefits for the state government as an enterprise. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16E)

Function: Led by the state chief information officer, the department provides all information technology (IT) services for the executive branch. These services include standard IT services, applications and IT projects. In addition, the department sets state IT standards and policies, and provides an oversight role for IT purchasing and investments, program portfolio management, risk management and security.

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES



Director: Larry Pogemiller
Appointed: 2012

Salary: \$119,517

Minneapolis. BS, Transportation Engineering, University of Minnesota (1974); Doctoral Program, School of Economics, University of Minnesota (1975–77, not completed); MA, Public Administration, Harvard University (1988); Systems Analyst-Computer, Payroll and Banking Systems, Norwest Bank (1977–83); Minnesota, House of Representatives, District 55A (1981–82); Minnesota Senate, District 58 (1983–92); Minnesota Senate, District 59 (1992–2011), Majority Leader (2007–10); Guest Lecturer, Wuhan University: China (2006); Adjunct Faculty, University of

St. Thomas: Minneapolis (2011); Adjunct Faculty, University of Minnesota: Humphrey Institute.

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 350, St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 259-3900 **TTY:** (800) 627-3529 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3866

Website: ohe.state.mn.us **Email:** larry.pogemiller@state.mn.us

General Email: info.ohe@state.mn.us

Law provides: The office performs several statewide services that support access to post-secondary education, including student financial aid. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 136A.01)

Function: The agency advances the promise of higher education to all Minnesotans and provides information that informs policy decisions. The agency provides financial aid programs to students, including the State Grant program (\$161 million to over 99,440 undergraduates), State Work Study program (\$19.9 million to about 10,442 students), SELF Loan program (\$85 million to about 14,000 students), and other state financial aid programs. The agency administers interstate reciprocity agreements with neighboring states.

The agency encourages families to save for higher education and administers the Minnesota College Savings Plan. Through the federally funded Get Ready program, the agency works in schools and communities with low-income students and families who are navigating higher education for the first time. The agency registers over 214 private and out-of-state public degree granting institutions, and licenses over 132 private institutions that offer non-degree programs in Minnesota. Minnesota developed the Minnesota Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS), matching student data from pre-kindergarten through completion of postsecondary education and into the workforce. By bridging existing data with other incoming data, a range of education, programmatic and delivery questions can be answered to gauge the effectiveness of current programs and design targeted improvement strategies to help students. The Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership governs the SLEDS system. The project is managed jointly by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), Minnesota Departments of Education (MDE) and Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

The agency collects and shares statewide data on enrollments and financial aid and provides reports for the public and policymakers. The agency also oversees Minitex, an information and resource sharing program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota Libraries. Minitex makes library and information resources accessible to residents by operating the statewide library resource sharing network called MnLINK (Minnesota Library Information Network); administers the Minnesota Digital Library and provides statewide access to ELM, a collection of research and information databases available to students from kindergarten to graduate school and lifelong learners.

MINNESOTA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



President of the University: Eric W. Kaler

Salary: \$625,250

Appointed: July 2011

St. Paul. BS, California Institute of Technology; PhD, University of MN; Faculty Member, University of Washington (1982–89); Faculty Member, Chair and Dean, University of Delaware (1989–2007); Faculty Member, Senior Vice President and Provost, Stony Brook University (2007–11); National Academy of Engineering (2010); American Chemical Society (2010); Neutron Scattering Society of America (2012); U.S. Department of

Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (2012); National Academy of Inventors (2013); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2014).

202 Morrill Hall, 100 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis 55455

Phone: (612) 625-5000 **Website:** umn.edu

Law provides: “(T)here shall be established in this territory an institute under the name and style of the University of Minnesota; the government of this university shall be vested in a board of regents elected by the legislature for six-year terms.” (Territorial Laws 1851, Chapter 3; perpetuated by the Minnesota Constitution, Article XIII, Section 3)

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Mission: The University of Minnesota is dedicated to the advancement of learning and the search for truth; to the sharing of this community; and to the application of this knowledge to benefit the people of the state, the nation and the world. The university’s mission is threefold: research and discovery, teaching and learning, and outreach and public service.

Colleges located on the Twin Cities campus:

College of Biological Sciences
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College of Liberal Arts
College of Pharmacy
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Law School
Medical School
School of Dentistry
School of Nursing
School of Public Health

Greater Minnesota campuses:

Crookston (UMC), (800) 862-6466
Duluth (UMD), (218) 726-8000
Morris (UMM), (320) 589-6035
Rochester (UMR), (800) 947-0117

Service and Research Programs: University of Minnesota Extension Service, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, Agricultural Experiment Stations,

Natural Resources Research Institute, Institute on the Environment, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Office of Government and Community Relations and numerous others.

Cultural programs: Cultural activities are featured on all campuses and include theater, dance, opera, musical organizations, art shows, library services, and student centers for social functions.

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MnSCU)



Chancellor: Steven J. Rosenstone
Appointed: 2011

Salary: \$387,250

Minneapolis. AB, Washington University: St. Louis; MA, PhD, University of California: Berkeley; Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Yale University (1979–86); Visiting Professor, Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Ciencias Sociales, Instituto Juan March de Estudios e Investigaciones, Madrid (1990); Professor, University of Michigan (1986–96); Program Director, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research (1986–96); Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota (1996–2007); McKnight Presidential Leadership Chair, University of Minnesota (2004–11); Vice President, Scholarly and Cultural Affairs, University of Minnesota (2007–11).

30 7th St. E., Suite 350, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-1800
Toll-free: (888) 667-2848 **Website:** mnsu.edu

Law provides: The statewide system of state universities, community colleges, and technical colleges is known as Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. These institutions provide programs of study that meet the needs of students for occupational, general, baccalaureate, and graduate education leading to certificates, diplomas, and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate and master's levels. The system benefits students through improved and broader course offerings, ease of transfer among schools and programs, integrated course credit, coordinated degree programs, and coordinated financial aid. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 136F)

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Background: The system became operational on July 1, 1995, bringing together three formerly separate systems of community colleges, technical colleges and state universities. The merger of three systems resulted from legislation passed by the 1991 Minnesota Legislature.

Institutions: The system serves 420,000 students including new high school graduates, adult learners, workers and professionals. MnSCU colleges and universities educate 60 percent of Minnesota's undergraduates, and confer more than 40,000 degrees, certificates and diplomas each year.

Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, (888) 234-1222 President: Laura Urban

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge and Coon Rapids, (763) 433-1100 President: Kent Hanson

Anoka Technical College, Anoka, (763) 576-4700 President: Kent Hanson

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, (877) 236-4354 President: Richard Hanson

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, (800) 933-0346 President: Larry Lundblad



State Agencies

Century College, White Bear Lake, (800) 228-1978 President: Ron Anderson

Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, (877) 937-3282 Interim President: Tim Wynes

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Cloquet, (800) 657-3712 President: Larry Anderson

Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie, (800) 345-4655 President: Cecilia Cervantes

Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, (651) 450-3000 President: Tim Wynes

Lake Superior College, Duluth, (800) 432-2884 President: Patrick Johns

Metropolitan State University, Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis and St. Paul, (651) 793-1300 Interim President: Devinder Malhotra

Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Minneapolis, (800) 247-0911 Interim President: Avelino Mills-Novoa

Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical, Red Wing and Winona, (877) 853-8324 President: Dorothy Duran

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena, (877) 450-3322 President: Peggy Kennedy

Minnesota State University Mankato, Mankato, (800) 722-0544 President: Richard Davenport

Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, (800) 593-7246 President: Anne Blackhurst

Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and Worthington, (800) 658-2330 Interim President: Barbara McDonald

Normandale Community College, Bloomington, (866) 880-8740 President: Joyce Ester

North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, (800) 818-0395, President: Lisa Larson

Northeast Higher Education District, President: Sue Collins

Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, (800) 224-4422 Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids, (800) 996-6422

Mesabi Range College, Eveleth and Virginia, (800) 657-3860

Rainy River Community College, International Falls, (800) 456-3996

Vermilion Community College, Ely, (800) 657-3608322

Northland Community and Technical College, East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls (800) 959-6282 President: Anne Temte

Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, (800) 942-8324 (aligned with Bemidji State University) President: Richard Hanson, Bemidji State University

Pine Technical College, Pine City, (800) 521-7463 President: Robert Musgrove

Ridgewater College, Hutchinson and Willmar, (800) 722-1151 President: Douglas Allen

Riverland Community College, Albert Lea, Austin and Owatonna, (800) 247-5039 President: Adenuga Atewologun

Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, (800) 247-1296 President: Leslie McClellon

St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, (877) 654-7278 President: Earl Potter

St. Cloud Technical and Community College, St. Cloud, (800) 222-1009 President: Joyce Helens

Saint Paul College, St. Paul, (800) 227-6029 President: Rassoul Dastmozd

South Central College, Faribault and North Mankato, (800) 722-9359 President: Annette Parker

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, (800) 642-0684 President: Connie Gores

Winona State University, Winona, (800) 342-5978 President: Scott Olson



PRIVATE COLLEGES IN MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Private College Council represents the seventeen private higher education institutions in Minnesota.

445 Minnesota Street, Suite 500 St. Paul 55101

Phone: 651-228-9061

Augsburg College, Minneapolis, (800) 788-5678

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, (800) 944-3066

Bethel University, Saint Paul, (800) 255-8706

Carleton College, Northfield, (800) 995-2275

College of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, (800) 544-1489

College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, (800) 249-6412

Concordia College, Moorhead, (800) 699-9897

Concordia University, Saint Paul, (800) 333-4705

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, (800) 487-8288

Hamline University, Saint Paul, (800) 753-9753

Macalester College, Saint Paul, (800) 231-7974

Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, (800) 874-6223

Saint John's University, Collegeville, (800) 544-1489

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, (800) 635-5987

St. Catherine University, Saint Paul, (800) 656-5283

St. Olaf College, Northfield, (800) 800-3025

University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, (800) 328-6819

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

Note: To enhance usability for the reader, the boards, councils, task forces, etc., in this section are listed alphabetically by their subject matter (e.g., Board of Dentistry is listed as Dentistry, Board of Governor's Council on Fire Prevention and Control is listed as Fire Prevention and Control, Governor's Council on). Additional information on boards, councils, etc., is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website, sos.state.mn.us, under Open Appointments Annual Reports.

ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Board of Medical Practice, 2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2130

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice on issues relevant to acupuncture and the licensing of acupuncture practitioners, and reviews complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147B.05)

ACCOUNTANCY, BOARD OF

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 125, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-7938 Email: board.acct@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board investigates complaints; administers continuing professional education and practice-monitoring rules; and enforces a code of professional conduct. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326D.02) Executive Director: Doreen Frost

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES, OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 106, St. Paul 55108 Phone: (651) 642-0897

Law provides: The board shall advise and assist the ombudsperson for its community in selecting matters for attention; develop policies, plans and programs to carry out the ombudspersons' functions and powers; establish protocols for working with the communities of color; develop procedures for the ombudspersons' use of the subpoena power to compel testimony and evidence from non-agency individuals; and make reports and recommendations for changes designed to improve standards of competence, efficiency, justice and protection of rights. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0768)

AGING, MINNESOTA BOARD ON

Anderson Human Services BLDG., 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Mailing address: P.O. Box 64976, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-2500 Email: mba@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board advises the governor and state agencies on policies, programs and services affecting older persons, and administers the Older Americans Act and the Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256.975) Executive Director: Jean K. Wood

AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MINNESOTA

1st National Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Suite E. 200, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 259-7458

Law provides: The board provides for agricultural and economic development in the state through the use of loans, loan guarantees and conduit bonding. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 41A.02, Subd. 3)

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6490 Email: raelynn.herbster@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board accepts applications for reimbursement from the agricultural chemical response and reimbursement account (ACRRA), determines eligibility and amount of reimbursement due, and notifies the commissioner of Agriculture of eligible claims. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 18E.05)

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (MINNESOTA STATE FAIR), STATE

State Fairgrounds, 1265 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 288-4400 Email: fairinfo@mnstatefair.org

Law provides: The society conducts the annual Minnesota State Fair and administers the maintenance, control and improvement of the state fairgrounds. The society (and fair) is financially self-sufficient, using no tax dollars, and is governed by a board of managers. The board is elected by the society's authorized delegates, representing county fairs and various agribusiness groups throughout Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 37.04)

AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MINNESOTA

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-6629

Law provides: The committee will provide informed comment and recommendations to the commissioner of Agriculture for the development of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, M.S. 15.014)

AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

146 Ruttan Hall, 1994 Buford Ave., St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (612) 624-6249

Law provides: The council promotes agriculture education, conducts a grant program, and identifies needs in the area of agriculture education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 41D.01)

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 64977, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2460

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Human Services on matters relating to the prevention and treatment of chemical dependency. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 254A.04)

AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION, MINNESOTA

National Sports Center, 1700 N.E. 105th Ave., Blaine 55449

Phone: (763) 785-5631 **Email:** info@mnsports.org

Law provides: The commission's goal is to promote the development of amateur sports events and facilities, and to generate economic impact for the state of Minnesota through amateur sports. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 240A.02) Executive Director: Paul D. Erickson

ANIMAL HEALTH, BOARD OF

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2942

Law provides: The board protects the health of the domestic animals in the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 35.02) Executive Director: William (Bill) Hartmann, D.V.M., M.S.

ANOKA METRO REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER (HOSPITAL REVIEW BOARD)

P.O. Box 64979, St. Paul 55164-3679 **Phone:** (651) 431-3679

Law provides: The treatment center is a psychiatric hospital serving individuals with mental illnesses and complex medical histories. The Hospital Review Board hears clients' concerns regarding release, retention, and conditions affecting their care, and provides recommendation to the center's administration. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 253B.22)

APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5018

Law provides: The board proposes occupational classifications and minimum standards for apprenticeship programs and agreements. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 178.02)

ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON

204 Administration, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 757-1501

Law provides: The advisory committee advises the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board on all architectural and planning matters. The board must get the advice of its advisory committee before selecting the architectural advisor or jurors for a competition. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15B.11)

ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN, BOARD OF

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 160, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-2388 **Email:** doreen.frost@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board administers continuing professional education; enforces a code of professional conduct; and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326.02) Executive Director: Doreen Frost

AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

P.O. Box 29, East Grand Forks 56721 **Phone:** (218) 773-1629 **Email:** dpeycke@nppga.org

Law provides: The council promotes Minnesota-grown Irish potatoes through research and advertising by providing grants. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 17.54, Subd. 9)

ARMORY BUILDING COMMISSION, STATE

Veterans Service Bldg., 20 W. 12th St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 268-8948 Email: terrence.palmer@us.army.mil

Law provides: The commission acquires property for armory use; exercises the right of eminent domain; issues bonds for the construction and equipping of new armories; can sue or be sued; and pays the cost of operating, maintaining and improving commission-owned armories. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 193.142) Executive Director: Terrence J. Palmer

ASIAN-PACIFIC FAMILIES, OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 106, St. Paul 55108 Phone: 651-643-2514

Law provides: The board advises and assists the ombudsperson for its community in selecting matters for attention; develops policies, plans and programs to carry out the ombudspersons' functions and powers; establishes protocols for working with the communities of color; develops procedures for the ombudspersons' use of the subpoena power to compel testimony and evidence from non-agency individuals; and makes reports and recommendations for changes designed to improve standards of competence, efficiency, justice and protection of rights. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0768)

ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS, COUNCIL ON

658 Cedar St., Suite 160, St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 757-1740 Email: capm@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor and Legislature on issues confronting Minnesotans of Asian-Pacific descent to ensure they participate fully and effectively in the civic, economic and cultural life of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 3.9226) Executive Director: Sia Her

ASSESSORS, BOARD OF

Department of Revenue, Mail Station 3340, St. Paul 55146

Phone: (651) 556-6086 Email: assessors.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board oversees assessors' licensure, education and conduct. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 270.41) Secretary-Treasurer: Deb Volkert

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

658 Cedar St., Suite 358, St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 201-2640 Email: star.program@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council provides consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for planning, implementing and evaluating the activities carried out through the Assistive Technology Act grant, including setting measurable goals. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B.055)

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414 Phone: (612) 617-2130

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding standards and requirements for athletic trainers and reviews complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.7805)

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TASK FORCE, MINNESOTA

72 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-4295

Law provides: The task force shall develop and implement an autism spectrum disorder statewide strategic plan that focuses on improving awareness, early diagnosis and intervention, and on ensuring delivery of treatment and services for individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The task force shall also coordinate with existing efforts relating to autism spectrum disorders with state agencies and other agencies. (Laws 2011, Chapter 9, Section 95)

AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU, MINNESOTA

231 Central Ave., Suite A, Osseo 55369-0247

Phone: (763) 425-6634 Email: maacb@maacb.comcastbiz.net

Law provides: The board governs the operations of the Minnesota automobile assigned claims plan in providing no-fault basic economic-loss benefits to eligible recipients. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 65B.63) Chair: Bill Goetz

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN, GOVERNING COMMITTEE ON THE MINNESOTA

c/o AIPSO, P.O. BOX 6530, Providence, RI 02940-6530 Phone: (888) 706-6100

Email: mnaip@aipso.com

Law provides: The committee directs the operation of the plan, which provides for the placement of insurance for Minnesota drivers and owners of vehicles registered in Minnesota who are unable to obtain coverage in the open market. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 65B.03) Plan Manager: Errol Horne

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD

Department of Commerce, 85 E. 7th Place, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-4026 Email: george.kyrilis@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board advises the commissioner of Commerce on the distribution of grants for automobile theft prevention. (Minnesota)

BARBER EXAMINERS, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 425, Minneapolis 55414 Phone: (651) 201-2820

Email: bbe.board@state.mn.us Law provides: The board regulates the barber industry and protects the public interest through adoption and enforcement of rules and investigation of complaints.

(Minnesota Statutes, 154.001) Executive Secretary: Thora G. Fisko

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 210, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 548-2177 Email: bbht.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board establishes techniques for determining whether applicants and licensees are qualified; establishes standards for professional conduct; issues licenses to qualified individuals; establishes standards for initial education including coursework for licensure; establishes standard for disciplinary process; establishes, maintains and publishes a register of licensees and supervisors; establishes fees; educates the public; establishes regulations pertaining to treatment for impaired practitioners; and evaluates its rules in order to refine the standards for licensing professional counselors and alcohol and drug counselors and to improve the methods used to enforce the board's standards. (Minnesota Statutes, 148B.51)

BIOFUELS TASK FORCE

625 Robert St., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 201-6223 Email: kevin.hennessy@state.mn.us

Law provides: The task force assists the commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce and Pollution Control Agency in carrying out the activities surrounding the attainment of Petroleum Replacement Promotions goals. (Minnesota Statutes, 239.7911, Subd. 2) Bioenergy Manager: Kevin Hennessy

BLACK MINNESOTANS, COUNCIL ON

1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota St. Suite E1240, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 757-1750 Email: cobm@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises and makes recommendations to the governor, Legislature, state agencies, and decision-makers on issues confronting black people in Minnesota. The council addresses the need for Minnesotans of African descent to participate fully and effectively in the civic, economic and cultural life of the state. (Minnesota Statutes, 3.9225) Executive Director: Edward McDonald

BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED, MINNESOTA RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 Phone: (651) 582-8843

Law provides: The committee provides advice to the Department of Education regarding improving learning results for students who are blind/visually impaired (BVI), priorities for action and technical issues in BVI students' education. (Minnesota Statutes, 125A.63)

BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY, MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE

388 SE 6th Ave., Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 384-6860

Law provides: The committee advises staff of the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library on long-range plans and library services. (Minnesota Statutes, 134.31, Subd.6)

BREEDERS' FUND APPROPRIATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 630, Shakopee 55379 Phone: (952) 496-7950

Law provides: The committee advises the Racing Commission regarding breeding industry rules and distribution of thoroughbred breeders' fund awards and purse supplements. (Minnesota Statutes, 240.18, Subd. 4)

BROADBAND, GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON

332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 259-7613

Law provides: The task force develops, implements and promotes state broadband policy to achieve state broadband needs and goals. (Executive Order 11-27)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

190 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 539-1180

Toll-free: (800) 657-3889 **Email:** cf.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board administers laws relating to public disclosure in campaign finance, lobbying, local officials' and public officials' economic interests and conflicts of interest, and public financing of candidates and state committees of political parties. It has six members, with no more than three members of the same political party. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 10A.02) Executive Director: Gary Goldsmith

CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD

204 Administration Bldg., 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 757-1500 **Email:** paul.mandell@state.mn.us

Law provides: To preserve the historical and architectural integrity of the capitol area, the board oversees architectural, urban design and comprehensive planning, and administers zoning and design rules for the 60-block area in and around the Capitol. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15B.03) Executive Secretary: Paul Mandell

CERTIFICATION OF SKILLS TASK FORCE

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 710, Minneapolis **Phone:** (651) 201-2742 **Email:** bce.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The task force will be responsible to overhaul the practical certification of skills given in cosmetology schools and will submit to the Board of Cosmetology a newly established criteria in which students are evaluated on their practical skills for the license sought. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

CHICANO LATINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL

60 Empire Drive, Suite 203, St. Paul 55103 **Phone:** (651) 296-9587 **Email:** gladys.rodriguez@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor and the Legislature on the nature of issues confronting Chicano/Latino people. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 3.9223) Executive Director: Hector Garcia

CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS, MINNESOTA BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 300, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2850

Email: chiropractic.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board licenses doctors of chiropractic and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 148.02) Executive Director: Dr. Larry Spicer

CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATION TASK FORCE

Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W, St. Paul 55102 **Phone:** (651) 259-3105

Law provides: The task force was appointed by the governor to plan and conduct public educational programs about the rich history of the American Civil War and Minnesota's connection to the Civil War. (Executive Order 11-15)

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N. St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 757-2670 **Email:** barbara.peichel@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advise the administration and implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act, which facilitates compliance with the federal Clean Water Act's requirements to protect, restore and preserve the quality of Minnesota's surface waters. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 114D.30) Clean Water Council Coordinator: Barbara Peichel

CLEARWAY MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8011 34th Ave. S., Suite 400, Minneapolis 55425 **Phone:** (952) 767-1400

Law provides: The board has expertise in areas of governance, finances, communications and marketing, grant-making, health care and insurance, tobacco control and cessation, community organizing, populations at risk, public affairs and/or human resources. (Minnesota 4th District Court Case C1-94-8565).

COMBATIVE SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

433 Lafayette Rd., N. St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5366

Law provides: The advisory council advises the commissioner of Labor and Industry to help regulate combative sports contests in Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 341.221)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, STATE

Department of Health, Office of Performance Improvement, 85 E. 7th Place, #200, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-5705 **Email:** becky.buhler@state.mn.us

Law provides: The advisory committee is established to advise, consult and make recommendations to the commissioner of Health on the development, maintenance, funding, and evaluation of community health services. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 145A.10, Subd 10)

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MINNESOTA

85 7th Place E., Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-4026

Law provides: The board governs the activities of the association which provides basic health insurance coverage to Minnesotans unable to obtain coverage through the open market due to pre-existing conditions. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 62E.10, Subd. 2)

CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5912 **Email:** lyndy.lutz@state.mn.us

Law provides: The advisory council review laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements relating to building construction. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.07)

COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 710, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2742

Email: bce.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board regulates the cosmetology industry and protects the public interest through adoption and enforcement of rules and investigation of complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 155A.20) Executive Director: Gina Stauss

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

445 Minnesota St., Suite 2300, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7300

Email: dps.justiceprograms@state.mn.us **Law provides:** The board assists crime victims with their financial losses as they recover from violent crimes. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 611A.55)

CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION TASK FORCE

1430 Maryland Ave. E., St. Paul 55106 **Phone:** (651) 793-7000

Law provides: The task force assists the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group in its duties. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299C.65)

DAIRY RESEARCH, TEACHING AND CONSUMER EDUCATION AUTHORITY

130 State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Law provides: The education authority has the power to design, develop and operate a facility to further the purposes of dairy research, teaching and consumer education. The authority can accept gifts, grants or contributions. It must comply with all applicable laws relating to treatment and movement of animals. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 32C)

DEAF, DEAFBLIND AND HARD OF HEARING MINNESOTANS, COMMISSION OF

Department of Human Services, 444 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651)431-5961

Law provides: The commission serves as the principal agency of the state to advocate on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans by working to ensure equal access to the services, programs and opportunities available to others. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256C.28)

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING, MINNESOTA RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 **Phone:** (507) 412-5214

Law provides: The committee provides advice to the Department of Education regarding improving learning results for students who are deaf/hard of hearing (DHH), priorities for action and technical issues in the DHH students' education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 125A.63)

DENTISTRY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 450, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2250 Email: dental.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, and enforces the Minnesota Dental Practices Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 150A.02) Executive Director: Marshall Shragg

DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION (DMCC)

201 4th St., S.E., Rochester 55904 Phone: (612) 338-2525

Law provides: The DMCC governing body will research, prepare and implement a master development plan, including facilitating public infrastructure projects and development and redevelopment projects to promote and provide for the establishment of the city of Rochester, Olmsted County and Minnesota as a world destination medical center. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 469.41)

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON

370 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 296-4018

Toll-free: (877) 348-0505 MN Relay Service: (800) 627-3529 Email: admin.dd@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council carries out the duties set out in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the necessary support and services to achieve increased independence, productivity, self-determination, integration and inclusion. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 16B.054) Executive Director: Colleen Wieck

DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 402, Minneapolis 55414 Phone: (651) 201-2764 Email: board.

dietetics-nutrition@state.mn.us Law provides: The board licenses nutritionists and dietitians, investigates violations and conducts hearings. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.621) Executive Director: Ruth Grendahl

DISABILITY, COUNCIL ON

121 E. 7th Pl., Suite 107, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 361-7800

Email: council.disability@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor, Legislature and state agencies, and provides information and encourages coordination of planning programs and services for persons with physical, mental or emotional disabilities. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256.482) Executive Director: Joan Willshire

DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD

P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul 55164-0984 Phone: (651) 431-2505

Law provides: The board advises the commissioner of Human Services on the implementation of a medical assistance retrospective and prospective drug utilization review program as required by USC, Title 42, Section 1396r-8, Subsection (g), Paragraph (3).

DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

350 Harbor Dr., Duluth 55802-2698 Phone: (218) 722-5573

Law provides: The authority administers, promotes and operates the center as a state facility, and annually submits a report detailing its activities and finances for the previous year to the governor and the Legislature. (Laws of 1963, Chapter 305) Executive Director: Dan Russell

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION, GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON

1500 W. Hwy. 36, Roseville 55113 Phone: (651) 582-8495 Email: mde.els@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council addresses the development and implementation of state policy regarding early intervention services for young children with disabilities and their families. Council recommendations must ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age 5 with disabilities. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 125A.28)

EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 Phone: (651) 582-8476 Email: mde.els@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council makes recommendations to the governor and Legislature to ensure every child is ready for kindergarten, and that affordable quality early childhood education and care is available to all children. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 124D.141; Executive Order 11-05)

E-GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 556-8010

Law provides: The council will make recommendations to MN.IT Services on the priority of NorthStar (the MN.gov platform; the state of Minnesota web portal) projects and online government information services to be developed, and make recommendations on convenience fees for particular types of transactions. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16E.07)

E-HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MINNESOTA

P.O. Box 64975-0975, St. Paul 55164-0975 **Phone:** (651) 201-3570

Email: ehealth@state.mn.us

Law provides: The committee advises the commissioner of Health on the function of health information technology in the state and makes recommendations for improvement. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 62J.495, Subd.2)

ELECTRICITY, BOARD OF

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5018

Law provides: The board adopts rules, amends the National Electrical Code, finalizes interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopts rules to regulate electrical businesses, individual licenses and continued education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.32)

ELECTRONIC ROSTER TASK FORCE

State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002

Law provides: The task force must research electronic roster technology; the ability to use photographs from the Dept. of Public Safety Division of Vehicle Service (DVS); the ability to add photographs to the roster on election day; data security in electronic rosters, the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) and the DVS; reliability of DVS data, including the ability to match names and photographs without duplication; ability of precincts across the state to connect an electronic roster to a secure network to access the SVRS; and direct and indirect costs associated with use of electronic rosters. (Laws 2013, Chapter 131, Article 4, Section 2)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 310, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2800 Toll-free: (800) 747-2011

Email: emsrb.webmaster@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board administers and enforces *Minnesota statutes* and rules, which include the licensing of ambulance services, certification of emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and EMS training programs, administering EMS regional program grants, and other program support. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144E.01) Executive Director: Tony Spector

ENTERPRISE MINNESOTA, INC.

310 4th Ave. S., Suite 7050, Minneapolis 55415

Phone: (612) 373-2900 Toll-free: (800) 325-3073

Law provides: Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation established to assist Minnesota companies in becoming more competitive. The company focuses its efforts on working with small- and medium-size manufacturing and technology companies throughout the state. Minnesota Technology also operates one of 60 federally funded manufacturing technology centers. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116O.03) President: Bob Kill Chair: Michael Orrick

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST/SANITARIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Department of Health, Environmental Health Services, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-4502 **Email:** sanitarians@health.state.mn.us

Law provides: The council recommends applicants for registration as environmental health specialist/sanitarians and advises the commissioner of Health on standards, rules and requirements for registration, and continuing education for registration renewal. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 214.13, Subd. 4)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACKING AND BIOMONITORING ADVISORY PANEL

Department of Health, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-3661

Law provides: The panel makes recommendations to the commissioner of Health and the Legislature on priorities for environmental health tracking and biomonitoring. These include recommendations to study specific chronic diseases, environmental health exposures, chemicals, communities and geographical areas. Recommendations are made on aspects of the design, implementation, and evaluation for the environmental health tracking and biomonitoring system. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144.998)

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD, MINNESOTA

520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (800) 757-2873 **Email:** env.review@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board provides for cooperation of state agencies affecting the environment, initiates environmental studies, and reviews major actions, programs and legislation to ensure compliance with state environmental policy. The board administers the state's environmental review water planning and sustainable development programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 116C.03) Executive Director: Will Seuffert

EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 404, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2730 **Email:** benha@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses nursing home administrators, and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144A.19) Executive Director: Randy D. Snyder

EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

100 Metro Square, 121 E. 7th Pl., St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 757-1872

Law provides: The council serves the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market, thereby generating increased visitor expenditures, tax revenue and employment. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116U.25)

FAIR PLAN, MINNESOTA

1128 Harmon Pl., Suite 311, Minneapolis 55403

Phone: (612) 338-7584 Toll-free: (800) 524-1640

Law provides: The board administers the Minnesota FAIR Plan Act to provide owners and tenants of individual residences, small business owners, farmers, and co-op residents an opportunity to purchase limited property or homeowners insurance when they are unable to do so in the free market. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 65A.31-42)

FAMILIES, OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON FOR

1450 Energy Park Dr., #106, St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 603-0058

Law provides: Each ombudsperson monitors agency compliance with all laws governing child protection and placement as they impact children of color. In particular, the ombudsperson monitors agency compliance with sections 260C.215; 260.751 to 260-834; and 260C.193, subdivision 3. Each ombudsperson has the authority to investigate decisions, acts and other matters of an agency, program, or facility providing protection or placement services to children of color. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0755)

FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON

Department of Public Safety, Fire Marshal Division, 444 Cedar St., Suite 145, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 201-7201

Law provides: The council disseminates information to the governor, Legislature, and public regarding fire and life safety issues affecting Minnesota citizens and firefighters. (Executive Order, 88-10, extended by Executive Order 11-08)

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION, BOARD OF

444 Cedar St., Suite 146, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7259 **Email:** fire-training.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board reviews fire service training needs and makes recommendations on training to Minnesota fire service organizations, establishes standards for education programs, and establishes qualifications. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299N.02) Executive Director: Steve Flaherty

FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-6111

Law provides: The task force advises the commissioner and the Legislature on food issues and food safety; coordinates educational efforts regarding food safety; provides advice and coordination to state agencies as requested by the agencies; serves as a source of information and referral for the public, news media, and others concerned with food safety; and makes recommendations to Congress. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 28A.21)

FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

Green Hall 201A, 1530 Cleveland Ave N, St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 603-6761

Email: mfr.info@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council develops recommendations to the governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use and protection of the state's forest resources. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 89A.03) Executive Director: Dave Zumeta

FORMULARY COMMITTEE

Department of Human Services 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 431-2510

Law provides: The committee reviews over-the-counter drugs, makes recommendations about prior authorization, and establishes the list of drugs excluded from mandatory generic substitution. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256B.0625, Subd.13C)

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

1711 W. County Road B, Suite 300 S., Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 539-1900

Law provides: The board regulates the five forms of lawful gambling in Minnesota so that citizens are assured of the integrity of the industry and so that nonprofit organizations may continue to raise funds for charitable contributions. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 349.151) Executive Director: Tom Barrett

GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, STATEWIDE GOVERNMENT

2200 University Ave. W., Suite 240, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2460 **Email:** dan.ross@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office on issues concerning improving state government services through effective use of geospatial technology. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 16E.30, Subd.8)

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

200 Administration Bldg., 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2555

Law provides: The council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds, and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve, decorate, and furnish the building. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B.27, Subd.3)

GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

351 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-2228

Law provides: The commission promotes development, use and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 1.21, Article IV)

GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

802 Jefferson St. Alexandria 56308 **Phone:** (320) 808-3733

Law provides: The commission will undertake system planning and provide recommendations to the Legislature for grants funded by the Parks and Trails Fund to counties and cities outside the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 85.536)

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD, STATE

Judicial Center, Suite G-27, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 215-9467 **Email:** suzanne.alliego@courts.state.mn.us

Law provides: The board creates and administers a statewide independent guardian ad litem program to advocate for the best interests of children, minor parents, and incompetent adults in juvenile and family court cases as defined in Rule 901.01 of the Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure in juvenile and family court matters. The board approves and recommends to the Legislature a budget for the board and the guardian ad litem program; establishes procedures for distribution of funding under this section to the guardian ad litem program; and establishes guardian ad litem program standards, administrative policies, procedures and rules consistent with statute, rules of court, and laws that affect a guardian ad litem's work. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 480.35) State Program Administrator: Suzanne Alliego

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1380 Energy Lane, Suite 202, St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 643-3456

Law provides: The program protects the public from persons regulated by the health licensing boards who suffer from illnesses that may affect their ability to practice safely. Services include referring for evaluation and treatment, developing monitoring plans that include illness and practice-specific requirements, and providing ongoing monitoring of illness management and risk to patients. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 214.31)

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICES PROGRAM, ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Health Professionals Services Programs, 1380 Energy Lane, Suite 202, St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 643-3456

Law provides: This committee advises the Health Professionals Services Program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 214.32)

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE (HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL)

Elmer L. Andersen Bldg., 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55164-0984 **Phone:** (651) 431-5841

Law provides: The committee advises the commissioner of Human Services regarding health services pertaining to the administration of healthcare benefits covered under the Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256B.0625, Subd. 3c-3e)

HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSER ADVISORY COUNCIL

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 300, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-3731

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Health on matters relating to certification and regulation of the hearing instrument dispensers, including certification standards, enforcement of certification laws and rules, and examination services. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 153A.20)

HERITABLE AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON

Department of Health, 601 Robert St. N., PO Box 64899, St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-5463

Law provides: The committee advises the commissioner of Health about tests and treatments for heritable and congenital disorders found in newborn children. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144.1255)

HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS, BOARD OF

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5018 **Email:** dli.cclboards@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board adopts rules for high-pressure piping code for Minnesota. The board finalizes interpretations of code when submitted to the board and adopts rules to regulate high-pressure piping licensure registration. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.925)

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY, MINNESOTA

380 Jackson St., Suite 450, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-4690 **Email:** mtra@mnhefa.org

Law provides: The independent agency assists Minnesota institutions of higher education in construction and financing of projects through issuance of revenue bonds. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 136A.26) Executive Director: Marianne T. Remedios

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINNESOTA

Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul 55102

Phone: (651) 259-3000 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3773

Law provides: The society is a semi-state agency chartered by the first territorial Legislature in 1849. The society collects and preserves items, records and publishes materials that document the human experience in Minnesota. The organization interprets the state's cultural heritage through publications, educational programs, exhibitions, and a statewide network of historic sites. The society operates a free public research library, oversees the preservation of the Minnesota State Capitol, and administers the state's historic preservation, public records, and archaeology programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 138) Director and Chief Executive Officer: Stephen Elliott

HOME CARE PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

85 E. 7th Pl., P.O. Box 64900, St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 201-3926

Law provides: The council will provide advice regarding regulations of the Department of Health home care providers, including community standards; enforcement of licensing standards and disciplinary actions; distribution of information to providers and consumers; training standards;

emerging issues; and other duties as directed by the commissioner of Health. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144A.4799)

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, STATE

Center for Northern Gardening, 2705 Lincoln Dr., Roseville, 55113

Phone: (651) 643-3601 **Toll-free:** (800) 676-6747

Email: rosee@northerngardener.org

Law provides: The society collects and disseminates horticultural and environmental information to Minnesotans; publishes Northern Gardener magazine; conducts “Minnesota Green” community greening outreach; sponsors workshops, tours and other programs, including Garden-in-a-Box which provides subsidized or free raised garden boxes, soil and plants to low-income families through the society’s fundraising efforts; and maintains the state’s largest circulating horticultural library. Membership is open to any interested person and to public libraries statewide. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 43A.27; Laws 1976, Chapter 3, Section 3, Subd. 1a) Chief Executive Officer: Rose Eggert

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

400 Sibley St., Suite 300, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-7608 **Email:** mn.housing@state.mn.us

Law provides: The agency provides financing for housing low- and moderate-income persons. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 462A.04.)

HUMANITIES CENTER, MINNESOTA

987 E. Ivy Ave., St. Paul 55106 **Phone:** (651) 774-0105 **Toll-free:** (888) 268-7293

Email: info@mnhum.org

Law provides: The center advances the study of humanities and enhances the work of schools, colleges and cultural organizations throughout the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 138.911) President: David O’Fallon

INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL, STATEWIDE

1st National Bank Bldg. 332 Minnesota St., Suite E. 200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7351

Law provides: The council monitors, reviews and evaluates the implementation of the state plan for independent living required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (Public Law 93-112)

INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION, MINNESOTA

85 E. 7th Place, Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-4976

Law provides: The association provides for the payment of covered claims to avoid financial loss to policyholders because of the liquidation of an insurer. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 60C.08, Subd 1)

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

60 Empire Drive, Suite 355, St. Paul 55103 **Phone:** (651) 296-3328 **Email:** minn.sbi@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Investment on policy relating to investments of state funds. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 11A.08)

IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Iron Range Resources, P.O. Box 441, 4261 Highway 53 South, Eveleth 55734

Phone: (218) 735-3000

Law provides: The committee advises the commissioner of Iron Range Resources on providing higher education programs in the taconite assistance area defined in M.S. 273.1341, and on the development of a contract with the MnSCU system that would require MnSCU to provide courses within the taconite assistance area. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 298.2214)

JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD, MINNESOTA

1st National Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 259-7522

Email: paul.moe@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other nonprofit institutions that can assist in development of training programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116L.03) Director: Paul Moe

JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION—LIABILITY INSURANCE, MINNESOTA

12400 Portland Ave S, Suite 190 Burnsville MN 55337

Phone: (952) 641-0260 Toll-free: (800) 552-0013

Law provides: The board provides liability insurance coverage for persons unable to obtain it through ordinary means where coverage is required by law or is necessary for the conduct of business that serves a public purpose. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 62I.02) Administrator: Beth Devine

JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, 445 Minnesota St., Suite 2300, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 201-7348 Email: carric.wasley@state.mn.us

Law provides: The committee prepares and awards Title II and Title V grants provided under the Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299A.72) The committee also operates as the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC), a requirement of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. The committee advises the governor and the Legislature on juvenile justice issues, trends and practices. Juvenile Justice Specialist: Carrie Wasley Chair: Richard Gardell

LAKE SUPERIOR CENTER AUTHORITY

353 Harbor Dr., Duluth 55802 Phone: (218) 740-3474

Law provides: The authority provides for education about Lake Superior, and provides for the transfer of data and scientific findings about the lake. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 85B.02)

LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MINNESOTA'S

1568 Hwy. 2, Two Harbors 55616 Phone: (218) 834-1445 Email: amber.westerbur@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council makes recommendations to the commissioner of Natural Resources on program priorities, selection of programs and projects for funding, the annual administrative (non-project) budget. (Executive Order 99-12, extended by Executive Order 11-08)

LICENSED TRADITIONAL MIDWIFERY, ADVISORY COUNCIL

Board of Medical Practice, 2829 University Ave., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2130

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice on traditional midwifery licensure standards and complaints/discipline. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147D.25)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 400, Minneapolis 55414 Phone: (612) 617-2220

Email: mft.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board adopts and enforces rules relating to licensure of marriage and family therapists, and regulation of professional conduct. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148B.30) Executive Director: Jennifer Mohlenhoff

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON THE

2233 University Ave., Suite 426, St. Paul 55114 Phone: (651) 642-0811

Law provides: The council plans and executes events to promote racial harmony and to recognize and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. (Executive Order 93-20, extended by Executive Order 11-08)

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE

P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 Phone: (651) 201-5719

Law provides: The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task Force (MCH) advises the commissioner of Health on the health status and health care services/needs of MCH populations in Minnesota, on the use of MCH funds for services through Health, and the priorities for that funding. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 145.8811)

MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH, TASK FORCE ON

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul Phone: (651) 201-5811

Law provides: The task force shall hold hearings to conduct an assessment that evaluates the impact of the use of medical cannabis and evaluates Minnesota's activities and other states' activities involving medical cannabis. The group shall offer analysis of the program design and implementation; the impact on the health care provider community; patient experiences; the impact on the incidence of substance abuse; access to and quality of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products; the impact on law enforcement and prosecutions; public awareness and perception; and any unintended consequences. The task force may make recommendations to the Legislature on whether to add or remove conditions from the list of qualifying medical conditions. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 152.36)

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

445 Minnesota St., Suite 514, Pioneer P.O. Box 1760, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 222-0484 **Toll-free:** (800) 552-0013

Law provides: The board provides medical malpractice insurance coverage to any licensed health care provider unable to obtain this insurance through ordinary methods. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 62I.02)

MEDICAL PRACTICE, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2130 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3709

Email: medical.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board licenses and disciplines persons involved in the practice of medicine and enforces the Medical Practices Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147.01) Executive Director: Robert A. Leach

MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5018 **Email:** anita.hess@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board advises the Department of Labor and Industry on medical matters relating to workers' compensation; makes determinations on inappropriate, unnecessary, or excessive treatment; and may issue penalties for violation of rules following a contested case procedure. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 176.103) Executive Secretary: Anita Hess

MENTAL HEALTH, STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

PO Box 64981, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2249

Law provides: The council advises the governor and heads of state departments and agencies about policy, programs and services affecting people with mental illness. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 245.697)

MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OMBUDSMAN COMMITTEE FOR

Metro Square Bldg., Suite 420, 121 E. 7th Pl., St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 757-1800

Email: ombudsman.mhdd@state.mn.us

Law provides: The ombudsman reviews complaints and may provide services on behalf of persons receiving state-provided or state-licensed care and treatment for mental illness, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, and emotional disturbance (in children). The ombudsman also reviews mandated reports of death and serious injuries of its clientele, and houses the civil commitment training and resource center (CCTRC). (*Minnesota Statutes*, 245.91-97) Ombudsman: Roberta C. Opheim

MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL

Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64997, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-3030

Law provides: The council reviews and makes recommendations on all proposed rule amendments, classification specifications, and compensation plans; assists in formulating personnel policies and procedures; and hears appeals as provided under Merit System rules. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256.012)

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

6040 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis 55450 **Phone:** (612) 726-8100

Law provides: The commission promotes air navigation and transportation locally, nationally and internationally, and promotes development of the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. It owns and operates seven airports within the metropolitan area including the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, which serves the scheduled air carriers, and six reliever airports, serving business and general aviation. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.603) Chair: Jack Lanners

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 N. Robert St., St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 602-1000 **Email:** public.info@metc.state.mn.us

Law provides: The council is the regional planning agency for the seven-county Twin Cities metro area. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.123) Chair: Adam Duininck

METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

390 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 602-1000

Law provides: The commission advises the Metropolitan Council on its policy plan for regional recreation open space, including a regional park system plan and capital improvement program, on grants for acquisition and development of regional parks, and on review of regional park master plans prepared by local implementing agencies. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.303) Chair: Dean Johnson

METROPOLITAN SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY

511 11th Ave S Suite 401., Minneapolis, 55415 Phone: (612) 332-0386

Email: tiffany.orth@msfa.com; amy.quaintance@msfa.com

The authority, which currently owns the Metrodome, will own, design, construct and operate the new stadium. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473J.07) Chair: Michele Kelm-Helgen Executive Director/CEO: Ted Mondale

MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMPACT COMMISSION

395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 366-3193

Law provides: The commission promotes improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest; coordinates interaction among midwestern state elected officials on passenger rail issues; promotes development and implementation of long-range plans for high-speed rail passenger service; works to ensure coordination among the various entities having an interest in passenger rail service; and supports efforts of transportation agencies involved in developing and implementing passenger rail service in the Midwest. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 218.75, Article II)

MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Department of Natural Resources, 1525 3rd Ave. E., Hibbing 55744 Phone: (218) 262-7356

Law provides: The committee is established to plan for diversified mineral development. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 93.0015)

MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR ADVISORY TASK FORCE

20 W. 12th St., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 268-8913

Law provides: The advisory task force advises the adjutant general on topics impacting the strategy of the Minnesota National Guard and its service to the nation, state, communities and citizens. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

MINNESOTA SECURITY HOSPITAL (HOSPITAL REVIEW BOARD)

P.O. Box 64979, St. Paul 55164-0979 Phone: (651) 431-3679

Law provides: The Minnesota Security Hospital provides forensic residential inpatient treatment and evaluation to patients civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous and individuals involved in the criminal legal system who are evaluated and treated for competency to stand trial. The Hospital Review Board (HRB) hears clients' concerns regarding release, retention and conditions affecting their care, and provides verbal or written recommendations to administration. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 253B.22)

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

30 7th St. E., #350 St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 201-1705 Email: inge.chapin@so.mnscu.edu

Law provides: The board is appointed by the governor and shall possess all powers necessary to govern the state colleges and universities and all related property. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 136F.02)

MNSURE BOARD

81 E. 7th St., Suite 300, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 539-1324

Law provides: The board is responsible for operating the MNsure, including establishing the budget for the marketplace; establishing bylaws, policies and procedures governing the operations of MNsure; creating certification requirements that must be met by insurance providers; establishing policies and procedures to gather public comment; establishing policies and procedure for operation of a navigator program, in-person assistance program, call center, and customer service provision for MNsure. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 62V.04) Chair: Brian Beutner

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

444 Cedar St., Suite 150, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 201-7075

Law provides: The advisory task force provides advice on motorcycle safety issues and activities of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, MINNESOTA COMMISSION ON

Serve Minnesota, 120 South 6th St Suite 2260, Minneapolis 55402

Phone: (612) 333-7740

Law provides: The commission implements a comprehensive state plan to pursue funding sources, administer the youth works grant program, and administer the federal AmeriCorps program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 124D.385)

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

601 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-5463 **Email:** ehdi@health.state.mn.us

Law provides: The advisory committee develop protocols and timelines for screening, rescreening, and diagnostic audiological assessment and early medical, audiological, and educational intervention services for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing; design protocols for tracking children from birth through age 3 that may have passed newborn screening but are at risk for delayed or late onset of permanent hearing loss; design a technical assistance program to support facilities implementing the screening program and facilities conducting rescreening and diagnostic audiological assessment; design implementation and evaluation of a system of follow-up and tracking; and evaluate program outcomes to increase effectiveness and efficiency and ensure culturally appropriate services for children with a confirmed hearing loss and families. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144.966, Subd.2)

NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION, STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 366-4167 **Email:** michelle.pooler@state.mn.us

Law provides: The committee makes recommendations to the commissioner of Transportation on items related to nonmotorized transportation, including safety, education and development programs; reviews and analyzes issues and needs relating to operating nonmotorized transportation on public rights-of-way; and identifies solutions and goals for addressing identified issues and needs. (*Minnesota Statutes* 174.37) Transportation Planner: Michelle Musser Pooler

NONPUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8663

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Education on nonpublic educational aids and other matters affecting nonpublic education and nonpublic schools. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 123B.445)

NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

625 N. Robert St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-6219 **Email:** anthony.cortilet@state.mn.us

Law provides: The committee advises the commissioner of Natural Resources on the species of noxious weeds for invasiveness, difficulty of control, and cost of control. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 18.91)

NURSING, MINNESOTA BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 200, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 317-3000

Email: nursing.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board enforces the Nurse Practice Act (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.181); licenses registered nurses (RN) and licensed practical nurses (LPN); investigates complaints and disciplines nurses; registers public health nurses and professional nursing firms; approves nursing education programs; and regulates the practice of certified clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners. Executive Director: Shirley A. Brekken

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Department of Labor and Industry, Safety and Workers' Compensation Division, 443 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5460

Email: pam.mclaughlin@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Labor and Industry on administration of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 182.656) Executive Secretary: Pam McLaughlin

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

Labor and Industry Bldg., 443 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5294 **Email:** debra.jevne@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board reviews and affirms, modifies or revokes contested OSHA citations, penalties, or orders of the commissioner of Labor and Industry. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 182.664) Executive Secretary: Debra Jevne

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTITIONERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

85 E. 7th Pl., Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 Phone: (651) 201-3723

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Health regarding licensing standards, enforcement of licensing statutes, and action on licensing applications and disciplinary actions. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.6450)

ONLINE AND DIGITAL LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville Phone: (651) 582-8200

Law provides: The advisory council shall bring to the attention of the commissioner of Education and the Legislature any matters related to online and digital learning and provide input to the department and the Legislature in online learning matters related, but not restricted to: quality assurance; teacher qualifications; program approval; special education; attendance; program design and requirements; and fair and equal access to programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 124D.095).

OPTOMETRY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 403, Minneapolis 55414 Phone: (651) 201-2762

Email: optometry.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board licenses optometrists, investigates complaints and adopts rules. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.52) Executive Director: Randy Snyder

ORGANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE, MINNESOTA

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6616 **Email:** meg.moynihan@state.mn.us

Law provides: The task force advises the commissioner of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota on policies and programs that will improve organic agriculture in Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 31.94(c)) Principal Administrator: Meg Moynihan

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING, BOARD OF

1600 University Ave., Suite 200, St. Paul 55104

Phone: (651) 643-3060 **Email:** postboard.agency.docs@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses peace officers and part-time peace officers, regulates their training, mandates standards of selection and professional conduct, and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 626.841) Executive Director: Nathan R. Gove

PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION, BOARD OF THE

6125 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley 55422

Phone: (763) 279-4160 **Email:** sue.mackert@pcae.k12.mn.us

Law provides: The board shall have the powers necessary for the care, management and control of the Perpich Center for the Arts Education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 129C.10) Executive Director: Sue Mackert

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 201-6588

Law provides: The committee provides the commissioner of Agriculture with comments on the state pesticide management plan for the protection of groundwater and surface water. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION BOARD

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 297-4203

Email: petrofund.commerce@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board oversees the administration of the petroleum tank release cleanup fund (Petrofund), which provides reimbursement to eligible applicants for a portion of their costs to investigate and clean up leaks and spills from petroleum storage tanks. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 115C.07) Executive Director: Joel Fischer

PHARMACY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 530, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2825 **Email:** pharmacy.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses pharmacists; investigates complaints; oversees the inspection of pharmacies, drug wholesalers and drug manufacturers; and enforces drug laws pertaining to health care professionals. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 151.02) Executive Director: Cody C. Wiberg

PHYSICAL THERAPY, STATE BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 420, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 627-5406

Email: physical.therapy@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, investigates complaints, and disciplines licensees for violations of the Practice Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.67) Executive Director: Stephanie J. Lunning

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COUNCIL

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2130 **Email:** medical.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding physician assistant licensure standards and the complaints and discipline process. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147A.27)

PLUMBING BOARD

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5018

Law provides: The board adopts rules for plumbing code for Minnesota, finalizes interpretations of code when submitted to the board, and adopts rules to regulate plumbing licensure and registration. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.435)

PODIATRIC MEDICINE, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 430, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 548-2175

Email: podiatric.medicine@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses podiatrists, investigates complaints, and disciplines for practice violations. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 153.02) Executive Director: Ruth Grendahl

PREVENTION OF SCHOOL BULLYING, GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8742

Law provides: The task force examines the issue of bullying in Minnesota and advises the governor's and Legislature on policies to ensure the safety of all students in Minnesota. (Executive Order 11-33)

PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENT SERVICES, BOARD OF

1430 Maryland Ave. E., St. Paul 55106

Phone: (651) 793-2666 **Email:** mn.pdb@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board administers laws governing licensing of private detectives and protective agents, license reissuance, complaint procedures, and unlicensed activity. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326.32) Executive Director: Gregory Cook

PSYCHOLOGY, BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 320, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2230

Law provides: The board of licenses and regulates psychologists and psychological practitioners. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.90) Executive Director: Angelina Barnes

PUBLIC DEFENSE, STATE BOARD OF

331 2nd Ave. S., Suite 900, Minneapolis 55401 **Phone:** (612) 349-2565

Law provides: The judicial board approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, as well as establish procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, Office of State Public Defender, judicial district public defenders and public defense corporations. The board appoints the state public defender and all chief public defenders of judicial districts. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 611.215.)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

60 Empire Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul 55103

Phone: (651) 296-7460 Toll-free: (800) 652-9026 **Email:** other@mnpera.org

Law provides: A governing board manages the collection of payments; approves applications for membership; approves claims for withdrawals, pensions, or benefits; and adopts a mortality table based on experience of the fund. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 353.03) Executive Director: Mary Most Vanek

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

1380 Energy Lane, Suite 2, St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 649-5421

Law provides: The board shall have the powers and authority provided under section 179A.13. In addition to the other powers and duties given it by law, the board shall also hear and decide appeals from: recommended decisions and orders relating to an unfair labor practice; and determinations of the commissioner. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 179A.041)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

121 E. 7th Pl., Suite 350, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-7124 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3782 **Email:** consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Law provides: The commission regulates rates and services of certain gas, electric and telephone companies; determines the need for and location of large energy facilities; and establishes service areas, grants authorities and promulgates rules for these regulated industries. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 216A.03) **Chair:** David C. Boyd **Executive Secretary:** Daniel Wolf

QUALITY ASSURANCE COUNCIL, STATE

P.O. Box 64967, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2386

Law provides: The council defines regional quality councils; directs a community-based directed quality review component; promotes consumer directed services; and administers a comprehensive system for effective incident reporting, investigation, analysis and follow-up. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256B.097, Subd. 3)

RACING COMMISSION, MINNESOTA

P.O. Box 630, 1100 Canterbury Rd., Shakopee 55379 **Phone:** (952) 496-7950

Email: tom.dipasquale@state.mn.us

Law provides: The commission regulates pari-mutuel horse racing and card playing in Minnesota to ensure its integrity and conduct in the public interest. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 240.02) **Executive Director:** Thomas DiPasquale

REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

72 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-9002 **Email:** sally.olson@lcc.leg.mn

Law provides: The council develops a description of the duties for regents of the University of Minnesota; outlines criteria to be applied in recommending candidates; and recruits, screens and recommends qualified candidates to the joint legislative committee for each opening on the board of regents. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 137.0245) **Council Staff:** Sally Olson

REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 617-2130

Law provides: The council advises the board regarding standards, continuing education, complaints and enforcement. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147E.35)

REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND, STATE

2200 University Ave. W., Suite 240, St. Paul 55114 **Phone:** (651) 539-2272

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Employment and Economic Development about the programs of State Services for the Blind. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 248.10)

REHABILITATION COUNCIL, STATE

390 N. Robert, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 259-7364

Law provides: The council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation programs, a component of the state's Workforce Center system. The council advises on eligibility and the extent, scope and effectiveness of services; assists the Rehabilitation Services Branch in preparation of the State Plan for Vocation Rehabilitation Services; analyzes consumer satisfaction with vocational rehabilitation services; reports to the governor and the U.S. Commissioner of Education on the status of vocational rehabilitation in the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 268A.02)

REHABILITATION REVIEW PANEL

443 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 284-5019

Law provides: The panel advises the Department of Labor and Industry on rehabilitation matters relating to workers' compensation and may issue penalties for violation of rules following a contested case hearing. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 176.102, Subd. 3)

RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

2829 University Ave SE, Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2130

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice on issues regarding respiratory therapist licensure standards, enforcement of laws and complaint review. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147C.35)

RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, MINNESOTA625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-6004**Email:** rfa.loans@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The board develops the state's agricultural resources by extending credit on real estate security. It consists of public members, state auditor, and commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce, Trade and Economic Development, and Finance. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 41B.025)**RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 220, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-3855 **Email:** darcy.dungan-seaver@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The committee advises the commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144.1481) Rural Health Policy Planner: Darcy Dungan-Seaver**RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT, CENTER FOR**

600 S. 5th St., Suite 211, St. Peter 56082

Phone: (507) 934-7700 **Email:** crpd@ruralmn.org**Law provides:** The center identifies social and economic issues in rural Minnesota, and through alliances and partnerships finds practical solutions for problems. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116J.421)**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD OF**1500 Highway 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8754 **Email:** janet.mohr@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The board licenses school administrators and adopts rules to license school administrators. The board reviews and approves preparation programs for administrators and alternative competence-based preparation programs, and establishes rules for continuing education requirements. The board enters into agreements with the board of teaching regarding multiple license matters. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 122A.12) Executive Director: Janet Mohr**SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL**1500 W. Hwy. 36, Roseville **Phone:** (651) 582-8266**Law provides:** The council must provide leadership for the following activities: establishment of norms and standards for prevention, intervention, and support around issues of prohibited conduct; advancement of evidence-based policy and best practices to improve school climate and promote school safety; development and dissemination of resources and training for schools and communities about issues of prohibited conduct, and other school safety-related issues; and develop policies and procedures for the services provided by the school climate center. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 127A.051)**SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH**

1200 Port Terminal Dr., Duluth 55802

Phone: (218) 727-8525 **Email:** admin@duluthport.com**Law provides:** The board promotes waterborne commerce in the port district; may acquire, construct, or facilitate waterfront development and participate in harbor dredging; and is responsible for the sale of land in Airpark industrial park. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 469.049) Executive Director: Vanta Coda II**SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION, MINNESOTA**309 Administration Bldg., 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-0144 **Email:** sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The commission was established by the Legislature for the purpose of developing and maintaining rational and consistent sentencing standards which reduce sentencing disparity, increase proportionality in sanctions, and ensure more equitable and uniform sentencing for convicted felons. The commission presents recommendations to the Legislature each year for changes to the sentencing guidelines. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 244.09)**SEX OFFENDER CIVIL COMMITMENT ADVISORY TASK FORCE**P.O. Box 64992, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-4011 **Email:** dhs.socctaskforce@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The task force advises the commissioner of Human Services on topics relating to the civil commitment of sex offenders. Specific topics include: civil commitment and referral process for sex offenders; sex offender civil commitment options that are less restrictive than placement in a secure treatment facility; and standards and processes for the reduction in custody for civilly committed sex offenders. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014, Commissioner Order 08/21/2012)**SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM (HOSPITAL REVIEW BOARD), MINNESOTA**P.O. Box 64992, St. Paul 55164-0992 **Phone:** (218) 565-6234**Law provides:** The Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) has facilities in Moose Lake and Saint Peter. MSOP provides inpatient treatment to individuals civilly committed as sexually dan-

gerous persons and sexual psychopathic personalities. The board hears MSOP's clients' concerns regarding release, retention, and conditions affecting their care, and provides verbal or written recommendations to MSOP. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 253B.22)

SMALL BUSINESS AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 757-2121

Law provides: The council renders advisory opinions on the effectiveness of the small business air-quality program, and on difficulties encountered and degree and severity of enforcement; and prepares periodic reports on matters relating to the program as requested by federal and state agencies. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116.99)

SOCIAL WORK, MINNESOTA BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 340, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2100 Email: social.work@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board promotes and protects the public health, safety and welfare through the licensure and regulation of persons who practice social work. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 148E.025 and 148E.030)

Executive Director: Kate Zacher-Pate, LSW

SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES, OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON FOR

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 106, St. Paul 55108 Phone: (651) 643-2537

Law provides: The office of ombudsperson monitors agency compliance with all laws governing child protection and placement as they impact on children of color. In particular, the ombudsperson shall monitor agency compliance with sections 260C.215; 260.751 to 260-834; and 260C.193, subdivision 3. Each ombudsperson has the authority to investigate decisions, acts and other matters of an agency, program, or facility providing protection or placement services to children of color. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0755) Ombudsperson: Muriel Gubasta, J.D.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL

Department of Education, Office of Special Education, 1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8656

Law provides: The panel advises the Division of Special Education Policy and Division of Special Education Compliance and Assistance in the Department of Education on the education of children and youth with disabilities. The council provides a broad base of input to department staff regarding policies, practices and issues related to the education of children, and youth, ages birth through 21, with disabilities. (Public Law 108-446)

SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD

P.O. Box 64984, St. Paul 55164 Phone: (651) 431-3688

Law provides: The board reviews documents from a patient's treatment records; hears testimony presented by the individual, treatment program facility staff, interested persons, and county of commitment; deliberates; and makes a recommendation on the proposed reduction in custody. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 253B.18, Subd. 4c and 253B.185, Subd. 9)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND AUDIOLOGIST LICENSING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Department of Health, 85 E. 7th Pl., Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 Phone: (651) 201-3723

Law provides: The council advises the commissioner of Health on matters relating to the licensing and regulation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.5196)

STANDARD BRED BREEDERS' FUND APPROPRIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1100 Canterbury Rd., Box 630, Shakopee Phone: (952) 496-7950

Law provides: The advisory committee will advise the Racing Commission regarding breeding industry rules and distribution of Standardbred breeders' fund awards and purse supplements. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 240.18, Subd. 4)

STATE ACADEMIES, THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA

615 Olof Hanson Dr., P.O. Box 308, Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 384-6602

Academy for the Blind: 400 S.E. 6th Ave., Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 333-4800

Academy for the Deaf: 615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 332-5400

Email: lola.brand@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board governs state academies for the deaf and blind. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 125A.62)

STATE ARTS BOARD, MINNESOTA

400 Sibley St., Suite 200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 215-1600 **Toll-free:** (800) 866-2787

Email: msab@arts.state.mn.us

Law provides: The board reviews and makes grants to individual artists, schools and nonprofit arts organizations in support of arts activities. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 129D.02) **Executive Director:** Sue Gens **Chair:** Peggy Burnet

STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-2556

Law provides: The commission coordinates ongoing restoration, protection, risk management and preservation of the Capitol building, and may solicit gifts, grants or donations of any kind from any private or public source to carry out the purposes of their duties. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15B.32)

STATE DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

309 Administrative Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2372

Law provides: The board selects primary designers for state building projects with construction cost greater than \$2 million or project planning cost greater than \$200,000. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B.33)

STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE, MINNESOTA

2100 Freeway Blvd., Brooklyn Center, 55430 **Phone:** (763) 560-2262

Law provides: The league is empowered to exercise control, supervision, regulation of interscholastic athletics, musical, dramatic and other contests between pupils of Minnesota high schools. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 128C.01, Subd.4) **Executive Director:** David Stead

STATE INNOVATION MODEL (SIM) COMMUNITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

540 Cedar St., St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 431-7297

Law provides: The task force provides strategic direction and guides decision making to advance the goals outlined in Minnesota's State Innovation Model Testing proposal that focus on community and patient engagement, integration across the continuum of care, and population health improvement. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

STATE INNOVATION MODEL (SIM) MULTI-PAYER ALIGNMENT TASK FORCE

540 Cedar St., St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 431-7297

Law provides: The task force engages a mix of public and commercial payers to achieve the goals of impacting a preponderance of care in Minnesota under the SIM grant, and efforts to move towards alignment in financial incentives, measures, and goals for health outcomes and cost reduction. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL, MINNESOTA

1500 W. Hwy 36, Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8791

Law provides: The council advises the state library in planning, development and evaluation of effective library service programs for all persons in Minnesota and provided by all types of libraries, including those which participate in federally funded programs under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and recommends criteria for the state-funded programs for library services and interlibrary cooperation. (Public Law 104-208)

STATE LOTTERY

MN State Lottery, 2645 Long Lake Rd., Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 635-8273 **Email:** lottery@mnlottery.com

Law provides: The Minnesota State Lottery runs scratch-off and online lottery games sold in Minnesota. Some proceeds are constitutionally directed to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and some funds are statutorily dedicated to the game and fish fund, natural resources fund and general fund. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 349A.02) **Executive Director:** Clint Harris

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MINNESOTA

60 Empire Dr., Suite 300, St. Paul 55103

Phone: (651) 296-2761 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-5757

Email: info@msrs.us

Law provides: The administrative function is vested in the executive director and the policy-making and appellate functions are vested in a board: three appointed by the governor, one retired employee, one MCTO union representative, and six elected by the covered employees. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 352.03) **Executive Director:** David Bergstrom

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, MINNESOTA FOUNDATION FOR

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113-4266 **Phone:** (651) 582-8330 **Email:** info@mnfso.org
Law provides: The foundation promotes career and technical student organizations and applied leadership opportunities in Minnesota schools through public-private partnerships. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 124D.34)

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

P.O. Box 64981, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2249
Law provides: The subcommittee must make recommendations to the advisory council on policies, law regulations and services relating to children's mental health. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 245.697, Subd. 2A)

SURPLUS LINES ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

600 Clark St., P.O. Box 86, Mora 55051 **Phone:** (320) 679-4244 **Email:** nschroeder@mnsa.com
Law provides: The association processes surplus lines insurance documents; educates its members regarding Minnesota surplus lines law; and recommends to the commissioner of Commerce revisions to Minnesota law relating to the regulation of surplus lines insurance in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of that regulation. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 60A.2085)

TAX COURT

245 MN Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 296-2806
Law provides: The court is maintained for taxpayers to file appeals related to any state or local tax, except special assessments. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 271.01.)

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

60 Empire Dr., Suite 400, St. Paul 55103
Phone: (651) 296-2409 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3669
Email: info.tra@state.mn.us
Law provides: The association's board provides eligible members with annuity payments at retirement, and disability or survivor benefits. Membership includes teachers employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, state colleges and universities, and all other education institutions maintained by the state. Not included are instructors employed by the cities of St. Paul and Duluth, or by the University of Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 354.06) Executive Director: Laurie Fiori Hacking

TEACHING, BOARD OF

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8888 **Email:** board.teaching@state.mn.us
Law provides: The board establishes rules for licensure of public school teachers, for approval of teacher education programs, and for a code of ethics governing professional conduct and performance. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 122A.07) Executive Director: Erin Doan

TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Centennial Office Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 201-1001
Law provides: The advisory committee will provide strategic input to the state's chief information accessibility officer and the Office of Accessibility regarding plans and activities to make all of the state's electronic and information technology accessible. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16E.0475)

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 556-8027
Law provides: The committee advises the state's chief information officer on development and implementation of state information technology plan; critical information technology initiatives for the state; standards for state information architecture; identifies needs of state, strategic portfolio management; and management of state enterprise technology fund. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16E.036)

TRADE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL

First Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., St. Paul **Phone:** (651) 259-7481
Law provides: The council shall: advise the governor and the Legislature on matters relating to U.S. trade agreements; assess the potential impact of federal trade agreements on the state's economy; advise the governor and the Legislature of the group's findings and make recommendations, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the governor and the Legislature; determine, on a case-by-case basis, the impact of a specific federal trade agreement by

requesting input from state agencies, seeking expert advice, convening public hearings, and taking other reasonable and appropriate actions; request information from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative necessary to conduct an appropriate review of government procurement agreements or other trade issues; and receive information obtained by the U.S. Trade Representative's single point of contact for Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116J.9661)

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-3868 **Email:** chris.ballard@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council consults with and makes recommendations to the commissioner of Health on development, maintenance and improvement of a statewide trauma system. (Laws 2005,1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 6, Section 31) Coordinator: Chris Ballard

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 431-2400

Law Provides: The advisory committee provides recommendations to the commissioner of Human Services regarding program and service needs of persons with traumatic brain injuries. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 256B.093)

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

72 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-9002

Law provides: The advisory council recruits qualified candidates to recommend to the governor for appointment to the board of trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). (*Minnesota Statutes*, 136F.03)

UNIFORM CONVEYANCING FORMS, ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON

85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 539-1457

Law provides: The task force reviews uniform conveyancing blanks and recommends new or revised forms to the commission for adoption by order of the commissioner of Commerce. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 507.09)

URBAN INITIATIVE BOARD

1st National Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Suite E. 200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7424 **Email:** deed@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board investigates, evaluates and implements new methods to enhance urban development, particularly through the Urban Initiatives loan program for minority business enterprises. The program supports job creation for minority and other persons in low-income areas. The board advises the Department of Employment and Economic Development regarding the operation of the Urban Initiative loan program. Board members includes representatives of minority businesses and state agencies. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116M.15)

VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

20 W. 12th St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (612) 548-5959

Law provides: The council provides the commissioner of Veterans Affairs (VA) with information and professional expertise on any and all aspects of the delivery of quality long-term care to veterans. The council's duties include: developing a new vision and strategic plan for the veterans homes that complements the VA's overall veterans service programs; providing recommendations and advice on matters such as clinical performance and systemwide quality improvement efforts, the culture and working environment of veterans homes, and other operational and organizational functions of veterans homes; studying and reviewing current issues and trends in the long-term care industry and veterans community; providing recommendations to the commissioner on alternative options for the delivery of long-term care to veterans so that veterans and their families can determine appropriate services under models similar to those available in the community; establishing, as appropriate, subcommittees or ad hoc task forces of council members, stakeholders and other individuals with expertise or experience to address specific issues; and reviewing and providing advice on any other matters at the request of the commissioner. (Executive Order, 07-21, extended by Executive Order 11-08)

VETERINARY MEDICINE, MINNESOTA BOARD OF

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 401, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2844 **Email:** vet.med@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines and licenses veterinarians, investigates consumer complaints and disciplines licensees. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 156.01) Executive Director: Julia Wilson, D.V.M.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

Department of Health, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 Phone: (651) 201-4700

Law provides: The council advises the commissioners of Health and the Pollution Control Agency regarding water supply systems and wastewater treatment facilities, and qualifications and competency evaluation of water supply system operators and wastewater treatment facility operators. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 115.741)

WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES, BOARD OF

520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-3767

Law provides: The board coordinates the water and soil resources management activities of local units of government through approval of local plans, administration of state grants, and cost-sharing contracts, performance evaluation, and administrative appeals and hearings. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 103B.101) Chair: Brian Napstad

WELLS AND BORINGS, ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

Department of Health, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-4598 Email: health.wells@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Department of Health on technical matters related to the construction, repair and sealing of wells and borings, and the licensure of well and boring contractors. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 103I.105)

WOMAN AND JUVENILE FEMALE OFFENDER IN CORRECTIONS, ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON THE

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul 55108 Phone: (651) 361-7228

Law provides: The task force consults with the commissioner of Corrections regarding choice of model programs to receive funding, reviews and makes recommendations on matters affecting female offenders, identifies problem areas, and assists the commissioner in seeking improved programming for female offenders. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 241.71)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION, ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5235 Email: patricia.rutz@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council makes recommendations on workers' compensation issues and hears workers' compensation matters. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 175.007) Executive Secretary: Patricia Rutz

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 539-1210

Law provides: The members of this specialized court must have experience in the field of workers compensation and knowledge of Minnesota workers compensation law. This court has exclusive statewide authority to review all workers' compensation appeals and vacate awards pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 175A and 176. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 175A.01.)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURERS' ASSOCIATION (DATA SERVICE ORGANIZATION), MINNESOTA

7701 France Ave. S., Suite 450, Minneapolis 55435 Phone: (952) 897-1737

Email: info@mwcia.org

Law provides: The association is a nonprofit statistical and research organization supported and governed by the insurance industry, and is a licensed data service organization. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 79.61) President: Brandon Miller

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, GOVERNOR'S

1st National Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Suite E. 200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7568 Email: info.gwdc@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor and Legislature on state workforce investment policies and practices. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116L.665) Executive Director: Connie Ireland

ZOOLOGICAL BOARD, MINNESOTA

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley 55124

Phone: (952) 431-9299 Email: info@mnzoo.org

Law provides: The board acquires, constructs, equips, operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 85A.01) Executive Director: Lee C. Ehmke

Voting Rights Act of 1965 - 50th Anniversary

During the civil rights marches in Selma, Alabama and after President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed a joint session of Congress and called on them to pass a voting rights bill, local elected and party officials spoke out. St. Paul Mayor George Vavoulis sent telegrams to Minnesota's congressional delegation and the Hennepin County DFL passed a resolution supporting voting rights for all citizens, according to articles in the St. Paul Dispatch and Minneapolis Spokesman on March 16 and March 18, 1965, respectively.

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 Prior to the demonstration, several speakers including Mayor Naftalin, Congressman Donald Fraser, State DFL chairman George Farr and retiring Hennepin County DFL chairman Steve Nebotts called upon the convention delegates to respond to Selma, Alabama, by "marching, writing, speaking and passing resolutions."
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