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BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES

Law provides: The mission of the bureau is to promote stable and constructive labor-management relations. There are three program areas: mediation, representation, and labor-management. These programs assist parties in resolving collective bargaining, grievance, 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, Sections 179, 179A)

Commissioner: Steven G. Hoffmeyer Appointed: 2009

Salary: \$95,941

Augsburg College, B.A., communications (1978); Hamline University School of Law, J.D. (1982); private law practice (1983-85); enforcement officer, MN Department of Human Rights (1985-91); EEO specialist and supervisor, Hennepin County (1991-95); labor relations advocate, Hennepin County (1995-2002); mediator and hearing officer, MN Bureau of Mediation Services (2002-03); deputy commissioner, MN Bureau of Mediation Services (2003-08).

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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. The department also establishes technology policy and initiates and coordinates technology projects. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 16B, 16C, and 16E)



Commissioner: Sheila M. Reger Appointed: 2009 Salary: \$108,393

Apple Valley. St. Cloud State University, B.S., speech communications; MN Department of Transportation: Senior Personnel Officer, Personnel Officer, Personnel Aide, Personnel Program Specialist (1986-91); MN Department of Administration: assistant human resources director (1991-95), human resources director (1995-99); Deputy Secretary of State, Office of the MN Secretary of State (1999-2005); deputy commissioner, MN Department of Administration (2005-09).

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Function: The department provides a broad range of business management, administrative, and professional services, and a variety of resources to state and local government agencies and to the public.

Plant Management Division maintains state buildings, grounds, and parking facilities in the state capitol area; promotes energy conservation opportunities on a statewide basis and administers the state recycling program and center.

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. It also acquires and disposes of real property. The division is the central resource for Minnesota's predesign program, including design, construction, and remodeling needs for most state agencies and administers the statewide facilities management program.

Shapter Five State Agencies **Information Policy Analysis (IPA) Division** promotes understanding of and compliance with laws regulating information. IPA helps define and interpret decisions about the classification of information as public or not public and answers questions about federal and state freedom of information and data practices.

Environmental Quality Board develops policy and reviews proposed projects that could significantly affect the environment. The Department of Administration provides support services for the board.

Land Management Information Center (LMIC) offers data, software, project consultation, and coordination services for the effective use of geographic information and technology.

Materials Management Division is responsible for purchasing, contracting, professional, and technical services, surplus property acquisition and disposal, and all other aspects of buying goods and services for state agencies.

Office of the State Archaeologist sponsors, conducts, and directs research into the prehistoric and historic archaeology of Minnesota; protecting and preserving archaeological sites and objects; and enforcing 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, which 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.

Travel Management Division offers fleet services to state agencies, counties, cities, school districts, and other political subdivisions.

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

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) program provides coordination and assistance in identifying technology resources that will increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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, Section 17.03)



Commissioner: Gene Hugoson Salary: \$108,393

Martin County. Augsburg College, B.A., social science education (1967); United States Army (1969-70); MN House of Representatives (1985-95); chair, Environmental Quality Board; chair, Next Gen Energy Board; president, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (2003-04).

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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:

Appointed: 1995

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

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, 7600–02, 7603–7799, 7810–7835)



Commissioner: Glenn Wilson, Jr. Appointed: 2003 Salary: \$108,393

Bloomington. President and owner, private property management and real estate investment company; president, Ginnie Mae; CEO and chairman, Knutson Mortgage; vice president, U.S. Bank Home Mortgage.

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Deputy Commissioner for Energy, Director of the Office of Energy Security: Bill Glahn

Deputy Commissioner, Market Assurance: Manny Munson-Regala **Deputy Commissioner, Financial Institutions:** Kevin Murphy **Assistant Commissioner, Administration:** James Pearson

Director, Weights and Measures: Mark Buccelli

Function: The department is responsible for seeing that Minnesota's laws to protect consumer interests and ensure uniform, fair rules in business are observed in the industries of banking, energy, insurance, real estate, securities, and telecommunications. The responsibilities of each division within the department vary depending on the structure of that division's industry and its requirements. Some divisions focus on licensing or analyzing insurance policies, while others advocate on behalf of the public interest. By closely monitoring these industries, the department is aware of new developments and issues that may call for reform of existing laws or enactment of new measures. The department, therefore, often leads in developing policies and proposing legislative changes to meet new conditions and challenges.

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Energy Division collects and analyzes data on energy and develops policies to ensure economically and environmentally sound energy supplies for the state. The division represents the public interest before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and federal regulatory agencies, reviews utility supply plans and conservation programs, develops standards, and promotes energy conservation and renewable energy technologies. It also administers the federal government's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and weatherization programs.

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 and enforces the commission's orders and statutory requirements. It collects and analyzes data and develops policies to encourage a sound and competitive telecommunications industry.

Market Assurance Division receives calls and investigates complaints from consumers regarding insurance, securities, real estate, mortgage originators, franchises, collection agencies, and currency exchanges. Each year the staff responds to over 35,000 complaints, and most are resolved informally and within a short time. About 7,000 complaints are investigated formally.

In addition to enforcement activities, the division has four other areas of responsibility:

Policy Analysis Unit reviews insurance company policy forms and rates and licenses companies.

Licensing Unit licenses over 200,000 individuals and business entities, including franchises, insurance, securities, real estate, mortgage origination, debt collection, and currency exchange.

Registration Unit reviews applications for common stock, limited partnerships, investment company securities, preferred stock, bonds and other debt securities, corporate takeovers, subdivided land and camping memberships and franchises.

Insurance Fraud Unit is a law enforcement agency within the Department of Commerce that conducts investigations and makes arrests in cases of insurance fraud alleged by insurance companies, other law enforcement agencies, or consumers. The division relies on the cooperation of many partners in law enforcement, prosecution and private industry.

Financial Institutions Division examines state-chartered banks, credit unions, insurance companies, and other financial institutions. The division analyzes current information on the financial condition of each institution and provides guidance in taking regulatory action to protect consumers.

Weights and Measures Division checks 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.

The department also administers the following programs:

Unclaimed Property Program seeks to match individuals with their unclaimed properties retrieved from safe deposit boxes and security-related holdings, including savings accounts, uncashed paychecks, traveler's checks, stock, insurance and uncashed tax refunds. This year the department is trying to locate 40,000 individuals and businesses to claim abandoned property worth \$50 million.

Petrofund Program provides staff assistance to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board. The Petrofund was created in 1987 to reimburse costs of cleaning up spills and leaks from tanks containing petroleum products.

Telecommunications Access Minnesota Program determines eligibility standards for assistive communication devices and maintains a statewide toll-free telecommunication relay service to enhance communications between individuals using telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) and individuals using standard telephones through assistance of a specially trained telephone relay operator.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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*, Chapter 241)



Commissioner: Joan Fabian Appointed: 2003

Salary: \$108,393

College of St. Catherine, B.A., psychology, sociology (1962-66); St. Thomas University, M.A., counseling, psychology (1976-78); Ramsey County Community Corrections: supervisor, Juvenile Service Center (1979-81), director, Domestic Relations Division (1981-85), director, Juvenile Division (1985-89), director, Community Corrections (1989–2003).

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Deputy Commissioner, Facilities Services: Lynn Dingle **Deputy Commissioner, Community Services:** Chris Bray **Deputy Commissioner, Support Services:** Lisa Cornelius

Facilities Services Division is responsible for adult institutional operations and support services including education, industry, inmate transportation, and religious programming. This division is also responsible for day-to-day administration of units on investigations, medical services, prison industries, and workplace safety and health issues.

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, information technology, legal services, policy and hearings, and releases.

Support Services Division is responsible for human resource management, employee development, restorative justice, financial services, and the office of diversity.

Minnesota Correctional Institutions

Stillwater: close-security facility for adult male felons

Warden: John King

St. Cloud: close-security facility for adult male felons; reception facility for all adult male offenders. Warden: Patt Adair

Oak Park Heights: maximum-security facility for high-risk adult males

Warden: Jessica Symmes

Lino Lakes: medium-security facility for adult males

Warden: Bob Feneis

Shakopee: facility for adult female offenders

Warden: Tracy Beltz

Faribault: medium-security facility for adult males

Warden: Connie Roehrich

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: Dan Hilleren

Red Wing: facility for juvenile male offenders and a small population of separately housed

adult males

Superintendent: Otis Zanders Rush City: close-security for adult males Superintendent: Terry Carlson

Togo: program for juvenile males referred by the courts and site of Challenge Incorporation

Program (boot camp) for separately housed adult females

Superintendent: David Hegg

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*, Chapter 199A.01, subd. 3)



Commissioner: Alice Seagren

Appointed: 2004

Salary: \$108,393

Bloomington. Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. marketing (1969); Bloomington Board of Education (1988–92); MN House of Representatives (1992–2004); board member, Normandale Community College Foundation; corporate board member, Fraser.

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Deputy Commissioner: Chas Anderson

Assistant Commissioner, Academic Excellence: Karen Klinzing Assistant Commissioner, Student Support Services: Morgan Brown

Assistant Commissioner, School Improvement and Accountability: Pat Olson

Function: The department's mission is to improve educational achievement by establishing clear standards, measuring performance, assisting educators, and increasing opportunities for lifelong learning. The department strives to be an innovative education agency, assisting schools, families and other education providers with exemplary services that result in high academic achievement for all students, pre-kindergarten to grade 12 and adult learners.

The department focuses on four primary goals:

- improve achievement for all students;
- · enhance teacher quality;
- expand education options for students and families; and
- implement education finance reform and enhance accountability.

The department provides services and assistance to students, teachers, parents, and school districts in the following areas: academic standards and professional development; adult and career education, and service-learning; assessment and testing; compliance and assistance; early learning services; English language learners/Limited English Proficiency (LEP); food and nutrition service; library development and services; No Child Left Behind (NCLB) consolidated programs; personnel licensing; safe and healthy learners; school choice; school finance; school technology; and special education.

The department administers over \$6 billion in state and federal funding for E-12 and adult and career education. In addition, the department calculates in excess of \$1 billion of annual property tax levy limitations.

Office of Academic Excellence is responsible for academic standards development, professional development for educators, American Indian education programs, school choice, charter schools and supplemental services programs, library development, school technology, the Faribault Library for the Blind, and school administrator and teacher licensing.

Office of Student Support Services is responsible for adult basic education, adult and career education, special education programs, early learning, and food and nutrition services.

Office of Finance and Administrative Services is responsible for distributing aid payments to school districts and calculating school district property tax levy limitations; providing information technology support services to the agency; providing policy, management, fiscal and human resource direction and leadership; and special education compliance and accountability.

Office of School Improvement and Accountability is responsible for statewide testing, No Child Left Behind Act administration, and research and evaluation.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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, Chapters 116A, 116J, 116L, 116M, 248, 268, and 268A)



Commissioner: Dan McElroy Appointed: 2007 Salary: \$108,393

Burnsville. Notre Dame, B.A., history (1970); Burnsville city council (1983-87); mayor, city of Burnsville (1987-95); president, Mainline Travel, Inc. (1992-94); principal, Travel Agency Management Solutions, Inc. (1994-2002); state representative (1995-2003); commissioner of finance (2003-04); chief of staff to the governor (2004-05); State of Minnesota, senior advisor to the governor on innovation (2005-06).

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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 Services 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.

In honor of Walter Gaschott, US Army—Served in World War II

Hometown: Whitestone, New York Submitted by Nancy Gaschott, August 21, 2008

My dad served during World War II with the Army's "Big Red One." Although he rarely talked about his service, our summer vacations were spent exclusively visiting one army buddy or other throughout the northeast. They fought in North Africa and Italy before preparing in England for the D-Day invasion. My dad's unit landed at Omaha Beach at 6:30 on the morning of D-Day. He remembered taking cover behind sand dunes and later how difficult the hedgerows of Normandy were to navigate around. He spent the last phases of the war in Belgium and finally Czechoslovakia.

When he came home he married a neighborhood girl who had loved him since they were children and settled into factory work, fishing on weekends and raising a family—a kind, generous, gentle man: my hero.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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*, Chapter 144)



Commissioner: Dr. Sanne Magnan Appointed: 2007

Salary: \$108,393

University of North Carolina, B.S., pharmacy (1974); University of Minnesota, PhD., M.D, (1979, 1983); staff physician, Lino Lakes Correctional Facility; vice president and medical director, consumer health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN; president, Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement; staff physician, St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health; clinical assistant professor of medicine, University of Minnesota.

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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

Law provides: The department administers and enforces the Minnesota Human Rights Act, exercises leadership in the development of human rights policies, and mitigates discrimination through public education and awareness. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Chapter 363A)



Commissioner: Velma Korbel Appointed: 2003 Salary: \$108,393

Andover. National University, B.B.A., business administration (1989); American Intercontinental University, M.B.A., human resource, administration (2005); cryptologic technician, maintenance, United States Navy (1979-85); office manager, Looney & Associates (1986-89); personnel coordinator, Volt Information Services (1989-90); senior equal opportunity consultant and acting director, equal opportunity, Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (1990-92); administrative manager, Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (1992-97); director, equal opportunity, Metropolitan Council (1997-2001).

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Function: The department receives, screens, and investigates charges of discrimination to determine whether there is probable cause to believe the law was violated and resolves complaints through agreement of the parties or through litigation; informs and educates the public about individual rights, the practices prohibited by the Human Rights Act, and responsibilities and remedies under the law; and administers the state's contract compliance program, which ensures that only Minnesota companies that agree to comply with the state's equal employment opportunity law bid on state contracts.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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. Chapters 245–261)

Appointed: 2006



Commissioner: Cal Ludeman Salary: \$108,393

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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.

Functions:

Ensuring basic health care for low-income Minnesotans, DHS administers:

- 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.
- General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), primarily for adults without dependent children.
 Approximately two-thirds of all enrollees get their care through one of nine contracted health plans.

Helping Minnesotans support their families:

DHS works with counties and tribes to help low-income families with children achieve self-sufficiency 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.

Aiding children and families in crisis:

DHS, with the help of counties and tribes, supports families 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.

Assisting 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 Bemidji, Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul, St. Peter and Virginia.

Providing 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. These services are provided at 16-bed inpatient psychiatric hospitals located in Alexandria, Annandale, Baxter, Bemidji, Cold Spring, Fergus Falls, Rochester, St. Peter, Wadena, and Willmar; a mental health crisis center in Mankato; the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center; and Minnesota State Operated Community Services with locations throughout the state. DHS also provides treatment for people civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter; and people who are developmentally disabled and present a risk to society at the Minnesota Extended Treatment Options Program in Cambridge. In addition, DHS provides services to people committed as sexual psychopathic personalities and/or sexually dangerous persons in the Minnesota Sex Offender Program at Moose Lake and St. Peter.

Promoting independent living 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. 306

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Appointed: 2007

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Law provides: The department administers the laws relating to workers' compensation working conditions, wages and construction codes and licensing. *(Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 182,183,184, 16B.59 through 16B.76, 327.20, subdivision 1(5), 327.205, 327B.01 through 327B.12, and 327.31 through 327.36, 16B.61, 31.175, 103I.621, 144.99 through 144.993, 325F.75, 326.37 through 326.45, 326.57 through 326.65, and 327.20, sections 16B.61 and 326.241 through 326.248, 326.83 through 326.992, and 327A)*



Commissioner: Steve Sviggum

Salary: \$108,393

Kenyon. St. Olaf College, B.A., mathematics; MN State House of Representatives (1978-2007); Speaker of the MN House of Representatives (1998-2007); adjunct professor, University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

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Assistant Commissioner, Safety Codes and Standards: Tom Joachim Assistant Commissioner, Workers' Compensation: Patricia Todd Director, Labor Standards and Apprenticeship: Roslyn Wade Legislative Liaison: John Rajkowski

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 Services 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 worker's 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.

The 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.

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In honor of Thomas Corne, US Army—Served in Vietnam War

Hometown: Blackduck, Minnesota Submitted by Bonita Harvieux, August 12, 2008

My Uncle Tom always impressed me as someone filled with pride for serving his country. As a child growing up I looked forward to those times he was home on leave so I could hear about the country of Vietnam and see the interesting items he brought home as gifts.

As time went on and I grew older my time with Uncle Tom became less and less, especially since he moved to Washington State. In 1995 at a family reunion we were together after almost 15 years. He was still very proud of his country and his service to the people of the US.

However, he beat me for the championship trophy in horseshoes. I asked him where he learned to play so well and he said in the service they would play horseshoes to pass the time and forget about the chaos around them for a period of time. I never forgave him for beating me but will always be proud of him and honored by what he did.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

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, Chapter 190*)



Adjutant General: Major General Larry W. Shellito Appointed: 2003 Salary: \$127,623

Woodbury. Moorhead State University, B.A., accounting and business administration (1968), B.S., distributive education (1972), M.S., business education (1979); Command and General Staff College (1984); U.S. Army War College (1994); University of Minnesota, Ed.D. (1998); instructor, Alexandria Technical College (1972-84); institutional marketing, Alexandria Technical College (1984-88); vice president, Alexandria Technical College (1988-95); president, Alexandria Technical College (1995–2003); U.S. Army (1968-73); various positions, Minnesota Army National Guard (1973–2000); commander, 34th infantry division, Minnesota Army National Guard (2000-04).

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Military Support of Civilian Authorities: Lt. Colonel Chad Sackett

Staff Judge Advocate: Lt. Colonel John J. Brossart Public Affairs Officer: Lt. Colonel Kevin A. Olson

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 Minnesota National Guard is equipped and, to a large extent, maintained by the federal government and can be ordered into active military service by the federal government. The guard has served in active federal service in all of the nation's wars, beginning with the Civil War and including the Middle East conflict. The guard serves the state of Minnesota at the call of the governor to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order, and public safety. Minnesota National Guard units have been called to state active duty for such crises as floods, fires, searches for lost children, and civil disturbances. Army units are stationed in 63 state-owned training and community centers and an army aviation base in St. Paul. Air units are based at the Duluth and Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airports. The department also manages the guard's training site, Camp Ripley, near Little Falls.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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, Chapter 84)*



Commissioner: Mark Holsten Appointed: 2007 Salary: \$108,393

Stillwater. University of Minnesota Duluth, B.A., sociology; University of St. Thomas, teaching licensure; MN House of Representatives (1992–2003); deputy commissioner, Department of Natural Resources (2003–2006).

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Deputy Commissioner: Laurie Martinson

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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 Resources Division collects and links ecological information to wise resource decisions; manages fish, wildlife, native plant populations, and habitats; and ensures present and future Minnesotans enjoy the benefits of healthy ecosystems.

Director: Vacant

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: Vacant

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:** Dave Schad

Forestry Division sustains and enhances functioning forest ecosystems; provides a sustainable supply of forest resources to meet human needs (e.g., material, economic, and social); protects lives and property from wildfires; and provides a financial return to the permanent school trust. **Director:** Dave Epperly

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: Marty Vadis

Parks and Recreation Division preserves, restores, and interprets the natural and cultural resources of the state and provides opportunities for people to enjoy nature through operating and maintaining the state park system, state forest campgrounds, and day-use areas.

Director: Courtland Nelson

Trails and Waterways Division creates recreation opportunities through a system of trails and water recreation facilities that contribute to a sustainable quality of life.

Director: Forrest Boe

Waters Division maintains the physical integrity of lakes, rivers, and water supplies and has general administrative jurisdiction over the public waters of the state (surface and ground water). Director: Kent Lokkesmoe

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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, Chapter 299A)



Commissioner: Michael Campion Appointed: 2004 Salary: \$108,393

Vadnais Heights. St. Thomas College, B.A., M.A., sociology; investigative, management, and legislative liaison positions, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (1972-89); assistant superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (1989–2000); superintendent, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (2000-04).

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Phone: (651) 201-7160 Web site: www.dps.state.mn.us Deputy Commissioner: Mary Ellison

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.

Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division conducts investigations of criminal violations relating to gambling, conducts background investigations of those licensed by the state to operate gambling establishments and regulates gambling on Minnesota's Native American reservations. Director: John Willems

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension assists law enforcement agencies, upon request, in providing investigative and specialized law enforcement services.

Superintendent: Tim O'Malley

Driver and Vehicle Services Division is responsible for motor vehicle registration, driver licensing, motor vehicle dealer licensing, maintenance of driving records and enforcement of no-fault insurance requirements.

Director: Pat McCormack

Emergency Communication Networks Division oversees the implementation of the Allied Radio matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) radio communications network, State Interoperability Program, and management of the 911 network throughout the state.

Director: Scott Wiggins

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is responsible for planning and coordinating disaster reduction, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts throughout the state. Director: Kris Eide

Fire Marshal Division investigates fires upon request by local fire or law enforcement officials, and promotes fire safety through inspections and public education.

Fire Marshal: Jerry Rosendahl

State Patrol provides traffic safety and law enforcement on highways and freeways, 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: Mark Dunaski

Office of Pipeline Safety inspects and investigates natural gas, propane, and hazardous liquid pipelines. The office also collects data used to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of a pipeline operator.

Director: Jerry Rosendahl

Private Detective Board administers laws and rules relating to private detectives, investigators, and security service providers in Minnesota.

Executive Director: Marie Ohman

Office of Communications provides educational and information services and programs on behalf of the department. The office serves as a resource for information on all vital public safety issues. Distribution of brochures, posters, and other materials is coordinated through this office.

Director: Andy Skoogman

Office of Traffic Safety coordinates Minnesota's involvement in federally funded traffic safety programs and administers state funds for motorcycle and bicycle safety programs. The office also develops an annual Highway Safety Plan and collects data for and publishes *Minnesota Motor Vehicle Crash Facts*, an annual summary of traffic crashes on Minnesota's roads.

Director: Cheri Marti

Office of Justice Programs serves as a catalyst for statewide approaches to reducing and preventing crime, violence, and drug abuse through identifying causes, recommending policies and coordinating statewide and community strategies. The office administers grants related to crime victims to public and private nonprofit agencies and tribal governments, advocates for laws to protect crime victims' rights and works to improve their implementation and enforcement, provides reparations benefits to crime victims and their families and assists the criminal justice system in holding offenders responsible for the effects of their crimes.

Director: Jeri Boisvert

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Appointed: 2007

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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



Commissioner: Ward Einess

Salary: \$108,393

Minneapolis. Gustavus Adolphus, history/political science (1988); Hamline

Law School, J.D. (1991); law clerk, 10th Judicial District (1992–94); senior legislative analyst, Republican Senate Caucus (1994–2001); director fiscal policy, Minnesota Business Partnership (2001–03); senior policy advisor, Office of the Governor (2003–05); deputy and acting commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development (2006–06).

600 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55146 **Phone:** (651) 296-3403

Web site: www.taxes.state.mn.us

Function: The department provides taxpayers with the services and information they need to meet their obligations, process returns and payments, audit to resolve discrepancies and discourage tax evasion, enforce the tax laws, and identify and recommend improvements to the revenue system.

The department administers 36 taxes with annual tax collections of approximately \$15 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, 47.8 percent is from individual income tax, 28.8 percent is from sales tax, 6.3 percent is from corporate income tax, 4.3 percent is from the statewide property tax, 1.1 percent is from the motor vehicle sales tax, and 7.2 percent is from all other taxes. All other revenues account for 5.1 percent.

The department's divisions are organized into three management clusters:

Individual taxes cluster includes individual income tax, withholding tax, and collection. Business taxes cluster includes corporation and sales tax, petroleum tax, and special taxes. Tax policy cluster includes tax research, appeals and legal services, and property tax.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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



Commissioner: Thomas K. Sorel Appointed: 2008

Salary: \$108,393

State University of New York, Buffalo, B.S., chemical engineering; Thomas College, M.B.A.; U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (1978-2008): director of planning and program development- FHWA regional office, U.S. DOT intermodal liaison for the 2002 Winter Olympics, stewardship/oversights group and major projects team leader- FHWA Office of Infrastructure, divisions administrator—MN Division Office of the FHWA.

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Deputy Commissioner/Chief engineer: Khani Sahebjam

Government Affairs: Scott Peterson, director **Communications:** Kevin Gutknecht, director

Function: Mn/DOT'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.

Model 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 Mn/DOT's eight transportation districts in delivering projects and managing roads.

Director: Michael Barnes

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: Bernard J. Arseneau

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 Mn/DOT 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 Mn/DOT's central office in St. Paul. The district offices are: District 1-Duluth; District 2-Bemidji; District 3-Brainerd; District 4-Detroit Lakes; Metro District-Roseville; District 6-Rochester; District 7-Mankato; and District 8-Willmar.

Director: Bob Winter

Employee and Corporate Services Division provides leadership, guidance, and support services to Mn/DOT 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, Enterprise Technology, Minnesota Management and Budget, and Human Rights.

Director: Pamela Tschida

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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



Commissioner: Clark Dyrud Appointed: 2005

Salary: \$108,393

Minneapolis. Northland Community College, A.A.; Metropolitan State University; Sergeant, 25th Infantry in Vietnam, U.S. Army (1967-68); Veterans service officer, Pennington County (1973-76); community service coordinator, Psychiatric Unit, Northwestern Hospital (1976-80); supervisor, MN Department of Veterans Affairs- Fargo Branch (1980-85); claims division supervisor, MN Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Snelling (1985-2004).

Veterans Services Bldg., St. Paul 55155

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Web site: www.mdva.state.mn.us

Deputy Commissioner of Services: Michael Pugliese

Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care: Gilbert Acevedo

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: Gilbert Acevedo

Claims Division advocates for veterans and dependents seeking veterans benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Veterans Assistance Supervisor: Justin Lane

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 Administrator: David Swantek

Link Vet Call Center is manned 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-Link Vet (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 oncampus Veterans Resource Centers, comprehensive information about benefits and resources as well as institutional readiness in support of the unique needs of these students.

Director: Don Pfeffer

MDVA Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSO) The 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. They accomplish this by preparing and monitoring both federal and state benefits claims and through ongoing education and information dissemination.

Director: James Miller

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

Veterans Assistance Supervisor: Lyman Robinson

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

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

Women Veterans Program serves the gender specific needs of women veterans through awareness initiatives and special events.

Women Veterans Program Coordinator: Brandi Wilson

MDVA Veterans Outreach Division locates, assists, and meets the unique needs of veterans in the undeserved populations and communities in Minnesota.

MDVA Veterans Outreach Supervisor: Aundrey Sanchez

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.

Senior Director of Services: Reggie Worlds

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 Web site 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: Christine Kiel

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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*, Section 462A)



Commissioner: Daniel M. Bartholomay Appointed: 2008 Salary: \$108,393

Minneapolis. Carlton College, urban affairs; coordinator of planning and special projects, Chicago Neighborhood Institute; executive director, St. Paul North End Area Revitalization; program director, McKnight Foundation.

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Deputy Commissioner: Patricia Hippe

Function: The agency 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.

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IRON RANGE RESOURCES

Law provides: The agency is funded from a portion of the taconite production tax receipts and interest from dedicated funds to conduct grant and loan programs supporting economic development and tourism. It administers programs for mineland reclamation in northeastern Minnesota and owns and operates the Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. The commissioner is appointed by the governor, and the board consists of five state senators, five state representatives, and three citizens from the taconite tax assistance area (one appointed by the governor, one appointed by the senate majority leader, and one appointed by the speaker of the house). (Minnesota Statutes, Section 298.22)



Commissioner: Sandy Layman Appointed: 2003 Salary: \$95,641

Concordia University- St. Paul, B.A., organizational management, communications; University of St. Thomas, M.B.A.; president, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce; president, Itasca Development Corporation.

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Phone: (218) 744-7400

Web site: www.ironrangeresources.org

MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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

Commissioner: Tom Hanson Appointed: 2007

Salary: \$108,393



Maple Grove. Concordia, B.A., history (1985); George Mason, J.D. (1993). U.S. Congress: staff assistant (1985-87), legislative analyst (1987-89), press secretary (1989-91); research assistant, American Petroleum Institute (1991); law clerk, law office of Deborah N. Arthur (1991-92); law clerk, The Rust Consulting Group (1992-94); research consultant, Minnesota House of Representatives, house minority caucus (1994-95); director of legislative services, house minority caucus (1995-98); legislative director to the speaker of the house (1999-2003); director of legislative and cabinet affairs, Office of the Governor (2003-05); deputy chief of staff, Office of the Governor (2005-07).

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Deputy Commissioner: Stephanie Andrews

Assistant Commissioner, Budget Services: Jim Schowalter

Assistant Commissioner, Accounting and Informational Services: Lori Mo

Assistant Commissioner, Treasury: Kathy Kardell

Assistant Commissioner, Human Resources Management and Employee Insurance: Judy

Plante

Assistant Commissioner, Labor Relations: Paul Larson **State Economist, Economic Analysis:** Thomas Stinson

Human Resource Management Division 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. 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 and Total Compensation 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 the governor.

Accounting and Information 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. This division also manages the statewide administrative information systems, which provide systems and support for the state's core business applications.

Treasury Division manages the state's treasury operations, long-term general obligation debt, and 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

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*, Chapter 116)



Commissioner: Paul Eger

Salary: \$108,393

St. Olaf College, B.A., political science, (1996); Hamline University, M.A., public administration (2005); committee administrator, legislative assistant, Minnesota State Senate; MN Pollution Control Agency (2002-09): legislative liaison, Clean Water Legacy manager, assistant commissioner of water policy, deputy commissioner.

Appointed: 2009

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Acting Deputy Commissioner: Tim Scherkenbach Assistant Commissioner, Air Policy: David Thornton Assistant Commissioner, Water Policy: Rebecca Flood

Assistant Commissioner, Land Policy/Six Sigma: Tim Scherkenbach

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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 and 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

Regional 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: Mike Sandusky

Data and Performance Management Division develops and implements the data and performance management systems of the agency by focusing on the creation of an accessible and useful data management system that serves and supports the agency's data needs; leads the deployment and implementation of continuous improvement efforts; leads the organizational development of the agency; and advances the sustainability of the agency to reduce its environmental footprint.

Director: Jim Warner

Operational Support Division provides goods and services to other MPCA divisions, and the general public. Examples of some of these goods and services include funding and budgets, human resources, news media center, and agency publications to the public, including the Minnesota Environment magazine.

Director: Myrna Halbach

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Prevention 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

OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY

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, Chapter 16E)



State Chief Information Officer: Gopal Khanna Appointed: 2005 Salary: \$108,393

Edina. Christ Church College, B.A., economics, mathematics, political science; University of Maine, M.B.A.; private sector (1981-2002); senior executive policy positions, U.S. Federal Government (2002-05).

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Function: The department provides support transformation of public service by effective information management and efficient delivery of service to government and its customers. The department develops enterprise information strategies, policies, and standards; oversees information technology investments; and creates a secure and efficient information management environment.

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES

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



Director: David Metzen Appointed March 2009 Salary: \$108, 393

Sunfish Lake. B.S., education (1964), M.A., educational administration (1968), Ph.D., educational administration (1972), University of Minnesota; owner, Real Estate Development Co. (1970-present); South St. Paul Schools: elementary teacher (1964-68); elementary principal (1969-74); assistant superintendent (1972-82); district superintendent (1982-99); Wold Architectural Assocs. (2000-03); director, Dodge Nature Center (2001-04); speaker/motivator, Metzen Leadership (2000-present).

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Web site: www.ohe.state.mn.us, www.getreadyforcollege.org

E-mail: info@ohe.state.mn.us

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 (\$145 million to 80,000 undergraduates), the State Work Study program (\$12 million annually to about 12,000 students), the SELF Loan program (\$140 million annually to about 28,000 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

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program, the agency works in schools and communities with school-age children and their parents, low-income children, and families with no previous higher education experience.

The agency registers and licenses over 140 private institutions that offer their 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 the MINITEX Library Information Network, which makes library resources accessible to residents across the state; facilitates the development of a statewide online library information system called MnLINK (Minnesota Library Information Network); and facilitates operation of the Learning Network of Minnesota, the technological highway that provides electronic access to education programs and library resources.

MINNESOTA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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)



President of the University & President (ex-officio) of the Board of Regents:

Robert H. Bruininks Appointed: November 2002

Salary: \$423,000

Western Michigan University B.A.; Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development, M.A., PhD; University of MN (1968-present): faculty member, administrator.

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In honor of Leonard Bystrom, US Army—Served in WWI

Hometown: St. Croix, Wisconsin Submitted by Jim Bystrom, September 25, 2008

My grandfather fought in WWI in France. He never spoke of it to me, but I am very proud of him. He lived to the age of 96. He is my HERO.

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Development
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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)

Law provides: The statewide system of state universities, community colleges, and technical colleges is known as Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). 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, Chapter 136F)



Chancellor: James H. McCormick Appointed: 2001 Salary: \$360,000

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.S.; University of Pittsburgh, M.Ed., Ed.D.; post-graduate study; Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government (Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government); assistant superintendent, high school administrator and teacher, Pennsylvania public schools (1959-65); professor and administrator for Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (1965-73); president of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (1973-83); founding chancellor of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (1983-2001).

Wells Fargo Pl., 30 E. 7th St., Suite 350, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-8012 **Web site:** www.mnscu.edu

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State Agencies

Institutions: The statewide system is composed of seven state universities and 25 two-year colleges. These institutions serve about 250,000 students annually in credit-based courses at campuses in 46 communities around the state. In addition, the system serves approximately 140,000 Minnesotans in noncredit courses each year.

Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, (888) 234-1222

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Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and

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Normandale Community College, Bloomington, (866) 880-8740

President: Joseph Opatz

North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, (800) 818-0395

President: Ann Wynia

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President: Sue Collins

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

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

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

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Northland Community & Technical College, East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls, (800) 959-6282

President: Anne Temte

Northwest Technical College**, Bemidji, (800) 942-8324

President: Jon Quistgaard, Bemidji State University

Pine Technical College, Pine City, (800) 521-7463

President: Robert Musgrove

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President: Terrence Leas

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President: Don Supalla

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President: Earl Potter

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President: Judith Ramaley

* Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion make up the Northeast Higher Education District, a consortium of five state colleges.

** Northwest Technical College at Bemidji is aligned with Bemidji State University.

In honor of Master Sergeant Donald Carlson, Air Force—Served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam

Hometown: Windom, Minnesota Submitted by Becky Schultze, October 21, 2008

My father is a three-war veteran, serving over 20 years, seven in foreign duty. I believe that military has helped mold him into the man he is today. He holds his family, church and community close to his heart. He believes America is a wealthy country and offers many opportunities, not just monetary gain. He has lived through the great depression and knows heartache and loss, but this experience made him stronger. He lives with dignity, respect and honor. My father is a wise man with strong values and does not force his beliefs on others. Veterans are the backbone of America and too many take their freedom for granted. I am proud that my dad is just a small thread of what makes America strong.

In honor of Merle Miller, U.S. Army—Served in World War II Submitted by: Timothy Miller, former ET1, USN, October 3, 2008

My father, Merle Miller, was just a kid in his early 20's when he was called to serve in WWII. Surrounded by German forces in the Battle of the Bulge, his division had little hope of coming out of the conflict alive. In spite of the overwhelming forces, my dad and his fellow heroes managed to suppress their fear and anxiety enough to defeat the enemy.

Another horrific experience for my pop was the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. I doubt that I could have handled this type of situation today, let alone at the age of 22. And yet, my father and his equally young comrades, managed to stomach the atrocities they had witnessed and continued to do their duty.

It is hard to imagine what our world would look like today if it were not for the courage and devotion to duty provided by our veterans and current active duty forces. While I do not condone war, I applaud my dad and our past and present troops for giving us the freedom to vote for leaders that are intelligent enough to prevent future conflicts.

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, Section 147B.05)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MINNESOTA BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

388 SE 6th Ave., Faribault 55021

Phone: (507) 333-4829

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)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS

MN Department of Health, 717 Delaware St. S.E., Box 9441, Minneapolis 55440 **Law provides:** The committee advises the commissioner of health about tests and treatments for heritable and congenital disorders found in newborn children. *(Minnesota Statutes, Section 144.1255)*

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

102 State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., St. Paul 55155 **Law provides:** The 14-member council advises the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in establishing a drug resistance education program. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 299A.331)

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, Section 147D.23)

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

MN Department of Health, 625 Robert St. N., Box 64975, St. Paul 55164

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, Section 115.71-115.77)

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WELLS AND BORINGS

MN Department of Health, 625 Robert St. N., Box 64975, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-5797 E-mail: health.wells@state.mn.us

Law provides: The 18-member council, derived from a variety of relevant agencies and industry expertise, including well contractors, exploratory mineral borers, members of the public, elevator shaft contractors, and officials from the departments of Health, Natural Resources, Transportation, and Pollution Control, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources advises the commissioner of health on issues related to wells and borings. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 1031.105)



In honor of DGT George Culleton, Army—Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2006-2007

Hometown: Roseau, Minnesota

Submitted by Jamie Culleton, November 4, 2008

So many men and women before you have fought and served our GREAT country. You protected the freedom of our family. You're our hero. To all who have served, thank you for my freedom. Thank you for keeping me safe! I will vote to keep the freedoms you have fought for safe!

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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

Phone: (651) 284-5018 Website: www.doli.state.mn.us/wcac.html

E-mail: 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, additional members representing business, additional members representing organized labor. The council also includes as chair and non-voting member the commissioner of labor and industry. 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, Section 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 forces consults with the commissioner 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)

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

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

Phone: (651) 201-6349 Web site: www.mda.state.mn.us E-mail: 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. Section 18E.05)

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Box 64977, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-2460

Law provides: The ten-member council advises the commissioner of human services on matters relating to the prevention and treatment of chemical dependency. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 254A.04)

APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

Box 29, East Grand Forks 56721

Phone: (218) 773-1629

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

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Board of Medical Practice, 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, Section 148.7805)

Chapter Five State Agencies

BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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

Phone: (651) 757-1514 Web site: www.boa.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 326A.01-326A.14)

Executive Director: Doreen Frost

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

MN Department of 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, Chapter 35)

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

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 Web site: www.aelslagid.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Sections 214.10, 326.02)

Executive Secretary: Doreen Frost

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

Phone: (651) 556-6086 Web site: www.taxes.state.mn.us

Law provides: The board of nine professional and public members oversees assessors' licensure, education and conduct. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 270.41)

Secretary-Treasurer: Deb Volkert

BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 710, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2742 Fax: (651) 617-2601

Web site: www.bceboard.state.mn.us E-mail: bce.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board of three barbers, three cosmetologists, and one public member regulates the barber and cosmetology industry and protects the public interest through adoption and enforcement of rules and investigation of complaints. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 154.22)

Executive Secretary: Gina Stauss

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 210, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 617-2178 **Web site:** www.bbht.state.mn.us **E-mail:** bbht.board@state.mn.us Law provides: The 13-member 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, Section 118)

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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

Phone: (612) 617-2250 Web site: www.dentalboard.state.mn.us E-mail: dental.board@state.mn.us Law provides: The board of five dentists, one dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and two public members examines, licenses, and registers dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, and enforces the Minnesota Dental Practices Act.

(Minnesota Statutes, Sections 150A.01, 214.09)

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, Section 148.62) **Executive Director:** Laurie E. Mickelson

BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

443 Layfayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5012

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 Statutues, 326B.32)

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 440, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2730 Web site: www.benha.state.mn.us E-mail: benha@state.mn.us Law provides: The board of nine industry and public members examines and licenses nursing home administrators and investigates complaints. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 144A.19) Executive Director: Randy D. Snyder

BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION

444 Cedar St., Suite 145, St. Paul 55101

Law provides: The 14-member board reviews fire service training needs and makes recommendations on training to Minnesota fire service organizations, establishes standards for education programs, and establishes qualifications. (Laws of 2005, Chapter 110)

BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5012

Law provides: The 13- member board adopts rules for high pressure piping code for the State of Minnesota. The board finalizes interpretations of code when submitted to the board and adopts rules to regulate high pressure piping licensure registration. (Minnesota Statutes 326.505)

BOARD OF INVENTION

4476 Woodgate Pt., Eagan 55122

Phone: (651) 452-9448

Law provides: The mission of the 11-member board is to enhance both the quality of social life and the business climate throughout the state by making inventiveness an integral part of every Minnesotan's thought process and the benefits of invention available to all. The board intends to nurture the development and use of inventions, foster an appreciation for inventive thought and expression, and recognize and preserve the inventive heritage of the state.

(Minnesota Statutes, Section 116J.987)

Chair: Dr. Daniel A. Ferber

BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 330, Minneapolis 55414-3222

Phone: (612) 617-2220 **Fax:** (612) 617-2221

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*, Chapter 148B)

Executive Director: Robert C. Butler

BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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

Phone: (612) 617-2130 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3709 **Fax:** (612) 617-2166 **Web site:** www.bmp.state.mn.us **E-mail:** 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, Section 147.01) Executive Director: Robert A. Leach

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 550, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2762

Web site: www.optometryboard.state.mn.us E-mail: optometry.board@state.mn.us Law provides: The board of two public members and five qualified optometrists licenses

optometrists, investigates complaints, and adopts rules. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 148.52-148.62)

Executive Director: Laurie E. Mickelson

BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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

Phone: (651) 643-3060 Web site: www.post.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 626.84)

Executive Director: Neil W. Melton

BOARD OF PHARMACY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 530, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (651) 201-2825 **Web site:** www.phcybrd.state.mn.us **E-mail:** 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, Sections 151.01, 214.09)

Executive Director: Cody C. Wiberg

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 430, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2200 Web site: www.podiatry.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 153.01) Executive Director: Keith Hovland

BOARD OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENT SERVICES

1430 Maryland Ave. E., St. Paul 55106

Phone: (651) 793-2666 Web site: www.dps.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 326.339)

Executive Director: Marie L. Ohman

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

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

Phone: (612) 617-2230 Web site: 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 for the practice of psychology. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 148.88)

BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

1667 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 999-7387 **Web site:** www.msba.org

Law provides: The 10-member board licenses school administrators, adopts rules to license school administrators, and enters into agreements with the board of teaching regarding multiple license matters. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 122A.12)

Executive Director: Dr. Judith Lamp

BOARD OF TEACHING

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8833 E-mail: 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, Section 125.183)

Executive Director: Karen Balmer

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

6125 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley 55422 **Phone:** (763) 591-4700, **Fax:** (763) 591-4646

Web site: www.pcae.k12.mn.us

Law provides: The center is a state agency combining the Arts High School and education resource programs offices. The Arts High School is a statewide, tuition-free, arts-focused public school for 11th and 12th grade students. Students who have either demonstrated or potential talent and a desire to grow are admitted. Academic programs are balanced with study in one of six arts areas: dance, literature, media arts, theatre, music, or visual arts. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 129) The board of the center has the powers necessary for the care, management, and control of the center and includes at least one member from each congressional district. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 129C.10, 129C.15)

BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-3767 **Web site:** www.bwsr.state.mn.us

Law provides: The board of 17 local government officials, public members, and state agency members coordinates the water and soil resources management activities of local units of government through educational activities, approval of local plans, administration of state grants, and cost-sharing contracts. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.101)

Chair: Randy Kramer Executive Director: John Jaschke

BREEDERS' FUND APPROPRIATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Box 630, Shakopee, MN 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*, Section 240.18, subd. 4)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

190 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-5148 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3889 **Fax:** (651) 296-1722 **Toll-free Fax:** (800) 357-4114

Web site: www.cfboard.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 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 **Web site:** www.caapb.state.mn.us **E-mail:** nancy.stark@state.mn.us **Law provides:** To preserve the historical and architectural integrity of the capitol area, the 10-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*, Section 15B)

Executive Secretary: Nancy Stark

CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Phone: (507) 934-7700 Web site: www.ruralmn.org E-mail: crpd@ruralmn.org Law provides: The center is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to the non-partisan study of the social, economic, and cultural forces that affect rural Minnesota. The center's mission is to provide state government and other policymakers an unbiased evaluation of issues from a rural perspective to benefit Minnesota. The board of the center consists of members from the Farm Bureau, the Farmers' Union, regional initiative organizations, the general public, businesses, private foundations, rural governments, and in addition the president of Minnesota State University Mankato, a member of the House of Representatives, and a member of the Senate. (1997 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 200, Section 31)

Chapter Five
State Agencies

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

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

Phone: (651) 296-6300

Law provides: The 23-members of the Clean Water Council advise the administration and implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act, and foster coordination and cooperation. The Clean Water Legacy Act was created to facilitate 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).

CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5012

Law provides: The 18-members of the advisory council review laws, codes, rules, standards, and licensing requirements relating to building construction. (Minnesota Statutes, 16B.76)

COUNCIL ON AFFAIRS OF CHICANO/LATINO PEOPLE

60 Empire Dr., Suite 203, St. Paul 55103

Phone: (651) 296-9587 **Fax:** (651) 297-1297

Web site: www.clac.state.mn.us E-mail: clac.desk@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor and Legislature on the nature of the issues confronting Chicano/Latino people in this state, including the problems encountered by Chicano/Latino migrant agricultural workers. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.9223)

Executive Director: Rogelio L. Muñoz

COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS

658 Cedar St., Suite 160, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-0538 **Fax:** (651) 297-8735 **Web site:** 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 Asian-Pacific people in Minnesota to ensure that Asian-Pacific people have access to benefits and services provided to people in the state, to eliminate underutilization of Asian-Pacific people in the state's workforce, and to improve state trade relations with Asian and Pacific countries. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.9226)

Executive Director: Ilean Her

COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS

2233 University Ave. W., Suite 426, St. Paul 55114,

Phone: (651) 642-0811, (651) 642-0812, (651) 643-3580 E-mail: 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 seeks to educate and enhance the relationship between its constituency, policy makers, and the legislative body. The board consists of 13 public members, including one member representing east Africans and one member representing west Africans, and four *ex officio* legislative members. Per the state statute, applications by state departments or agencies for the receipt of federal funds which will have their primary effect on black Minnesotans shall submit to the council for recommendations and review at least 30 days before submission to a federal agency. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.9225)

Executive Director: Lester R. Collins

COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

121 E. 7th Pl., Suite 107, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 361-7800

Web site: www.disability.state.mn.us E-mail: council.disability@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the governor, Legislature, and state agencies and provides information and encourages coordination of planning programs and services for persons with disabilities. It has 21 members, a majority of whom are persons with a disability or parents or guardians of persons with a disability. The council is to expand opportunities for all children and adults with a disability throughout Minnesota without regard to disability and to advocate policies and programs that will promote the independence of children and adults with disabilities and protect their right to participate fully in society. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 256.482)

Executive Director: Joan Willshire

CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

MN Department of Public Safety, 445 Minnesota St., Suite 2300, St. Paul 55101

Law provides: The five-member board assists crime victims with their financial losses as they recover from violent crimes. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 611A.55)

DAIRY PROFITABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

615 Robert St. North, St. Paul, 55164

Phone: (651) 201-6456

Law provides: The 15- member committee advises the Minnesota Department of Agriculture on ways to strengthen the state's dairy industry. (Minnesota Statutes, 15.014)

DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

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

Phone: (651) 201-2800 Toll-free: (800) 747-2011 Fax: (651) 201-2812 Web site: www.emsrb.state.mn.us E-mail: emsrb.webmaster@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board advises applicants for state or federal emergency medical services funds and approves the use of funds, makes recommendations to the Legislature on improving the access, delivery, and effectiveness of the state's emergency medical services delivery system, and establishes procedures for investigating, hearing, and resolving complaints against emergency medical services providers. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 144E.01)

Executive Director: Katherine Burke Moore

ENTERPRISE MINNESOTA

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

Phone: (612) 373-2900 Toll-free: (800) 325-3073 Fax: (651) 373-2901

Web site: www.enterpriseminnesota.org

Law provides: Minnesota Technology, 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, Section 1160.03)

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

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST/SANITARIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Department of Health, Environmental Health Services, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 201-4500 E-mail: 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, Section 214.13, subd. 4)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACKING AND BIOMONITORING ADVISORY PANEL

MN Department of Health, P.O. Box 64882, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-3661

Law provides: The four-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 fo the environmental health tracking and biomonitoring system. (Minnesota Statutes, 144.998)

In honor of PFC Wayne Burlingame, US Army—Served in the European Conflict Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota

Submitted by Sandy Horner, August 28, 2008

Served as Military Police and Patrol. Stationed in Gorezia and Trieste on the Adriatic Sea. Was on Morgan Line which was disputed by Italy and Yugoslavia.

State Agencies

ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155,

Phone: (651) 757-2417

Law provides: The council makes recommendations to the PCA on policy, programs, and legislation in pollution prevention, waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and resource conservation; focuses on developing and implementing innovative programs that improve Minnesota's environment by emphasizing front-end preventative and resource conservation approaches to preventing waste and pollution; and emphasizes partnerships of government, citizens, institutions, and business to develop and implement these programs. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 115A.12)

EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

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

Phone: (651) 297-2635 Web site: 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, Section 116U.25)

FIRE PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Department of Public Safety, 444 Cedar St., Suite 145, St. Paul 55101

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

FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

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

Phone: (651) 201-6027

Law provides: The Food Safety and Defense Task Force of 16 members has been established to advise the commissioner and the Legislature on food issues and food safety. The Task Force 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

MN Department of Human Services, 540 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 431-2510

Law provides: The nine-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, Sections 256B.0625, subd. 13C and 151.21, subd. 8)

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

1711 W. County Road B, Suite 300 South, Roseville 55113 **Phone:** (651) 639-4000 **Web site:** www.gcb.state.mn.us

Law provides: The five forms of lawful gambling in Minnesota are pull-tabs, bingo, tipboards, paddlewheels, and raffles. The seven-member board regulates 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, Chapter 349)

Director: Tom Barrett

GOVERNING COMMITTEE ON THE MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN

6900 Wedgwood Rd., Suite 470, Maple Grove 55311

Phone: (877) 251-3200

Law provides: The nine-member committee, including four public members and five insurers, 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, Section 65B.03)

GOVERNOR'S 21ST CENTURY TAX REFORM COMMISSION

500 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55146

Phone: (651) 556-6005

Law provides: The 15-members advise the governor on reforming the state's tax laws with the goal of making long-term improvements in the revenue system that reflect changes in business practices, demographics, and the economy that have occurred in Minnesota and other states. (Executive Order,

Expires February 28, 2010

GOVERNOR'S CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE

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

Phone: (651) 296-9325

Law provides: The 15-members advise the governor on matters relating to advances in technology and research necessary to achieve Minnesota's long-term clean energy goals. (Executive Order, 08-04)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES

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

Phone: (651) 201-2567

Law provides: The council provides advice to the governor on matters related to development and support of effective and efficient faith and community organizations that provide services to Minnesotans in need. (Executive Order, 05-15)

Expires January 12, 2010

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

MN Department of Public Safety, Fire Marshal Division, 444 Cedar St., Suite 145 St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 201-7200 Web site: 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, 03-04)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2491 Web site: www.gis.state.mn.us E-mail: gis.council@state.mn.us Law provides: The council promotes the efficient and effective development, management, and use of geographic information and related technology. It provides policy advice to all levels of government and leadership and guidance to government, the private sector, and academia. (Executive Order, 03-04)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MINNESOTA'S COASTAL PROGRAM

1568 Hwy. 2, Two Harbors 55616

Phone: (218) 834-1440 Web site: www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/council.html Law provides: The 15-member council reviews and makes recommendations to the commissioner of natural resources on program priorities and on selection of projects for funding. (Executive Order, 99-12)

Expires January 1, 2011

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

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

Law provides: The council of 15 members plans and executes events to promote racial harmony and to recognize and honor Martin Luther King. (Executive Order, 99-3, 03-04) Expires January 1, 2011

GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

1500 W. Hwy. 36, Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8436

Law provides: The 17- to 25-member council addresses methods of implementing the state policy of development and implementing comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency programs of early intervention services for children with disabilities. The council recommends policies to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age five with disabilities. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 125A.28)

State Agencies

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

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

Phone: (651) 201-2555 Web site: 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, Section 16B.27)

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 259-7568 **Fax:** (651) 296-1290

Web site: www.gwdc.org E-mail: info.gwdc@state.mn.us

Law provides: The 31-member council advises the governor and Legislature on state workforce

investment policies and practices. (Laws of 1995, Chapter 131)

Executive Director: Brenda Norman

GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE

MN Department of Commerce, 85 East 7th Place, Suite 500, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-9325 Web site: www.mngreenjobs.com

Law provides: The Task Force of 24-members was established to advise the governor and Legislature in the ares of workforce education and training for green jobs, attracting green jobs and retaining and expanding green jobs. The members aim to optimize the growth of the green economy. (*Laws of 2008*, Ch. 356)

Expired June 30, 2009

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Law provides: This committee of 25-members advises the commissioner on the following matters: 1) assessment of the use of health information technology by the state, licensed health care providers and facilities, and local public health agencies; 2) recommendations for implementing a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure, to include estimates of necessary resources, and for determining standards for administrative data exchange, clinical support programs, patient privacy requirements, and maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual patient data; and 3) other related issues as requested by the commissioner. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 62J.45)

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SERVICES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1380 Energy Lane, Suite 202, St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 643-3456 Web site: 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, Section 214.31)

HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minnesota Department of Health, 85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 220, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-3724

Law provides: The seven-member council, consisting of consumers, 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, Section 153A.13)

HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TASK FORCE

MN Department of Commerce, 85 East 7th Place, Suite 3500, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 284-4213 Web site: www.ultra-high-speed-mn.org

Law provides: The 23-member task force report to the governor and Legislature on the level of broadband service, including connection speeds for sending and receiving data that is reasonably needed by all citizens by 2015. (*Laws of MN 2008*, Chapter 212)

Expires March 2, 2010

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

60 Empire Drive, Suite 355, St. Paul 55103-3555

Phone: (651) 296-3328

Web site: 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, Section 11A.08)

IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Phone: (218) 744-7400

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

MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, 444 Cedar St., Suite 100,

St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-2684 **Web site:** www.ojp.state.mn.us

Law provides: The 18-member committee prepares and administers the state's three-year plan for juvenile justice and awards Title II formula grants and Title V grants provided under the Juvenile and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, reauthorized in 2002. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 268.29) The committee also operates as the juvenile crime enforcement coalition (JCEC), a requirement for the juvenile accountability block grant.

LABOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER BOARD

740 Amber Dr., Shoreview 55126

Phone: (651) 484-1542

Law provides: The 10-member board oversees the planning and construction of the center as funds are available, leases a temporary facility for the center during development of its program, and establishes advisory groups as needed to advise the board on programs, policy, and related issues. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 138A.01)

LAKE SUPERIOR CENTER AUTHORITY

353 Harbor Dr., Duluth 55802

Phone: (218) 749-7721

Law provides: The authority provides for education about Lake Superior and provides for the transfer of data and scientific findings about the lake. (Laws of 1990, Chapter 535)

LESSARD OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL

72 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., St. Paul 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-9002 **Web site:** www.lohc.state.mn.us

Law provides: The 12 -member council makes recommendations to the Legislature on appropriations of sales tax revenue resulting from the constitutional amendment passed by voters in the November 2008 election. The budget recommendations of the council should be separate from the Department of Natural Resources' budget recommendations. The council should encourage and support local conservation efforts, work with the Clean Water council on collaborative projects and make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will effect Minnesota's outdoor environment. (Laws of 2008, Chapter 368, Art. II, Sec. 14)

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE

MN Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health, Box 64882, St. Paul 55164 Phone: (651) 201-3874

Law provides: The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task Force (MCH) was created by the Minnesota Legislature to advise 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. The task force is made up of 15-members. (Minnesota Statutes, 145.881, 15.059, Subd. 2)

State Agencies

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 Fax: (651) 222-7824

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, Section 62F.01)

MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

MN Department of Labor and Industry, Attn: Julie Klewjewski

443 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5018

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, Section 176.103)

MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL

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

Phone: (651) 431-3026 **Fax:** (651) 431-7460 **Web site:** 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*, Section 256.012)

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

6040 S. 28th Ave., Minneapolis 55450

Phone: (612) 726-8100 Web site: 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, Section 473.603) Chair: Jack Lanners

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, Section 473.303)

Chair: Glen Skovholt

METROPOLITAN SPORTS FACILITIES COMMISSION

Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, 900 S. 5th St., Minneapolis 55415

Phone: (612) 332-0386 Web site: www.msfc.com E-mail: matowin@msfc.com

Law provides: The commission, which consists of six members appointed by the Minneapolis city council and a chair appointed by the governor, is responsible for retaining professional football and baseball in Minnesota. It is also responsible for the capital improvements, debt service, and operating costs of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

(Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.553)

Chair: Roy Terwilliger



In Honor of Roger G. McVay, Navy Hometown: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Submitted by Sean McVay, October 31, 2008

Pop, Thanks for your service. When I cast my ballot it will be in honor of you—for your service to country and for the example you set on what it is to be a man.

MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMPACT COMMISSION

Minnesota Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (630) 925-1922 **Web site:** www.miprc.org

Law provides: The commission promotes development and implementation of 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. The four commission members from Minnesota are the governor or governor's designee, a member of the public, and one legislator each from the House and Senate. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 218.75)

MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Department of Natural Resources, 1525 3rd Ave. East, Hibbing 55744

Phone: (218) 262-7356

Law provides: The ten-member committee is established to plan for diversified mineral development. (Minnesota Statutes, 93.0015, renewed 2007, chapter 57)

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

320 Vo Tech Building, 1954 Burford 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 Session Laws 1997, Ch. 183)* **Expires** June 30, 2013

MINNESOTA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

658 Cedar St., #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, implementating, and evaluating the activities carried out through the Assistive Technology Act grant including setting measurable goals. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16B.055)

MINNESOTA BEEF PROFITABILITY STRATEGIC TASK FORCE

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6219

Law provides: The 14-member task force shall make recommendations on ways to strengthen the state's beef industry by identifying key goals and objectives. (Minnesota Statutes, 15.014)

MINNESOTA BIODIESEL TASK FORCE

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6223

Law provides: The task force advises the commissioner on how to communicate with industry and the public, and conduct activities in order to promote greater production and use of biodiesel fuel in Minnesota. The task force is comprised of 14-members. (Minnesota Statutes, 15.014)

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

2003 Upper Buford Cir., St. Paul 55108 **Phone:** (651) 603-0109 **Fax:** (651) 603-0110

Web site: www.frc.state.mn.us

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, Section 89A.03) **Executive Director:** Dave Zumeta

MINNESOTA FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113-4266

Phone: (651) 582-8322 **Web site:** 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 HUMANITIES CENTER

987 E. Ivy Ave., St. Paul 55106

Phone: (651) 774-0105 Toll-free: (866) 268-7293 Fax: (651) 774-0205

Web site: www.minnesotahumanities.org E-mail: info@minnesotahumanities.org

Law provides: The commission, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities, awards grants and conducts education programs that advance the study of the humanities throughout the state. Of the 30 members of the board of directors, six are appointed by the governor and the rest are elected. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 138.91)

President: Stanley E. Romanstein

MINNESOTA ORGANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE

625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6015

Law provides: The commissioner shall appoint a Minnesota Organic Advisory Task Force of 14-members to advise the commissioner on policies and practices to improve organic agriculture in Minnesota. Terms, compensation and removal of members are governed by Section 15.059, subd. 6. (Minnesota Statutes, 31.9)

MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM

200 Centennial Building 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 259-3749

Law provides: The Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP) was created by special legislation to make 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 RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED

615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 **Toll-free phone:** (800) 657-3859

Law provides: The 13- to 15-member committee provides specific advice regarding needs to improve learning results for students who are Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI), priorities for action, technical issues in the education of students who are BVI, and general operations of the center and provides general advice and counsel to the department of education regarding general procedures for assuring address of the needs of students who are BVI. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 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 specific advice regarding needs to improve learning results for students who are DHH, priorities for action, technical issues in the education of students who are DHH, and general operations of the center and provides general advice and counsel to the department of education regarding general procedures for assuring the needs of students who are DHH are addressed. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 125A.63)

MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

2075 Lookout Dr., North Mankato 56003

Phone: (612) 578-3377 Web site: www.mncae.org E-mail: cae@mncae.org

Law provides: The foundation is a nonprofit organization, the board of which includes the commissioner of education and 20 others representing various education and business groups, by charter from the Legislature and through private sector and community-based partnerships. It is a catalyst for advancing student success through high levels of school performance. The foundation challenges students to stretch, achieve, and innovate; empowers schools to learn and produce results; and enables K-12 policy and business leaders to support high expectations for school and student achievement. (Minnesota Statutes, 124D.94)

MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7430

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

MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

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

Phone: (763) 785-5630 Web site: www.mnsports.org E-mail: 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 AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU

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

Phone: (763) 425-6634 Web site: www.maacb.org E-mail: 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: (612) 201-2850

Web site: www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us E-mail: chiropractic.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The seven-member board consists of five chiropractors and two public members

and licenses doctors of chiropractic and investigates complaints.

(Minnesota Statutes, Section 148.01-148.106)

Executive Director: Dr. Larry Spicer

MINNESOTA BOARD OF GRAIN STANDARDS

MN Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division, 625 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6190

Law provides: The board, which includes the head of the Department of Agriculture's grain inspection division and two principal assistants, has jurisdiction over Minnesota grain standards and establishes standards for any grains in the state that are not covered by U.S. grain standards, along with rules necessary for enforcement. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 17B.06)

MINNESOTA BOARD OF NURSING

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 200, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 617-2270

Web site: www.nursingboard.state.mn.us E-mail: 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 148.171–148.285*), licenses registered nurses (RN) and licensed practical nurses (LPN), investigates complaints and disciplines nurses, registers public health nurses and professional nursing firms (incorporated under *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 319B), 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 **Web site:** www.socialwork.state.mn.us **E-mail:** social.work@state.mn.us **Law provides:** The board of ten licensed social workers and five public members adopts and enforces rules for licensure of social workers and for regulation of their professional conduct. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 148B.19)

Executive Director: Kate Zacher-Pate

MINNESOTA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 540, Minneapolis 55414 **Phone:** (612) 201-2844 **Web site:** 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, Chapter 156)

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: Box 64976, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-2500 Web site: www.mnaging.org E-mail: 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, Section 256.975)

Executive Director: Jean K. Wood

MINNESOTA COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION

1700 105th Ave. NE, Blaine 55449

Phone: (763) 792-7354 Web site: www.mnboxingmmacommission.com

Law provides: The commission of ten-members shall issue, deny, renew, suspend, or revoke licenses; make and maintain records of its acts and proceedings including the issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, or revocation of licenses. (Laws of MN 2006, Chapter 282)

MINNESOTA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serve Minnesota, 431 S. 7th St., Suite 2540, Minneapolis 55415 **Phone:** (612) 333-7740 **Web site:** 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. (Laws of 1994, Chapter 647).

MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

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

Phone: (651) 297-7305 **Web site:** 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)

MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

401 Carlson Parkway, Minnetonka 55305

Phone: (866) 894-8053 Web site: 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. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 62E.10)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW **BOARD**

P.O. Box 64979, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-3700

Law provides: The eight-members, as part of the Human Services' Institutional Review Board are committed to protecting the privacy, well-being, and other rights of Minnesota citizens. This board, which operates in compliance with federal regulations set forth in Title 45, part 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations and applicable state laws provides the necessary review and approval process for department-sponsored research.

(Code of Fed. Reg. TITLE 45, Part 46; Minnesota Statutes, 15.014)

MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., Suite 300, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2480 Web site: www.mnplan.state.mn.us E-mail: eqb@mnplan.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)

Executive Director: Michael Sullivan

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, Section 65A.35)

MINNESOTA GENETIC INFORMATION WORK GROUP

201 Admin Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-6733

Law provides: The 27-members develop principles for public policy for use of genetic

information. (Laws of 2007, Ch 148, Art 2, Sec 74)

Expired January 15, 2009

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD COUNCIL)

370 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 296-4018 Toll-free: (877) 348-0505 Fax: (651) 297-7200 MN Relay Service: (800) 627-3529 E-mail: admin.dd@state.mn.us

Web sites: www.mnddc.org, www.mncdd.org, 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 HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

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

Phone: (651) 296-4690

Web site: www.mnhefa.org E-mail: 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.25) 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

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: Nina M. Archabal

MINNESOTA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

4760 White Bear Parkway, Suite 101, White Bear Lake 55110

Phone: (651) 407-3149 Web site: www.mnlifega.org E-mail: GCB@mnlifega.org 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, Section 60C.08, subd 1)

MINNESOTA JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 259-7522 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3858

Web site: www.deed.state.mn.us/mjsp E-mail: deed.webmaster@state.mn.us

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, Section 116L.01)

MINNESOTA JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION—LIABILITY INSURANCE

445 Minnesota St. #514, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 222-0484 Toll-free: (800) 552-0013 Web site: 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, Section 62I.02)

Administrator: Beth Devine

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MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Box 630, 1100 Canterbury Rd., Shakopee 55379 Phone: (952) 496-7950 Fax: (952) 496-7954

Web site: www.mnrace.commission.state.mn.us E-mail: richard.krueger@state.mn.us

Law provides: The nine-member commission regulates parimutuel horse racing and card playing

in Minnesota to ensure its integrity and conduct in the public interest.

(Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 240) Executive Director: Richard G. Krueger

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

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

Phone: (651) 201-6004

Web site: www.mda.state.mn.us/agfinance E-mail: webinfo@mda.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, the state auditor, and the commissioners of agriculture, commerce, trade and economic development, and finance. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 41B.025)

MINNESOTA SESOUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Law provides: The 17- members planned activities relating to Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood, and created a plan for capital improvements, celebratory activities, and public engagement in every county in the State of Minnesota. (Laws of 2005, 1st Sp. Sess., Chap 1, Art 4, Sec 121) **Expired** January 30, 2009

MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

400 Sibley St., Suite 200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 215-1600 Toll-free: (800) 866-2787 Fax: (651) 215-1602

Web site: www.arts.state.mn.us E-mail: 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)

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)

MINNESOTA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

1500 W. Hwy 36, Roseville, 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8791

Law provides: The 15-member council shall advise the state library in planning, development and evaluation of effective library service programs for all persons in the State of 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 recommend 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 Fax: (651) 297-5238

Web site: www.msrs.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Chapters 3A, 352, 352B, 352C, 352D, 490)

Executive Director: David Bergstrom

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

7701 France Ave. S., Suite 450, Minneapolis 55435 **Phone:** (952) 897-1737 **Fax:** (952) 897-6495 **Web site:** www.mwcia.org **E-mail:** info@mwcia.org

Law provides: The association is a nonprofit statistical and research organization supported and governed by the insurance industry, and it 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 ten board members are elected by the insurance carriers in Minnesota. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 79.61)

President: Bruce A. Tollefson

MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL BOARD

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley 55124

Phone: (952) 431-9200 Web site: www.mnzoo.org E-mail: zooinfo@mail.mnzoo.state.mn.us 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

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

601 Robert St. N., St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-5463

Law provides: The 22-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)

NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MN Department of Transportation, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 366-4179 Fax: (651) 366-4192 Web site: www.mnsbac.org

Law provides: The 26-member committee makes recommendations to the commissioners of transportation and public safety and to the legislature on bicycle safety and on bicycle education and development. (Minnesota Session Laws of 1984)

NONPUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8572 Web site: 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, Section 123B.445)*

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Department of Labor and Industry, Safety Codes and Services Division 443 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5018

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)

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

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

Phone: (651) 284-5350 Web site: www.doli.state.mn.us/oshrb

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, Section 182.664)

Executive Secretary: Shana Sleben

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTITIONERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minnesota Department of Health, 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, Section 148.6450)

OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON FOR SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES

1450 Energy Park Dr., #106, St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 603-0058

Law provides: Each ombudsperson shall monitor 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 FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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

Phone: (651) 757-1800

Web site: www.ombudmhddr.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 245.91–97)

Ombudsman: Roberta C. Opheim

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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

Law provides: The 8- 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*, Section 15.014)

PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION BOARD

85 E. 7th Pl., Suite 500, St. Paul 55101-2198 **Phone:** (651) 215-1775 **Toll-free:** (800) 638-0418

Web site: www.commerce.state.mn.us E-mail: petrofund.commerce @state.mn.us

Law provides: The five-member board approves applications for reimbursement from the petroleum tank release cleanup fund for the investigation and cleanup of leaks and spills from

petroleum storage tanks. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 115C)

Executive Director: James Pearson

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Phone: (612) 617-2130 E-mail: medical.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: The seven-member council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding physician assistant registration standards and the complaint and discipline process. *(Minnesota Statutes, Section 147A.27)*

PLUMBING BOARD

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5012

Law provides: The 14-members adopt rules for plumbing code for the State of Minnesota, finalize interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopt rules to regulate plumbing licensure and registration. (Minnesota Statutes, 326.3705)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Phone: (651) 296-7460 Toll-free: (800) 652-9026 Web site: 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)

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 Web site: 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, Chapters 216, 216A, 216B, 237, 116C.51-116C.69, 116C.691-116C.697, 116I) Chair: David C. Boyd Executive Secretary: Burl W. Haar

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER ADVISORY BOARD

Minnesota Department of Commerce, 133 E. 7th St., St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-4536

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, Section 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 **Web site:** www.rcac.leg.mn

Law provides: The council's duties are to develop a description of the duties for regents of the University of Minnesota, outline criteria to be applied in recommending candidates, and recruit, screen, and recommend qualified candidates to the governor for each opening on the board of regents. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 137.0245, 137.0246)

REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

2829 University Ave. SE #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

MN Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 284-5478

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, Section 176.102, subd. 3)

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Phone: (612) 617-2130 Web site: www.bmp.state.mn.us

Law Provides: The seven-member council, consisting of three respiratory care practitioners, two physicians with expertise in respiratory care, and two public members, advises the board of medical practice on issues regarding respiratory care practitioner registration standards, enforcement of laws, and complaint review. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 147C)

RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MN Department of Health, 85 E. 7th Pl., Box 64882, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 201-3863 Web site: 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. (Laws of 1992, Chapter 549)

SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH

1200 Port Terminal Dr., Duluth 55802 **Phone:** (218) 727-8525 **Web site:** www.duluthport.com **E-mail:** 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, Section 469.049) Executive Director: Adolph Ojard

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7420 Fax: (651) 296-5287 Web site: www.mnsbdc.com

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Law provides: The nine-member advisory board advises, counsels, and confers with the director of the small business development center network on all policy matters pertaining to the operation of the network, including advice and counsel on needs assessments, program offerings, and program evaluations. The advisory board also advises and assists in leveraging of local financial and other resources to support the statewide network and regional centers. (15 U.S.C. 647(j))

State Director: Michael W. Myhre

SMALL BUSINESS AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Pollution Control Agency, 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, Section 116.99)

SPECIAL EDUCATION STATE ADVISORY PANEL

MN Department of Education, Office of Special Education, 1500 Hwy. 36 W., Roseville 55113 Phone: (651) 582-8589

Law provides: The panel advises the Division of Special Education Policy and the Division Special Education Compliance and Assistance within the State Department of Education on the education of children and youth with disabilities. The essence of the council's purpose is to provide 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. (IDIEA, 2004)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND AUDIOLOGIST ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN 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, Section 148.5196)

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

MN Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8422

Law provides: In addition to following the federal requirements, the council also must fulfill state requirements. The council is responsible for making recommendations on the most efficient and effective way to leverage state and federal funding streams for early childhood education; reviewing early childhood programs; and making recommendations to the governor and Legislature to ensure that every child is school-ready by 2020. (Executive Order, 08-14)

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

Box 64981, St. Paul 55164

Phone: (651) 431-2249

Law provides: The 30-member council advises the governor, Legislature, and state agency heads about policies and programs affecting people with mental illness. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 245.697)

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (MINNESOTA STATE FAIR)

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

Phone: (651) 288-4400 Web site: www.mnstatefair.org E-mail: 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, Chapter 37)

STATE ARMORY BUILDING COMMISSION

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

Phone: (651) 268-8948 E-mail: terry.palmer@mn.ngb.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, Chapter 193)

Executive Director: Terrence J. Palmer

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

2829 University Ave. S.E., Suite 420, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 627-5406

Web site: www.physicaltherapy.state.mn.us E-mail: physical.therapy@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board of four licensed physical therapists, one licensed and registered doctor of medicine, one physical therapist assistant, and three public members examines and licenses physical therapists, investigates complaints, and disciplines licensees for violations of the Practice Act. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 148.67)

Executive Director: Stephanie J. Lunning

STATE BUDGET TRENDS STUDY COMMISSION

400 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-8000

Law provides: The 15-member commission is responsible for completing a study of the implications of state demographic trends for future state budget conditions, including both expected revenue collections and spending for state government services and local services supported by state revenues. Expires June 30, 2009

(Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103 subdivision 4; Laws of 2007, Ch 148, Art 2, Sec 81)

STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Department of Health, Community Health Services Division, 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

301 Centennial Office Bldg., 658 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2540 Web site: www.sao.admin.state.mn.us/sdsb

Law provides: The six-member board, including one member nominated from AIA, one from AGC, one from ACEC/MN, and one from the state arts board, and two public members appointed by the commissioner of administration, along with a representative of the user agency, the 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 \$2,000,000 or project planning cost greater than \$200,000. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 16B.33)

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Prior Ave. N., St. Paul 55113 **Phone:** (651) 643-3601 **Toll-free:** (800) 676-6747 **Fax:** (651) 643-3638

Web site: www.northerngardener.org E-mail: rosee@northerngardener.org

Law provides: The society, founded in 1866, collects and disseminates horticultural and environmental information to Minnesotans. It publishes Northern Gardener magazine six times a year; conducts "MN Green" community greening outreach; sponsors workshops, tours, and other programs; and maintains a horticultural library. Membership, currently at 14,000, is open to any interested person and to public libraries statewide.

(Minnesota Statutes, Section 43A.27; Laws of Minnesota 1976, Chapter III, Section 3, subd. 1a) Chief Executive Officer: Rose Eggert

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 296-5629

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 State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) particularly 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, Federal Law)

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND

2200 University Ave. W., #240, St. Paul 55114

Phone: (651) 642-0512

Law provides: The council of 19-members advises the Commissioner of Employment and

Economic Development about programs of State Services for the Blind.

(Minnesota Statutes, 248.10, Federal Rehab. Act)

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1st National Bank Bldg.

332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101 Phone: (651) 297-2705 Web site: 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 Laws, 93-112)

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

Phone: (651) 635-8273 Web site: www.lottery.state.mn.us E-mail: lottery@mnlottery.com

Law provides: The Minnesota State Lottery runs scratch-off and online lottery games (Powerball*, Gopher 5*, Daily 3*, Hot Lotto*, NorthStar Cash*, and G3*) 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, the natural resources fund, and the general fund. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 349A, Section 297A.94 subd. e)

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)

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

60 Empire Dr., Suite 400, St. Paul 55103

Phone: (651) 296-2409 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3669

Web site: www.tra.state.mn.us E-mail: info.tra@state.mn.us

Law provides: The association is managed by an eight-member board to provide 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, Chapter 354)

Executive Director: Laurie Fiori Hacking

THE BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

615 Olof Hanson Dr., Box 308, Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 332-5400

Academy for the Blind: 400 S.E. 6th Ave., Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 333-4800 Academy for the Deaf: 615 Olof Hanson Dr., Faribault 55021 Phone: (507) 332-5400

Web site: www.msa.state.mn.us E-mail: lola.brand@state.mn.us

Law provides: The seven voting member/two nonvoting member board governs the state

academies for the deaf and blind. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 125A.62)

Chair: Walt Kramer

In Honor Of Leland Christensen, Marine Corps-Served in Korea

Hometown: Brainerd, Minnesota

Submitted by Brandon DeCent, October 8, 2008

Thank you, Grandfather, though you are no longer here, for honoring our country and for putting country before self. The world is a lesser place without you. And thanks to all armed service men and women, as it goes too often without being said.

TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 366-4800

Law provides: The Task Force of 15-members reports to the Governor and Legislature on transportation management and operations strategies that will improve efficiency in

transportation. (Laws of 2008, Ch. 152, Sec. 9)

Expired May 31, 2009

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minnesota Department of Health, Box 64882, St. Paul 55134

Phone: (651) 201-3868

Law provides: The 15-member council makes recommendations to the commissioner of health on the development, maintenance, and improvement of a statewide trauma system.

(Minnesota Special Session Laws of 2005)

Coordinator: Tim Held Expires June 30, 2015

TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Phone: (651) 296-9002 **Web site:** www.tcac.leg.mn

Law provides: The council recruits, screens, and recommends qualified candidates to the governor for appointment to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) board of trustees. The 24-member citizen council also must develop a statement of the selection criteria to be applied and a description of the responsibilities and duties of a member of the MnSCU board of trustees. The governor is not bound by the recommendations of the council.

(Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 136F.03)

URBAN INITIATIVE BOARD

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 297-1291 Web site: www.deed.state.mn.us E-mail: 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, Section 116M.15)

VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MN Department of Veterans Affairs, 20 W. 12th St., St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 757-1540

Law provides: The nine-member council is an advisory group with a mission of providing 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, but are not limited to: 1) Developing a new vision and strategic plan for the veterans homes that complements the Department of Veterans Affair's overall veterans service programs; 2) Providing recommendations and advice on matters such as clinical performance and system-wide quality improvement efforts, the culture and working environment of the veterans homes, and other operational and organizational functions of the 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, 07-20)

Expires June 30, 2013