

# Chapter Five

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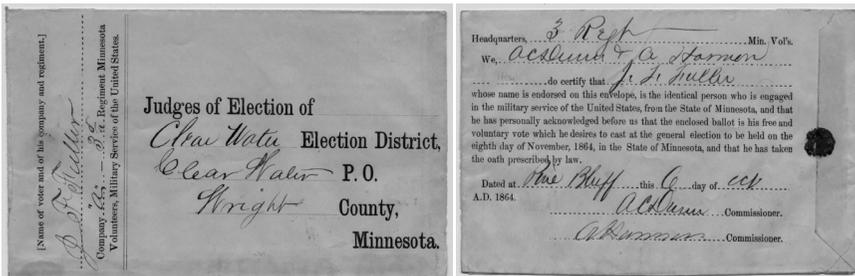


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The absentee ballot envelope (front and back) of J.E. Fuller sent from the war front during the Civil War to his home precinct in Wright County in November 1864. Fuller served in Company A, 3rd Regiment Minnesota Volunteers.

### BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES



**Commissioner:** Josh L. Tilsen  
**Appointed:** 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:** Spencer Cronk  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$111,710

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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 4 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, 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:** \$112,126

Roseville. BS, Elementary Education, St. Cloud State University (1968); School teacher (1968-75); Farmer (1975-99); Minnesota Senate (1987-92); President, Minnesota Famers 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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**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 department is the state’s farm-food regulatory and promotion agency. 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. To meet this vital mission, the department is organized into three program areas:

**Protection Service Program** is the state’s premier food safety authority, protecting public health and safety and preventing fraud by regulating the manufacture, distribution, and sale of food, animal feeds, fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, and other animal products. This program also administers programs to protect ground and surface water, clean up agricultural chemical spills, promote best management practices that protect the environment, and license and bond purchasers of agricultural products including grain, livestock, and fruits or vegetables.

**Promotion and Marketing Program** promotes and develops national markets for Minnesota agricultural products through farmers’ markets, food shows, and direct assistance to producers and small businesses; provides financial supervision to commodity research and promotion councils and Ag in the Classroom; educates producers on sustainable agriculture, manure management, and whole farm planning; encourages land stewardship programs that protect against unnecessary agricultural land conversion; and collects agricultural statistics.

**Administration and Financial Assistance Program** offers financial assistance programs that provide affordable financing to farmers and small agribusinesses and provides department-wide support services, including administration, personnel, office management, information services, accounting, and planning.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



**Commissioner:** Michael J. Rothman  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$112,130

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**Deputy Commissioner, Financial Institutions:** vacant  
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**Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement:** Nancy Leppink  
**Assistant Commissioner, Financial Institutions:** Mary Jo Wall  
**Assistant Commissioner, Division of Energy Resources:** Dennis Ahlers

**Law provides:** The department is responsible for the regulation of 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 is also responsible for enforcement of Public Utilities Commission rules and orders, regulation of natural gas and electric public utilities, energy conservation standards and information programs, low-income home energy assistance and weatherization, regulation of telephone companies, the administration of Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM), the petrofund, and unclaimed property programs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 216A, 216B, 216C; 45–56, 59A, 168.66, 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 department is responsible for seeing that Minnesota’s laws 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. The responsibilities of each division within the department vary depending on the structure of that division’s industry and its requirements.

**Division of Energy Resources** ensures that energy service is reliable and reasonably priced while minimizing adverse environmental impacts. The division advocates on behalf of consumers and ratepayers in proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission and federal regulatory agencies. Additionally, the division promotes energy-efficient building, conservation, alternative transportation fuels and modern energy technology; reviews emergency planning and recovery plans; and administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The division also oversees conservation improvement programs operated by public, municipal, and cooperative utilities.

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

**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 each institution and provides guidance in taking regulatory action to protect consumers. The 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).

**Enforcement Division** ensures compliance and responsible business conduct in Minnesota. The division receives calls 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 and currency exchanges. Additionally, the division houses the Securities Unit 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 Insurance Fraud Unit, a law enforcement agency, which conducts investigations and makes arrests in cases of insurance fraud alleged by insurance companies, other law enforcement agencies or consumers.

## Chapter Five State Agencies

**Administration Division** oversees the state's Licensing Unit, Unclaimed Property Program, Petrofund Program, and provides internal support functions for the department. 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.

**Weights and Measures Division** is the state's first consumer protection unit, 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:** \$112,126

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); Chair, Minnesota Interstate Compact Advisory Council.

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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

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**Assistant Commissioner:** Rose Hermodson

**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

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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.

**Unemployment Insurance Division** administers the unemployment insurance program, which provides temporary income to people who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

**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:** \$112,126  
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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:** \$112,126  
**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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**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  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$112,126

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:** \$112,126

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**Legislative Liaison:** John Rajkowski

**Law provides:** The department administers the laws relating to workers' compensation, working conditions, wages and construction codes and licensing. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 184, 326B, 327A, 327.20, Subd. 1(5), 327.205, 327B.01-327B.12, 327.31-327.36, 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.

~ *Voting in Minnesota* ~

**Minneapolis Hosts 1892 Republican National Convention**

In 1892 the city of Minneapolis hosted the Republican National Convention at which Benjamin Harrison was nominated as the party's presidential candidate. He carried the state in the general election by 122,766 votes to Grover Cleveland's 101,055. However, Cleveland won the election and became president.

Source: Virginia Martin, *Reflections of the Political Process*, Minnesota Historical Society

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS



**Adjutant General:** Major General Richard C. Nash **Salary:** \$171,785  
**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:** \$112,126  
**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:** \$112,126

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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**Deputy Commissioner:** Mary Ellison

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**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:** Kris Eide

**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:** Kevin Daly

**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:** Myron Frans  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$112,126

Minneapolis. BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University; MA, Criminology, Sam Houston State University; JD, University of Kansas Law School; Associate, Miller & Chevalier; Partner, Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett; Senior Partner, Faegre & Benson; President, Leeds Precision Instruments, Inc.

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

**Function:** The department provides taxpayers with the services and information 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 \$18.8 billion. 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 general fund revenues, 48.5 percent is from individual income tax, 27.8 percent from sales tax, 6.3 percent from corporate income tax, 4.9 percent from the statewide property tax, and 6.3 percent from all other taxes. All other revenues account for 6.2 percent.

The three department divisions are:

**Individual Taxes** (individual income and withholding tax, and collection)

**Business Taxes** (corporate franchise tax, sales and use tax, petroleum tax, and special taxes)

**Tax Policy** (tax research, appeals and legal services, and property tax)

The department's taxpayer rights advocate reports directly to the commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**Commissioner:** Charles A. Zelle  
**Appointed:** 2012

**Salary:** \$112,126

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)

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**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:** \$112,126

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:** Reggie Worlds  
**Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care:** Michael J. Gallucci

**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.

**Minnesota Veterans Home Deputy Commissioner:** Michael J. Gallucci

**Claims and Outreach Division** advocates for veterans and dependents seeking veterans benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This division also locates, assists, and meets the unique needs of veterans in the underserved populations and communities in Minnesota.

**Director of Claims and Outreach:** Ron Quade

**Fargo Claims Office** advocates for veterans and dependents in northwestern Minnesota seeking veterans benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**Veterans Claims Branch Office Supervisor:** Jeff Burth

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

**Cemetery Supervisor:** David Swantek

**Link Vet 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.

**Link Vet 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.

**Supervisor:** David Bellefeuille

**MDVA Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSO) Division** provides community outreach in an attempt to locate and serve as the veterans advocate to a traditionally underserved population of veterans and their dependents. It accomplishes this by preparing and monitoring both federal and state benefits claims and through ongoing education and information dissemination.

**Supervisor:** James Miller

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

**Director of Benefits:** Kathy Schwartz

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

**SAA Supervisor:** Paula Plum

**Director of Employment and Women Veterans Programs** serves the gender-specific needs of women veterans through awareness initiatives and special events.

**Women Veterans Program Coordinator:** Barb O'Reilly

**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 the point of contact for all state employees with veteran employment issues.

**Education Program Officer:** Clint Bucher

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**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

**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:** \$112,126

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, Calvert Foundation Investment Committee, National Council of State Housing Agencies.

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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 people by providing affordable financing and related assistance. Its board consists of the state auditor, and six public members appointed by the governor. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 462A)

**Function:** As the state's mission-driven financial institution, Minnesota Housing helps people to buy their first homes or improve existing homes. It helps build and remodel affordable apartments, single-family homes, shelters, and transitional and supportive housing. The agency works cooperatively with others to revitalize older neighborhoods and communities, build new housing around the state, and preserve the stock of federally assisted rental housing.

**IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD  
(IRRRB)**

**Commissioner:** Anthony “Tony” Sertich  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$98,950

Chisholm. BA, Political Science/Theater Arts, Hamline; State Representative, House District 5B (2000–11); House Majority Leader (2006–10); Small Business Manager, Longyear Incorporated of Chisholm.

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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:** Jim Schowalter  
**Appointed:** 2011

**Salary:** \$108,393

Eagan. BA, Economics, Macalester (1985); MA, Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1988); Budget Examiner, U.S. Office of Management and Budget (1988–91); Regional Economist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (1991–93); Executive Budget Officer, Minnesota Management and Budget (1994–98); Executive Budget Coordinator (1998–2004); State Budget Director/Assistant Commissioner (2004–10); Deputy Commissioner (2010–11).

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Lynn Anderson

**Assistant Commissioner, Budget Services:** Margaret Kelly

**Assistant Commissioner, Accounting Services:** Lori Mo

**Assistant Commissioner, Treasury:** Kristin Hanson

**Assistant Commissioner, Enterprise Human Resources:** Ann O’Brien

**Assistant Commissioner, Labor Relations:** Barb Holmes

**State Economist, Economic Analysis:** Thomas Stinson

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

**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 attract, hire, and retain a diverse workforce.

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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 that such benefits are affordable and structured so that they enhance employee productivity, satisfaction, recruitment, and retention.

**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.

**Accounting Services Division** manages the state accounting system and includes the payroll services section, which issues salary warrants for the executive branch and judicial officers, and the financial reporting section, which publishes the state's annual financial report. It assists agencies with internal controls and provides general accounting for the state.

**Treasury Division** manages the state's treasury operations, long-term general obligation debt, short-term financing, and establishes the state's bank accounts located throughout the state.

**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** 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:** \$108,388

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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**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:** Lisa Thorvig

**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 and solid waste programs are based in this division. Specific programs include feedlots, basin management, landfill operations, stormwater, 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:** Bruce Biser

**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

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**First Woman Secretary of State**

Virginia Paul Holm was the first woman to serve as Minnesota’s secretary of state. She was appointed to the position by Governor Elmer Anderson in 1952 to succeed H. H. Chesterman. Secretary Chesterman had been appointed to fill the vacancy in office created by the death of her husband Mike Holm, the longest-serving Minnesota secretary of state.

The public did not support Chesterman’s appointment and felt that Holm’s wife would be a more appropriate choice. Once appointed to the position, she finished serving out her late husband’s term, and was elected to her own term in 1952. She lost a bid for re-election in 1954.

Source: Minnesota Legislative Reference Library

### MN.IT SERVICES



**State Chief Information Officer:** Carolyn Parnell **Salary:** \$119,997  
**Appointed:** 2011

Minneapolis. BA, Sociology/Liberal Arts for the Human Services, University of Minnesota; Morris; MBA, University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management; Chief Operating Officer for Information Technology Services, Minnesota System of Colleges and Universities; Minnesota Public Radio/American Public Media; Fidelity National Information Systems; University of Minnesota.

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**Law provides:** 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 **Salary:** \$108,393  
**Appointed:** 2012

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, Northwest 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 **Website:** www.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 informs students and parents about higher education finance issues.

The agency provides financial aid programs to students. As such, the agency administers the State Grant program (\$143 million to over 95,000 undergraduates), State Work Study program (\$14 million annually to about 12,000 students), SELF Loan program (\$85 million annually to about 14,000 students), and other state financial aid programs. The agency also administers interstate reciprocity agreements with neighboring states.

The agency encourages families to save for higher education by providing information and administering the Minnesota College Savings Plan. Through the federally funded Get Ready program, the agency works in schools and communities with school-age children and their parents, low-income children and families who are navigating higher education for the first time. The agency registers over 150 private and out-of-state public degree granting institutions, and licenses over 125 private institutions that offer non-degree programs in Minnesota.

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 for lifelong learners.

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



**President of the University and  
President (ex-officio) of the Board of Regents:**  
Eric W. Kaler  
**Appointed:** July 2011

**Salary:** \$600,000

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); Faculty Member, University of Minnesota (2011); Neutron Scattering Society of America (2012); U.S. Department of Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (2012); National Academy of Inventors (2013).

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

**Phone:** (612) 625-5000 **Website:** www.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)

#### University of Minnesota Board of Regents:

Patricia Simmons, 1st Cong. Dist.	Clyde Allen Sr., 7th Cong. Dist
Thomas Devine 2nd Cong. Dist.	David McMillan, 8th Cong. Dist.
David M. Larson, 3rd Cong. Dist..	Linda Cohen, at large, Chair
Richard B. Beeson, 4th Cong. Dist.	Dean E. Johnson, at large
Peggy Lucas, 5th Cong. Dist.	Abdul Omari, at large
John Frobenius, 6th Cong. Dist.	

**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.

## Chapter Five State Agencies

### Colleges located on the Twin Cities campus:

College of Biological Sciences	Curtis L. Carlson School of Management
College of Continuing Education	Graduate School
College of Design	Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
College of Education and Human Development	College of Science and Engineering
College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences	Law School
College of Liberal Arts	Medical School
College of Pharmacy	School of Dentistry
College of Veterinary Medicine	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:** \$360,000

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); Professor and 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 **TTY:** (800) 627-3529  
**Website:** [www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.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)

### Board of Trustees:

Ann Anaya, St. Paul	Philip Krinkie, Shoreview
Brett Anderson, Rosemount	Alfredo Oliveira, St. Cloud
Duane Benson, Lanesboro	David Paskach, Cottonwood
Alexander Cirillo, Woodbury	Maria Peluso, Taconite
Cheryl Dickson, St. Paul	Thomas Renier, Duluth
Dawn Erlandson, Minneapolis	Louise Sundin, Minneapolis
Clarence Hightower, Plymouth	Michael Vekich, St. Louis Park
Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Minneapolis	

**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:** Kevin Kopischke

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College**, Cambridge and Coon Rapids, (763) 433-1100  
**Anoka Technical College**, Anoka, (763) 576-4700 **Interim President:** Jessica Stumpf

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

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

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

**Dakota County Technical College**, Rosemount, (877) 937-3282 **President:** Ronald Thomas

**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  
**President:** Sue Hammersmith

**Minneapolis Community and Technical College**, Minneapolis, (800) 247-0911  
**President:** Phil Davis

**Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical**, Red Wing and Winona, (877) 853-8324  
**President:** Jim Johnson

**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:** Edna Szymanski

**Minnesota West Community and Technical College**, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and Worthington, (800) 658-2330 **President:** Richard Shrubb

**Normandale Community College**, Bloomington, (866) 880-8740 **President:** Joseph Opatz

**North Hennepin Community College**, Brooklyn Park, (800) 818-0395, **President:** John O'Brien

**Northeast Higher Education District**, **President:** Sue Collins

**Hibbing Community College**, Hibbing, (800) 224-4422

**Itasca Community College**, Grand Rapids, (800) 996-6422

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

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

**Vermilion Community College**, Ely, (800) 657-3608

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**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  
**Interim President:** Kent Hanson

**Rochester Community and Technical College**, Rochester, (800) 247-1296  
**President:** Don Supalla

**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:** Keith Stover

**Southwest Minnesota State University**, Marshall, (800) 642-0684 **Interim President:** Ron Wood

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

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES****ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

**Phone:** (612) 617-2130

**Law provides:** The seven-member council consists of acupuncture practitioners, licensed physicians or osteopaths who practice acupuncture, NCCAOM-certified chiropractors, and members of the public who have received acupuncture treatment. 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)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MINNESOTA BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY**

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

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

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING**

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

**Law provides:** The three-member advisory committee is to advise 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. Each of the three members must be either an architect or a planner. One must be appointed by the CAAP Board; one by the State Board of the Arts; and one by the Minnesota Society of the American Institute of Architects. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15B.11)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS**

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)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICES PROGRAM**

Health Professionals Services Programs, 1380 Energy Lane, Suite 202, St. Paul 55108

**Phone:** (651) 643-3456

**Law provides:** This committee was established to advise the Health Professionals Services Program. Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed for two years and members may be reappointed. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 214.32)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL LICENSED TRADITIONAL MIDWIFERY**

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

**Phone:** (612) 617-2130

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

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

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

**Law provides:** The 11-member council is comprised of Department of Health officials, Pollution Control Agency officials, water supply system operators, wastewater treatment facility operators, municipality representatives, and the public. 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)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WELLS AND BORINGS**

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

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

**Law provides:** The 18-member council includes six contractors, four limited or specialized well and boring contractors, two public members, and representatives of six state agencies. 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*, 1031.105)

## Chapter Five State Agencies

### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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

**Phone:** (651) 284-5018 **Website:** [www.dli.mn.gov/wcac.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/wcac.asp) **Email:** [julie.klejewski@state.mn.us](mailto:julie.klejewski@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 16-member council consists of 12 voting members: the presidents of the largest statewide Minnesota business and organized labor organizations, and additional members representing business and organized labor. The council also includes the commissioner of Labor and Industry as chair and non-voting member. Four legislative liaisons serve as non-voting members, as well. The council makes recommendations on workers' compensation issues and hears workers' compensation matters. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 175.007)

**Executive Secretary:** Julie Klejewski

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

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 361-7200

**Law provides:** The 20-member 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)

### ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON UNIFORM CONVEYANCING FORMS

85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 297-1118

**Law provides:** The 20-member 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)

### ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO REVIEW ESTHETICIAN TRAINING

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

**Law provides:** The nine-member task force reviews the 600-hour esthetician training program as it is constructed under current Minnesota law. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

### AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-6490 **Website:** [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) **Email:** [carol.logan@state.mn.us](mailto:carol.logan@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The five-member 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)

### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 64977, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2467

**Law provides:** The 10-member council advises the commissioner of Human Services on matters relating to the prevention and treatment of chemical dependency. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 254A.04)

### APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY BOARD

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

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

### AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

P.O. Box 29, East Grand Forks 56721 **Phone:** (218) 773-1629

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

### ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**Law provides:** The eight-member council consists of public members, registered athletic trainers, medical physicians and chiropractors. The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding standards and requirements for athletic trainers and reviews complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.7805)

**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 seven-member board advises the commissioner on the distribution of grants for automobile theft prevention. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 65B.84, Subd.4)

**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

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

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

**Law provides:** The board of nine certified public accountants (CPA) and public members examines and licenses CPAs, RAPs, and CPA and RAP firms; 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

**BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

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

**Law provides:** The board of five veterinarians and livestock producers protects the health of the domestic animals in the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 35.02)

**Executive Director:** William (Bill) Hartmann, D.V.M., M.S.

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

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

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

**Law provides:** The board of 21 professional and public members examines and licenses architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and geoscientists; certifies interior designers; administers continuing professional education; enforces a code of professional conduct; and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326.02) **Executive Director:** Doreen Frost

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

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

**Phone:** (651) 556-6093 **Website:** www.taxes.state.mn.us

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

**BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS**

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 315, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2820

**Law provides:** The board of three barbers, and one public member 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

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY**

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

**Phone:** (612) 617-2178 **Website:** www.bbht.state.mn.us **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)

**BOARD OF COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

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

**Website:** www.bceboard.state.mn.us **Email:** bce.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board of three cosmetologists and one public member 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

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### BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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

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

**Law provides:** The board of five dentists, one dental hygienist, one licensed dental assistant, and two public members examines and licenses dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, and enforces the Minnesota Dental Practices Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 150A.02)

**Executive Director:** Marshall Shragg

### BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 555, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2764

**Law provides:** The board licenses nutritionists and dietitians, investigates violations and conducts hearings. It consists of seven members including dietitians, nutritionists and consumers.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.621) **Executive Director:** Laurie E. Mickelson

### BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

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

**Law provides:** The 12-member board adopts rules, amends the National Electrical Code, finalizes interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopts rules to regulate electrical businesses and individual licenses and continued education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.32)

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 560, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (651) 201-2731 **Website:** www.benha.state.mn.us **Email:** benha@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board of 11 industry and public members examines and licenses nursing home administrators and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144A.19)

**Executive Director:** Randy D. Snyder

### BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION

444 Cedar St., Suite 146, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7257

**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)

### BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** The 13-member 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)

### BOARD OF INVENTION

4476 Woodgate Pt., Eagan 55122 **Phone:** (651) 452-9448

**Law provides:** The 11-member board encourages creation, performance, and appreciation of invention in the state. The board investigates and evaluates new methods to enhance invention. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116J.987) **Chair:** Dr. Daniel A. Ferber

### BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 330, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 617-2220

**Website:** www.bmft.state.mn.us **Email:** bmft.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board of five therapists and two public members 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

### BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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

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

**Website:** www.bmp.state.mn.us **Email:** medical.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board of 11 physicians and five citizen members 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

**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 550, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2762

**Website:** [www.optometryboard.state.mn.us](http://www.optometryboard.state.mn.us) **Email:** [optometry.board@state.mn.us](mailto:optometry.board@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board consists of two public members and five qualified optometrists. The board licenses optometrists, investigates complaints and adopts rules.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.52) **Executive Director:** Laurie E. Mickelson

**BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

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

**Phone:** (651) 643-3060 **Website:** [www.post.state.mn.us](http://www.post.state.mn.us) **Email:** [neil.melton@state.mn.us](mailto:neil.melton@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of 15 peace officers, municipal officials, public members, and higher education professionals 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:** Neil W. Melton

**BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-2825 **Website:** [www.phebyrd.state.mn.us](http://www.phebyrd.state.mn.us) **Email:** [pharmacy.board@state.mn.us](mailto:pharmacy.board@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of seven pharmacists and public members 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

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

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

**Website:** [www.podiatricmecine.state.mn.us](http://www.podiatricmecine.state.mn.us) **Email:** [podiatric.medicine@state.mn.us](mailto:podiatric.medicine@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of five podiatrists and two public members examines and licenses podiatrists, investigates complaints, and disciplines for practice violations.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 153.02) **Executive Director:** Ruth Grendahl

**BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENT SERVICES**

1430 Maryland Ave. E., St. Paul 55106

**Phone:** (651) 793-2666 **Website:** [www.pdpboard.state.mn.us](http://www.pdpboard.state.mn.us) **Email:** [mn.pdb@state.mn.us](mailto:mn.pdb@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of five industry and citizen members administers laws governing licensing of private detectives and protective agents, license reissuance, complaint procedures, and unlicensed activity. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326.32) **Executive Director:** Marie Ohman

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

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

**Phone:** (612) 617-2230 **Website:** [www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us](http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 11-member board, including licensed psychologists, a licensed psychological practitioner, and three public members, licenses and regulates psychologists and psychological practitioners. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.90)

**BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

1500 Highway 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8754 **Website:** [www.mnbosa.org](http://www.mnbosa.org)

**Law provides:** The 10-member 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:** Stan F. Mack II

**BOARD OF TEACHING**

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8833 **Email:** [board.teaching@state.mn.us](mailto:board.teaching@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 11-member 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:** Karen Balmer

**BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

6125 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley 55422

**Phone:** (763) 591-4700 **Website:** [www.pcae.k12.mn.us](http://www.pcae.k12.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 15-member board shall have the powers necessary for the care, management and control of the Perpich Center for the Arts Education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 129C.10)

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

30 7th St. E., #350 St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-1705

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)

### BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-3767 **Website:** [www.bwsr.state.mn.us](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of 20 local government officials, public members, and state agency members 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

### BREEDERS' FUND APPROPRIATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Law provides:** The nine-member 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)

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

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

**Toll-free:** (800) 657-3889 **Website:** [www.cfboard.state.mn.us](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us) **Email:** [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto: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 **Website:** [www.caapb.state.mn.us](http://www.caapb.state.mn.us) **Email:** [nancy.stark@state.mn.us](mailto:nancy.stark@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** To preserve the historical and architectural integrity of the capitol area, the 12-member board, chaired by the lieutenant governor, 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:** Nancy Stark

### CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

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

**Phone:** (507) 934-7700 **Website:** [www.ruralmn.org](http://www.ruralmn.org) **Email:** [crpd@ruralmn.org](mailto: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)

### CHICANO LATINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL

60 Empire Drive, Suite 203, St. Paul 55103 **Phone:** (651) 296-9587

**Law provides:** The 11-member council advises the governor and the Legislature on the nature of issues confronting Chicano/Latino people. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 3.9223)

**Executive Director:** Hector Garcia

### CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATION TASK FORCE

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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 it. (Executive Order 11-15)

### CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 757-2670

**Law provides:** The 23-members of the Clean Water 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)

**CLEARWAY MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**8011 34th Ave. S., Suite 400, Minneapolis 55425 **Phone:** (952) 767-1400**Law provides:** The 19-member 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**443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 284-5366**Law provides:** The nine-member advisory council advises the commissioner of Labor and Industry to help regulate combative sports contests in Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 341.221)**COMMISSION OF DEAF, DEAF BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING MINNESOTANS**

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

**Phone:** (651) 297-7305 **Website:** www.mncdhh.com**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)**CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 284-5018 **Email:** dli.cclboards@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The 18-members of the advisory council review laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements relating to building construction. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.07)**COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS**658 Cedar St., Suite 160, St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 757-1740 **Website:** www.capm.state.mn.us**Law provides:** The council of 19 representatives of the Asian-Pacific community and four ex officio legislative members 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**COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS**

2233 University Ave., Wright Building, Suite 426, St. Paul 55114

**Phone:** (651) 642-0811 **Email:** lester.collins@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:** Lester R. Collins**COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**121 E. 7th Pl., Suite 107, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 361-7800**Website:** www.disability.state.mn.us **Email:** council.disability@state.mn.us**Law provides:** The 17-member 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*, Section 256.482)**Executive Director:** Joan Willshire**CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD**445 Minnesota St., Suite 2300, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7300**Law provides:** The five-member 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 35-member 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 nine-member 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)

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### DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

350 Harbor Dr., Duluth 55802-2698 **Phone:** (218) 722-5573 **Website:** www.decc.org

**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)

### EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8476

**Law provides:** The 30-member council makes recommendations to the governor and Legislature to ensure every child is ready for kindergarten and affordable quality early childhood education and care is available to all children.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 124D.141; Executive Order 11-05)

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

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

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

**Website:** www.emsrb.state.mn.us **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)

### ENTERPRISE MINNESOTA, INC.

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

**Phone:** (612) 373-2900 **Toll-free:** (800) 325-3073 **Website:** www.enterpriseminnesota.org

**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:** Wayne A. Pletcher, PhD **Chair:** Kim Roden

### 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 seven-member 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 13-members of the panel make 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)

### ESTHETICIAN MEDICAL CARE AND TWO-TIER LICENSE ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

**Law provides:** The seven-member task force will review “in connection with medical care” and “in the office of a licensed physician” in 155A.23 and 155A.29, and the scope of practice of a potential two-tier license. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

### EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 757-1872 **Website:** www.mntourism.org

**Law provides:** The council of up to 28 members 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)

**FIRE PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Department of Public Safety, 444 Cedar St., Suite 145, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7200

**Law provides:** The council advises the commissioner of public safety on matters within the council's expertise or under the regulation of the commissioner. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299M.02)

**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 of 16 members 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)

**FORMULARY COMMITTEE**

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

**Law provides:** The 11-member 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 South, Roseville 55113

**Phone:** (651) 639-4000 **Website:** www.gcb.state.mn.us

**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

**GOVERNING COMMITTEE ON THE MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN**

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

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-7201 **Website:** www.fire.state.mn.us

**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)

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

1568 Hwy. 2, Two Harbors 55616 **Phone:** (218) 834-1446

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)

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

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

**Law provides:** The 16-member 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)

**GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION**

1500 W. Hwy. 36, Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8495

**Law provides:** The 17- to 25-member 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)

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### GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-2555 **Website:** [www.admin.state.mn.us/buildings/residence](http://www.admin.state.mn.us/buildings/residence)

**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. Its 19 members are drawn from state agencies, the governor's spouse, legislators, the family that donated the building, the public, and the fields of higher education, landscaping, architecture and interior design. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B.27, Subd.3)

### GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON BROADBAND

85 E. 7th Place, Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 284-4213

**Law provides:** The 15-member task force develops, implements and promotes state broadband policy to achieve state broadband needs and goals. (Executive Order 11-27)

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

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member task force examines the issue of bullying in Minnesota and advises the governor's office and Legislature on policies to ensure the safety of all students in Minnesota. (Executive Order 11-33)

### GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 259-7568 **Website:** [www.gwdc.org](http://www.gwdc.org) **Email:** [info.gwdc@state.mn.us](mailto:info.gwdc@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 31-member council advises the governor and Legislature on state workforce investment policies and practices. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116L.665)

**Executive Director:** Bryan Lindsley

### 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 five-member commission consists one member appointed by the governor; and two senators and two representatives appointed by the Legislature. The commission promotes development, use and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 1.21, Article IV)

### HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1380 Energy Lane, Suite 202, St. Paul 55108

**Phone:** (651) 643-3456 **Website:** [www.hpsp.state.mn.us](http://www.hpsp.state.mn.us)

**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)

### HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSER ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**Law provides:** The seven-member council consisting of three public members, three certified dispensers, and one licensed audiologist 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)

### HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

400 Sibley St., Suite 300, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-7608

**Law provides:** The seven-member board is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The agency provides financing for housing low- and moderate-income persons. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 462A.04.)

**INTEGRATION REVENUE REPLACEMENT ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8200

**Law provides:** The 12-member task force has six members appointed by the commissioner of Education, three members appointed by the speaker of the House, and three members appointed by the subcommittee on committees of the committee on rules and administration. The commissioner of Education convenes the task force to develop recommendations for repurposing integration revenue funds to create and sustain opportunities for students to achieve improved educational outcomes. (Laws 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 11, Article 2, Section 49)

**INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

60 Empire Drive, Suite 355, St. Paul 55103 **Phone:** (651) 296-3328

**Website:** [www.sbi.state.mn.us/IAC.html](http://www.sbi.state.mn.us/IAC.html)

**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 eight members advise 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)

**JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, 445 Minnesota St., Suite 2300, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-7348 **Website:** [www.jjac.state.mn.us](http://www.jjac.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 18-member 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)

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-5000

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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 MDH, and the priorities for that funding. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 145.8811)

**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 11-member board, including health care providers, the public, and the insurance industry, provides medical malpractice insurance coverage to any licensed health care provider unable to obtain this insurance through ordinary methods. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 621.02)

**MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 284-5018 **Website:** [www.dli.mn.gov/msrb.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/msrb.asp) **Email:** [julie.klejewski@state.mn.us](mailto:julie.klejewski@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:** Julie Klejewski

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### MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 431-3030 **Website:** [www.dhs.state.mn.us/agencywd/jobs/merit](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/agencywd/jobs/merit)

**Law provides:** The three-member 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 **Website:** [www.mspairport.com](http://www.mspairport.com)

**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. The 15-member commission, which includes four representatives from greater Minnesota and the rest from districts within the seven-county metropolitan area, consists of 12 members and a chair appointed by the governor and two members appointed by the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.603)

**Chair:** Jack Lanners

### METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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

**Law provides:** The 17-member Metropolitan Council serves at the pleasure of the governor. Members cannot hold elected public office and must reside within the council district they represent. The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning agency for the seven-county Twin Cities metro area. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.123)

### 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. It consists of eight members selected from districts where they reside, and a chair, selected at large, appointed by the Metropolitan Council. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 473.303) **Chair:** Charles Haas

### METROPOLITAN SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, 900 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis, 55415 **Phone:** (612) 332-0386

**Website:** [msfa.com](http://msfa.com) **Email:** [tiffany.orth@msfa.com](mailto:tiffany.orth@msfa.com); [amy.quaintance@msfa.com](mailto:amy.quaintance@msfa.com)

The authority consists of five members. The chair and two members shall be appointed by the governor. Two members shall be appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis. The chair serves at the pleasure of the governor. 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 **Website:** [www.miprc.org](http://www.miprc.org)

**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 10-member committee is established to plan for diversified mineral development. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 93.0015)

**MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION**

1500 Highway 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8786

**Law provides:** The foundation is a nonprofit, public-private partnership that advocates for the promotion and recognition of academic excellence in Minnesota elementary students, schools and communities. The 21 members of the board include the commissioner of Education, 12 members who represent various business groups, and eight members who represent various education groups. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 124D.94)

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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

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

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

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

**Law provides:** The 17-member council promotes agriculture education, conducts a grant program, and identifies needs in the area of agriculture education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 41D.01)

**MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION**

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

**Phone:** (763) 785-5632 **Website:** www.mnsports.org **Email:** llynch@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. It consists of 14 voting members and six nonvoting members. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 240A.02) **Executive Director:** Paul D. Erickson

**MINNESOTA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

658 Cedar St., Suite 358, St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-2640

**Law provides:** The council of 15-members 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)

**MINNESOTA AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TASK FORCE**

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-4295

**Law provides:** The 19-member 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)

**MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU**

227 Central Ave., Suite 103, P.O. Box 247, Osseo 55369-0247

**Phone:** (763) 425-6634 **Website:** www.maacb.org **Email:** maacbweb@visi.com

**Law provides:** The seven-member 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:** Harry J. Dell

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

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

**Website:** www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us **Email:** chiropractic.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The seven-member board consists of five chiropractors and two public members. It licenses doctors of chiropractic and investigates complaints. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 148.02) **Executive Director:** Dr. Larry Spicer

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### MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 200, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 617-2270

**Website:** [www.nursingboard.state.mn.us](http://www.nursingboard.state.mn.us) **Email:** [nursing.board@state.mn.us](mailto:nursing.board@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of four public members, four licensed practical nurses and eight registered nurses, enforces the Nurse Practice Act (Minnesota Statutes, Sections 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

### MINNESOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

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

**Phone:** (612) 617-2100 **Website:** [www.socialwork.state.mn.us](http://www.socialwork.state.mn.us) **Email:** [social.work@state.mn.us](mailto:social.work@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of 10 licensed social workers and five public members 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

### MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 540, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (651) 201-2844 **Website:** [www.vetmed.state.mn.us](http://www.vetmed.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of five veterinarians and two public members examines and licenses veterinarians, investigates consumer complaints and disciplines licensees.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 156.01) **Executive Director:** John King, D.V.M.

### MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING

Site Location: Anderson Human Services Building, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

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

**Phone:** (651) 431-2500 **Website:** [www.mnaging.org](http://www.mnaging.org) **Email:** [mba@state.mn.us](mailto:mba@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 25-member 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

### MINNESOTA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serve Minnesota, 431 S. 7th St., Suite 2540, Minneapolis 55415

**Phone:** (612) 333-7740 **Website:** [www.serveminnesota.org](http://www.serveminnesota.org)

**Law provides:** The 25-member 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)

### MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

85 7th Place E., Suite 500, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 296-4026 **Website:** [www.mchamn.com](http://www.mchamn.com)

**Law provides:** The 11-member 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)

### MINNESOTA e-HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Email:** [bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:bob.b.johnson@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)

### MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (800) 657-3864 **Website:** [www.eqb.state.mn.us](http://www.eqb.state.mn.us) **Email:** [eqb@state.mn.us](mailto:eqb@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board composed of state agency commissioners and citizen members 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:** Robert Patton

**MINNESOTA FAIR PLAN**

1201 Marquette Ave., Suite 310, Minneapolis 55403

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

**Law provides:** A nine-member board, which includes public members and insurers, 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)*

**MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL**

150 Skok Hall, 2003 Upper Buford Cir., St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 603-0109

**Website:** [www.frc.mn.gov](http://www.frc.mn.gov)

**Law provides:** The 17-member 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

**MINNESOTA FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113-4266 **Phone:** (651) 582-8330 **Website:** [www.mnctso.org](http://www.mnctso.org)

**Law provides:** The 23-member foundation promotes career and technical student organizations and applied leadership opportunities in Minnesota schools through public-private partnerships.

*(Minnesota Statutes, Section 124D.34)*

**MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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](mailto:admin.dd@state.mn.us)

**Websites:** [www.mnddc.org](http://www.mnddc.org), [www.mncdd.org](http://www.mncdd.org), [www.partnersinpolicymaking.com](http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com)

**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

**MINNESOTA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member task force shall advise the commissioner of commerce on the design and development of a Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange. The task force will provide guidance and recommendations on a number of policy, technical, and operational issues. The task force shall regularly report all findings and recommendations to the governor's subcabinet for health reform, which consists of the commissioners of the departments of Commerce, Human Services, and Health. (Administrative Order By commissioner of Commerce, August 30, 2011)

**MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

380 Jackson St., Suite 450, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 296-4690 **Website:** [www.mnhefa.org](http://www.mnhefa.org) **Email:** [mremedios@isd.net](mailto:mremedios@isd.net)

**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

**MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

**Phone:** (651) 259-3000 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3773 **Website:** [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

**Law provides:** The society is a semi-state agency chartered by the first territorial legislature in 1849. It is governed by an independent board of 30 members plus the society's six officers; the five constitutional officers serve as ex officio members. 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

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### MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

987 E. Ivy Ave., St. Paul 55106 **Phone:** (651) 774-0105 **Toll-free:** (866) 268-7293

**Website:** [www.minnesotahumanities.org](http://www.minnesotahumanities.org) **Email:** [info@minnesotahumanities.org](mailto:info@minnesotahumanities.org)

**Law provides:** The Center advances the study of humanities and enhances the work of schools, colleges and cultural organizations throughout of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 138.911)

**President:** David O'Fallon

### MINNESOTA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

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

**Law provides:** The association consists of two public members and seven insurers and 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)

### MINNESOTA INSURANCE MARKETPLACE BOARD

85 E. 7th Place, #120, St Paul 55101 **Phone:** 651-539-1324

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

### MINNESOTA JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1st National Bank Bldg., 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 297-3154

**Law provides:** The 12-member 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)

### MINNESOTA JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION—LIABILITY INSURANCE

85 7th Place E., Suite 500, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 222-0484 **Toll-free:** (800) 552-0013 **Website:** [www.mjua.org](http://www.mjua.org)

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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

### MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member advisory task force of leading citizens representing various civilian disciplines will advise 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 ORGANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6616 **Website:** [www.mda.state.mn.us/en/food/organic/oatf.aspx](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/food/organic/oatf.aspx)

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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))

### MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM

200 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 259-3749

**Law provides:** The program makes a comprehensive package of medical, dental and life insurance benefits available to employees of Minnesota's cities, townships, counties, school districts and other units of local government. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 43A.316)

### MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

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

**Website:** [www.mrc.state.mn.us](http://www.mrc.state.mn.us) **Email:** [richard.krueger@state.mn.us](mailto:richard.krueger@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The nine-member 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:** Richard G. Krueger

**MINNESOTA RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED**1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8843**Law provides:** The 13- to 15-member 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)**MINNESOTA RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
DEAF/HARD OF HEARING**615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 **Toll-free phone:** (800) 657-3936**Law provides:** The 13- to 15-member committee provides advice to the Department of Education regarding improving learning results for students who are DHH, priorities for action and technical issues in the DHH students' education. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 125A.63)**MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-6004**Website:** [www.mda.state.mn.us/agfinance](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agfinance) **Email:** [rfa.loans@state.mn.us](mailto: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 six public members, state auditor, and commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce, Trade and Economic Development, and Finance. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 41B.025)**MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION**309 Administration Bldg., 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-0144**Law provides:** The 11-member 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)**MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD**400 Sibley St., Suite 200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 215-1600 **Toll-free:** (800) 866-2787**Website:** [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us) **Email:** [msab@arts.state.mn.us](mailto:msab@arts.state.mn.us)**Law provides:** The 11-member 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:** Michael J. Charron**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**2100 Freeway Blvd., Brooklyn Center, 55430 **Phone:** (763) 560-2262**Law provides:** The league of 20-members is empowered to exercise control, supervision, regulation of interscholastic athletics, and musical, dramatic and other contests between pupils of Minnesota high schools. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 128C.01, Subd.4)**MINNESOTA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**1500 W. Hwy 36, Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8791**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)**MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-2761 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-5757**Website:** [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us) **Email:** [msrs@state.mn.us](mailto:msrs@state.mn.us)**Law provides:** The administrative function is vested in the executive director and the policy-making and appellate functions are vested in a board of 11 members: 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

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### MINNESOTA VISIBLE CHILD WORK GROUP

75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 855-1178

**Law provides:** The 19-member work group identifies and recommends issues that should be addressed in a statewide, comprehensive plan to improve well-being of children who are homeless or have experienced homelessness. (Laws 2012, Chapter 247, Article 3, Section 27)

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

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

**Website:** [www.mwcia.org](http://www.mwcia.org) **Email:** [info@mwcia.org](mailto: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. The commissioner of Commerce licenses the association and appoints two public members to its 12-member board. The other 10 board members are elected by insurance carriers in Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 79.61) **President:** Bruce A. Tollefson

### MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL BOARD

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley 55124

**Phone:** (952) 431-9299 **Website:** [www.mnzoo.org](http://www.mnzoo.org) **Email:** [info@mnzoo.org](mailto:info@mnzoo.org)

**Law provides:** The 30-member board acquires, constructs, equips, operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 85A.01)

**Executive Director:** Lee C. Ehmke

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

**Law provides:** The 15-member advisory task force provides advice on motorcycle safety issues and activities of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Program. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 15.014)

### NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

601 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-5463

**Law provides:** The 23-members work 1) Developing 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; 2) designing protocols for tracking children from birth through age three that may have passed newborn screening but are at risk for delayed or late onset of permanent hearing loss; 3) designing a technical assistance program to support facilities implementing the screening program and facilities conducting rescreening and diagnostic audiological assessment; 4) designing implementation and evaluation of a system of follow-up and tracking; and 5) evaluating 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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 366-4179 **Website:** [www.mnsbac.org](http://www.mnsbac.org)

**Law provides:** The 28-member 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)

### NONPUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 582-8663 **Website:** [www.education.state.mn.us](http://www.education.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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](mailto: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)

**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) 284-5018 **Website:** [www.dli.mn.gov/osha.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/osha.asp) **Email:** [julie.klejewski@state.mn.us](mailto:julie.klejewski@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The 12-member council advises the commissioner of Labor and Industry on administration of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 182.656)

**Executive Secretary:** Julie Klejewski

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 284-5294 **Website:** [www.dli.gov/oshrb.asp](http://www.dli.gov/oshrb.asp)

**Law provides:** The three-member hearing 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:** Kathy Hagen

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTITIONERS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

**Law provides:** The seven-member 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)

**OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON FOR FAMILIES**

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)

**OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON FOR SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES**

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

**Law provides:** The five-member 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)

**OMBUDSMAN COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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

**Website:** [www.ombudmhdd.state.mn.us](http://www.ombudmhdd.state.mn.us) **Email:** [ombudsman.mhdd@state.mn.us](mailto: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

**OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES**

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 106, St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 643-2514

**Law provides:** The five-member 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 nonagency individuals; and make reports and recommendations for changes designed to improve standards of competence, efficiency, justice and protection of rights.

(*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0768)

### OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC FAMILIES

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 106, St. Paul 55108

**Law provides:** The five-member 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 nonagency individuals; and makes reports and recommendations for changes designed to improve standards of competence, efficiency, justice and protection of rights. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 257.0768)

### PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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

**Law provides:** The eight- to 15-member 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

**Website:** [www.commerce.state.mn.us](http://www.commerce.state.mn.us) **Email:** [petrofund.commerce@state.mn.us](mailto:petrofund.commerce@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The five-member 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

### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

**Law provides:** The seven-member 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 14 members adopt rules for plumbing code for Minnesota, finalize interpretations of code when submitted to the board, and adopt rules to regulate plumbing licensure and registration. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 326B.435)

### PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-7460 **Toll-free:** (800) 652-9026 **Website:** [www.mnpera.org](http://www.mnpera.org)

**Law provides:** An 11-member 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 UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-7124 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3782 **Website:** [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The five-member 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:** Burl W. Haar

**Assistant Executive Secretary:** Dan Wolf

### REAL ESTATE APPRAISER ADVISORY BOARD

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

**Law provides:** The board makes recommendations to the commissioner of Commerce regarding pre-licensing and continuing education; license examination specifications; periodic review of standards for development and communication of real estate appraisals, and other matters necessary under statute. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 82B.05)

**REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-9002 **Website:** www.rcac.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)**REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 617-2130**Law provides:** The seven-members advise the board regarding standards, continuing education, complaints and enforcement. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147E.35)**REHABILITATION REVIEW PANEL**443 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 284-5018**Law provides:** The 14-member 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**

443 Lafayette Rd., Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (612) 617-2130 **Website:** www.bmp.state.mn.us**Law provides:** The seven-member council, consisting of three respiratory care therapists, two physicians with expertise in respiratory care, and two public members, advises the Board of Medical Practice on issues regarding respiratory therapist licensure standards, enforcement of laws and complaint review. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 147C.35)**RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-3863 **Website:** www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/rhac**Law provides:** The 15-member committee advises the commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 144.1481)**SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH**

1200 Port Terminal Dr., Duluth 55802

**Phone:** (218) 727-8525 **Website:** www.duluthport.com **Email:** admin@duluthport.com**Law provides:** The seven-member 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:** Adolph Ojard**SEX OFFENDER CIVIL COMMITMENT ADVISORY TASK FORCE**P.O. Box 64992, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-5800**Law provides:** The 15-member task force advises the commissioner of Human Services on topics relating to the civil commitment of sex offenders. Specific topics will 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)**SMALL BUSINESS AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL**520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 757-2121**Law provides:** The nine-member 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)**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)

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### SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD

P.O. Box 64992, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-5800

**Law provides:** The 24-member board reviews documents from the 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 12-member council advises the commissioner of Health on matters relating to the licensing and regulation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 148.5196)

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

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

**Law provides:** The eight-member 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)

### STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (MINNESOTA STATE FAIR)

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

**Phone:** (651) 288-4400 **Website:** [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org) **Email:** [fairinfo@mnstatefair.org](mailto: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 10-member 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)

### STATE ARMORY BUILDING COMMISSION

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

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

### STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

**Website:** [www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us](http://www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us) **Email:** [physical.therapy@state.mn.us](mailto:physical.therapy@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board of five licensed physical therapists, one licensed and registered doctor of medicine, two physical therapist assistants, and three public members 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

### STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

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

**Law provides:** The seven-member 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 also appoints the state public defender and all chief public defenders of judicial districts. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 611.215.)

### STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

**Law provides:** The 22-member 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 COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Department of Health, Office of Performance Improvement, 85 E. 7th Place, #200, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul, 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-3875

**Law provides:** The 53-member state community health advisory committee is established to advise, consult and make recommendations to the commissioner on the development, maintenance, funding, and evaluation of community health services. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 145A.10, Subd 10)

**STATE DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-2389 **Website:** [www.state.mn.us/sdsb](http://www.state.mn.us/sdsb)

**Law provides:** The seven-member board, including one member nominated from AIA, one from AGC, one from ACEC/MN, one from the State Arts Board, and two public members appointed by the commissioner of Administration, along with a representative of the user agency, University of Minnesota, or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, designated by the user agency, 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 GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 215-9467

**Law provides:** The seven-member 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. This 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 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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

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

**Website:** [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) **Email:** [roseec@northerngardener.org](mailto:roseec@northerngardener.org)

**Law provides:** The society collects and disseminates horticultural and environmental information to Minnesotans. It publishes Northern Gardener magazine six times a year; 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, currently at 13,000, 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

**STATE NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

395 John Ireland Blvd., Mail Stop 315, St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 366-4167

**Law provides:** The 28-member committee makes recommendations to the commissioners on items related to nonmotorized transportation, including safety, education and development programs. The committee shall review and analyze issues and needs relating to operating nonmotorized transportation on public rights-of-way, and identify solutions and goals for addressing identified issues and needs. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 174.37)

**STATE QUALITY ASSURANCE COUNCIL**

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

**Law provides:** The 25-member 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)

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### STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

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

**Law provides:** The 19-member 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)

### STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

2200 University Ave. W., Suite 240, St. Paul 55114 **Phone:** (651) 642-0512

**Law provides:** The council of 19-members advises the commissioner of Employment and Economic Development about the programs of State Services for the Blind. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 248.10)

### STATEWIDE GOVERNMENT GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-2499 **Email:** david.arbeit@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)

### STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

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

**Phone:** (651) 259-7351 **Website:** www.mnsilc.org

**Law provides:** The 21-member 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)

### STATE LOTTERY

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

**Phone:** (651) 635-8273 **Website:** www.lottery.state.mn.us **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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

P.O. Box 64981, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 431-2249

**Law provides:** The 30-member 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)

### SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

**Law provides:** The 12-member commission before January 1 of the year in which a state agency subject to this chapter and its advisory committees are subject to sunset review, the commission shall: (1) review and take action necessary to verify the reports submitted by the agency; and (2) conduct a review of the agency based on the criteria provided in section 3D.10 and prepare a written report. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 3D.03)

### SURPLUS LINES ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

600 Clark St., P.O. Box 86, Mora 55051 **Phone:** (320) 679-4244

**Law provides:** The eight-member 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 Tax Court consists of three judges who must have knowledge of taxation and tax laws. The Tax 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**Website:** [www.tra.state.mn.us](http://www.tra.state.mn.us) **Email:** [info.tra@state.mn.us](mailto:info.tra@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The association's eight-member 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**TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 556-8027

**Law provides:** The nine-member 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; and identifies needs of state, strategic portfolio management; and management of state enterprise technology fund. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16E.036)

**THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES**615 Olof Hanson Dr., P.O. Box 308, Faribault 55021 **Phone:** (507) 384-6602Academy for the Blind: 400 S.E. 6th Ave., Faribault 55021 **Phone:** (507) 333-4800Academy for the Deaf: 615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 **Phone:** (507) 332-5400**Website:** [www.msa.state.mn.us](http://www.msa.state.mn.us) **Email:** [lola.brand@state.mn.us](mailto:lola.brand@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The seven voting member/two nonvoting member board governs state academies for the deaf and blind. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 125A.62)

**TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL**P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 **Phone:** (651) 201-3868

**Law provides:** The 15-member 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)

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (218) 254-1305

**Law provides:** The 30-member 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 Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-9002

**Law Provides:** The 24-member 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)

**URBAN INITIATIVE BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 259-7424 **Website:** [www.deed.state.mn.us](http://www.deed.state.mn.us) **Email:** [deed@state.mn.us](mailto: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. The board consists of 10 members, including representatives of minority businesses and state agencies. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 116M.15)

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### VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

**Law provides:** The nine-member council provides the commissioner of Veterans Affairs 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: 1) developing a new vision and strategic plan for the veterans homes that complements the Department of Veterans Affairs' overall veterans service programs; 2) 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; 3) studying and reviewing current issues and trends in the long-term care industry and veterans community; 4) 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; 5) 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 6) reviewing and providing advice on any other matters at the request of the commissioner. (Executive Order, 07-21, extended by Executive Order 11-08)

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-6526

**Law provides:** The five-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.)