

# Chapter Five

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## BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES



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neutrality of the Bureau in labor relation matters, strengthening the relationships between the Bureau and the representatives of labor and management, and ensuring that the Bureau's services are available and provided to all geographic areas of Minnesota.  
University of Nebraska (B.A.)

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

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION



**Commissioner:** Alice Roberts-Davis

**Salary:** \$144,991

**Appointed:** 2019

Commissioner Roberts-Davis previously served as the Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Administration, responsible for the state's real estate and construction functions, as well as its \$2.5 billion in annual procurement, including the Office of Equity in Procurement and the Procurement Technical Assistance Center. Prior to joining the state, Alice worked for Target Corporation for 12 years in different leadership capacities. University of Illinois (B.A., Communications/Journalism);

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

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

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

**Real Estate and Construction Services** is responsible for the inventory, allocation, planning, and leasing of office and storage space in non-state-owned buildings and in state-owned buildings under the custodial control of the Department of Administration. The division acquires and disposes of real property and is the central resource for Minnesota's predesign program, including design, construction, and remodeling needs for most state agencies, administers the statewide facilities management program, and coordinates the state's sustainable building design guidelines program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Data Practices and Open Meetings** provides technical assistance and consultation on Minnesota's data practices act, the Open Meeting law, and other information policy laws. The division also works with organizations, individuals, and government entities in drafting, proposing and tracking legislation related to government information policy.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



**Commissioner:** Thom Petersen  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Petersen served as the Director of Government Relations for Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) since 2002, working on behalf of MFU's farmer-members in both Washington, D.C. and St. Paul. Prior to his work at the Minnesota Farmers Union, Thom spent most of his life working for his family and his own horse and farm business. He has served on the University of Minnesota Extension Citizens Advisory Committee, Farmers Legal Action Group, Citizens Utility Board, Minnesota Ag in the Classroom, Minnesota State Organic Task Force, Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition, and the Minnesota Fair Plan. Normandale

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



**Commissioner:** Steve Kelley  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Kelley served as Senior Fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs since 2007, in the Minnesota Senate for 10 years and the Minnesota House of Representatives for 4 years. During his legislative service, Steve chaired the Senate Education Committee and served on committees dealing with energy and telecommunications regulation. One of his projects at the University of Minnesota has been with the Renewable Energy Policy Exchange through which the University introduces Minnesota policymakers to Germany's energy policy. Throughout his legislative service, Steve practiced commercial litigation in Minneapolis. Williams College (B.A.); Columbia University (J.D.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



**Commissioner:** Paul Schnell  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$150,002

Commissioner Schnell began a career in corrections and public safety with an internship supervising adult male offenders in a St. Paul halfway house. In 1993, Paul moved from his position working with youth offenders at Carver County Court Services to deputy sheriff for the Carver County Sheriff's Office. In 1999, Paul joined the Saint Paul Police Department. He has served as Chief of Police for the cities of Hastings, Maplewood, and Inver Grove Heights, and has held volunteer roles in a number of organizations: 180 Degrees, Tubman, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, and National Alliance on Mental Illness.

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

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

and treatment, religious programming, offender transfer and classification, criminal investigations, fugitive apprehensions, building improvements, expansions, investigations, workplace safety, and correctional industries (MINNCOR).

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

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

#### Minnesota Correctional Institutions:

**Stillwater:** close-security facility for adult male felons. **Warden:** Eddie Miles

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

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

**Lino Lakes:** medium-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Vicki Janssen

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

**Faribault:** medium-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Kathy Halvorson

**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:** Nate Knutson

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

**Rush City:** close-security facility for adult males. **Warden:** Jeff Titus

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Commissioner:** Mary Cathryn Ricker  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$150,002

Commissioner Ricker is a National Board Certified middle school English teacher with over a decade of classroom experience. She was recently executive vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, and previously served as the president of the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers. She's been recognized with a number of honors, including the Education Minnesota Peterson-Schaubach Outstanding Leadership Award, qualifying as a semi-finalist for the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. B.A. (English), University of St. Thomas, M.A. (Teacher Leadership), University

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

199A.01, Subd. 3)

**Mission:** “Leading for educational excellence and equity. Every day for every one.”

The department focuses on three primary goals:

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

The department is organized into four general areas:

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

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

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

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**Commissioner:** Steve Grove  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$150,002

Commissioner Grove is the founding director of Google’s News Lab and led Google’s civic engagement work, including the company’s voter information and get-out-the-vote efforts. He previously led YouTube’s first news and politics team, and wrote for The Boston Globe and ABC News. He has served as an advisor to the White House and State Department on countering violent extremism, and serves on the advisory boards of Witness, a video human rights nonprofit; and Report for America, a nationwide service organization to improve local news. Claremont McKenna College (B.A.), Harvard Kennedy School (MPP)).

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

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

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

and helps communities with capacity-building and infrastructure-financing.

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



**Commissioner:** Jan Malcolm  
**Appointed:** 1999, 2018, 2019

**Salary:** \$150,002

Commissioner Malcolm has served as Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in now three administrations, including Governor Jesse Ventura (1999–2003) and Governor Mark Dayton (2018). Before rejoining MDH in 2018, Malcolm was an adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She served as a Senior Program Officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop initiatives that strengthen the nation's public health system, and as the CEO of the Courage Center. She served as a board member for many

local nonprofit organizations, such as the Bush Foundation, United Way, MN Alliance for Patient Safety, and Stratis Health.

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS



**Commissioner:** Rebecca Lucero  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Lucero has extensive policy, legal, and nonprofit leadership experience, most recently as the Public Policy Director at the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. Previously, she served as a Policy and Advocacy Manager and Global Village Leader for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Senior Community Representative for Representative Keith Ellison, and in the legal sector with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis. Rebecca serves as a board member for Gender Justice. Grinnell College (B.A.), University of Minnesota (J.D.)

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Rowzat Shipchandler

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

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



**Commissioner:** Tony Lourey  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$154,992

Commissioner Lourey worked as a public policy consultant for 20 years, assisting county and state governments nationwide in finding ways to finance health and human services programs. He served as a Kerrick Township Supervisor for nine years. He was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2006 and served as Chair of the Health and Human Finance committee from 2013 to 2016. In addition, Tony teaches at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health and serves as a volunteer lawyer for children in the foster care system. University of Minnesota (B.A., Philosophy); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.)

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**Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services:** Nikki Farago

**Assistant Commissioner, Continuing Care for Older Adults:** Dan Pollock

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

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

**Function:** Health care programs and economic assistance programs.

#### DHS 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

#### Economic Assistance Programs

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

#### Child Welfare Services

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

#### Services for People with Disabilities

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

### Direct Care Services

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

### Sex Offender Treatment

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

### Services for Seniors

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



## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

**Commissioner:** Nancy Leppink  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Leppink began her career as an Assistant Attorney General with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, and later as Chief General Counsel for Department of Labor and Industry. After 24 years in state service, she was appointed by the Obama Administration to be the Deputy Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor and led the Division as its Acting Administrator. Nancy recently served as a branch chief for the International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. University of Washington (B.A.), University of Minnesota (J.D.)

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### Deputy Commissioner:

#### Assistant Commissioner, Workers' Compensation Division:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS



**Adjutant General:** Major General Jon A. Jensen      **Salary:** \$172,062  
**Appointed:** 2017

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**Senior Enlisted Advisor:** CSM Douglas Wortham

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



**Commissioner:** Sarah Strommen      **Salary:** \$154,992  
**Appointed:** 2019

Commissioner Strommen served previously as the Policy Director for Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness and as Associate Director of the Minnesota Land Trust. She joined the State of Minnesota in 2012, serving as the Assistant Director and Acting Deputy Director for the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. Since 2015, Sarah has served as Assistant Commissioner for the divisions of Fish and Wildlife and Parks and Trails at the DNR. Sarah was mayor of Ramsey from 2012-2018. Grinnell College (B.A., Biology), Duke University (MEM, Environmental Management).

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**Assistant Commissioner, Ecological and Water Resources, Forestry, and Lands and Minerals:** Barb Naramore

**Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Government Relations:** Bob Meier

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

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

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

**Director:** Luke Skinner

**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:** Rodmen Smith

**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:** Jim Leach

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

**Director:** Forrest Boe

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

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

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

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



**Commissioner:** John Harrington  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$154,992

Commissioner Harrington began his career at the Saint Paul Police Department. He was selected Chief of Police in 2004 and served in that role until 2010. John was appointed to serve as the Metro Transit Chief of Police for the Twin Cities area in 2012. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Minnesota State Senator from the east side of St. Paul from 2010 to 2012. John has been on the faculty at Metropolitan State University, Saint Mary's University, and St. Thomas University. He is the founding member of the Asian American and Black Police officer Associations. Dartmouth University (B.A.); University of St. Thomas (M.Ed.)

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Cassandra O'Hern  
**Assistant Commissioner:** Bob Hawkins

**Law provides:** The department coordinates and directs the functions and services of the state relating to the safety and convenience of its citizens. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 299A)

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

#### **Department of Public Safety Divisions:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



**Commissioner:** Cynthia Bauerly  
**Appointed:** 2015, 2019

**Salary:** \$154,992

Commissioner Bauerly has served as Commissioner of Revenue since January 2015 after joining the department as Deputy Commissioner in the spring of 2014. Prior to joining the Department of Revenue, she served as Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). She has served as a Commissioner of the Federal Election Commission from 2008-2013, and as Chair of the agency in 2011. She has also worked in private practice in both Minnesota and Washington, D.C.

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Lee Ho                      **Assistant Commissioner:** Cynthia Rowley  
**Assistant Commissioner:** Jenny Starr           **Assistant Commissioner:** Alyssa Haugen  
**Chief Business Technology Officer:** Greg Tschida

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

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

The department administers 28 taxes with annual tax collections of approximately \$32.1 billion in FY 2016. This money funds school aids, property tax relief, local government aids, individual assistance programs, and a number of other state programs and operations. Of the state's FY 2016 revenues, 33.4 percent is from individual income tax, 20.8 percent from sales tax, 4.1 percent from corporate income tax, 27.4 percent from state and local property taxes, and 14.1 percent from other taxes.

The department divisions are:

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



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Commissioner:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$154,992

Commissioner Kelliher served twelve years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including two terms as the Speaker of the House. While in the House, she served ten years on both the Transportation Policy and Transportation Finance Committees. While serving as Speaker, Kelliher oversaw the successful Transportation and Transit Funding package in 2008, creating an investment of new and dedicated funds into Minnesota's bridges, roads and transit system. At the time of passage, the legislation was

a groundbreaking investment in the multimodal transportation and transit system in Minnesota and nationally.

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**Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer:** Susan Mulvihill

**Deputy Commissioner, COO/CFO:** Tracy Hatch

**Government Affairs Director:** Scott Peterson

**Communications Director:** Kevin Gutknecht

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

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

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

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

**State Aid 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. **Assistant Commissioner:** Mitch Rasmussen

**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.

**Assistant Commissioner:** Jody Martinson

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

**Assistant Commissioner:** Janet Cherney

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



**Commissioner:** Larry Herke  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Herke most recently served as Director of the Office of Enterprise Sustainability for the State of Minnesota. Larry served 31 years in the U.S. Army and the Minnesota National Guard. In Iraq he served as the Chief of Staff for 1/34 Brigade Combat Team. With the Minnesota National Guard, he also served as the Construction and Facilities Management Officer. His awards and decorations from his military service include

the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Combat Action Badge. Larry serves on the board of the Minnesota Military Museum as the Vice President of Facilities. Minnesota State University – Mankato (B.S., Accounting, M.A., Public Administration)

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**Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Services:** Brad Lindsay  
**Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Health Care:** Douglas Hughes  
**Chief of Staff:** Mike McElhiney

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

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

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

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

**Director:** Ron Quade

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

**Office Supervisor:** Jeff Burth

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

**Supervisor:** James Miller

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

**Coordinator:** Ashley Langanieri

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

**Director:** Kathy Schwartz

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

**Veterans Preference Officer:** Dennis Devereaux

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

**Director:** Kathy Schwartz

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

**Director:** Kathy Schwartz

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

**Supervisor:** David Swantek

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

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

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

**Director of Veterans Education and Employment:** David Bellefeuille

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

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

**Director:** Anna 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.

## HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



**Commissioner:** Jennifer Leimaile Ho  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Ho has been working to end homelessness since 1999, first as Executive Director of Hearth Connection. Before serving in her most recent post as the Senior Policy Advisor for Housing and Services at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Obama Administration, Jennifer served as deputy director at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). She has served on the Boards of Directors for West Side Community Health Services in St. Paul, and nationally for the Corporation for

Supportive Housing and the Melville Charitable Trust. Bryn Mawr College (B.A.).

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Barb Sporlein

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

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

## IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD (IRRRB)



**Commissioner:** Mark Phillips  
**Appointed:** 2015, 2019

**Salary:** \$140,000

Commissioner Phillips served as Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation under Governor Mark Dayton's administration. He has more than 35 years of leadership in development and finance, including launching new and creative programs for community and economic development, real estate development and business financing. Previously, Mark served as the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and as the Director of Business Development at Kraus-Anderson Construction Company. He is a recipient of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota's Career Achievement Award.

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

## MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET



**Commissioner:** Myron Frans  
**Appointed:** 2015, 2019

**Salary:** \$154,992

As Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB), Myron Frans is the chief financial officer, the chief accounting officer, the state controller, and head of human resource management and employee insurance for over 50,000 state employees, and in charge of collective bargaining on behalf of the state. Frans served Governor Dayton's first term as commissioner of Revenue and the governor's second term as commissioner of MMB. Prior to joining the State of Minnesota, Frans was president of Leeds Precision Instruments. Frans has been a tax attorney in private prac-

tice for 27 years.

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**Deputy Commissioner:** Eric Hallstrom

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**Assistant Commissioner:** Jennifer Hassemer

**State Economist:** Laura Kalambokidis

**Assistant Commissioner, State Budget Director:** Britta Reitan

**Assistant Commissioner, Enterprise Communications and Planning:** Janelle Tummel

**Chief Financial Officer:** Dennis Munkwitz

**Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs:** John Pollard

**Law provides:** The agency is in charge of human resources, labor relations, and overall finance and management of the state. (*Minnesota Statutes*, 16A)

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

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

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

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

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

In addition, the division works with state agencies to establish and maintain a statewide system designed to ensure that equal opportunity, affirmative action, diversity, and Americans with

Disability Act (ADA) best practices are implemented in the state's recruitment/selection process and work environment. The division also provides workforce planning guidance and information to state agencies.

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

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

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

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



#### MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

**Commissioner:** Laura Bishop  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$150,002

Commissioner Bishop has held senior roles in both the private and public sector, most recently as Chief Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Officer for Best Buy Co., Inc. Prior to Best Buy, Laura spent much of her career in the public sector where she served in roles at the State of Minnesota, the White House, the U.S. Department of Education, and the State Department at the U.S. Embassy in Switzerland. She serves as Chair of the Dean's Advisory Committee at the Hubert Humphrey School for Public Affairs.

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

**Deputy Commissioner:** Michelle Beeman

**Assistant Commissioner, Air and Climate Policy:** Craig McDonnell

**Assistant Commissioner, Water Policy / Agriculture / Tribal Liaison:** Shannon Lofthammer

**Assistant Commissioner, Land Policy / Strategic Initiatives:** Kirk Koudelka

**Assistant Commissioner, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs:** Greta Gauthier

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

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

**Municipal Division** works with localities to ensure proper management of wastewater, stormwater,

and solid waste. Work includes technical assistance, development of rules and policy, permitting, compliance and enforcement. **Director:** Mark Schmitt

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

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

**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:** Todd Biewen

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

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

## MN.IT SERVICES

Commissioner: Tarek Tomes  
Appointed: 2019

Salary: \$150,002

Tarek Tomes was the Chief Innovation Officer and Chief Information Officer at the City of St. Paul. In these positions, Tomes was responsible for ongoing process improvements, human-centered design, and overall effectiveness of city services, resource, support, and opportunity. Before joining the City of St. Paul, he served as Assistant Commissioner at Minnesota IT Services for six years and British Telecom for thirteen years.

University of Maryland (B.A); Boston University, Graduate School for Business Management

658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, 55155 **Phone:** (651) 201-1118

**TTY:** (800) 627-3529 **Website:** mn.gov/mnit

**Email:** MNIT.receptioncentral@state.mn.us

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

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

### OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES



**Director:** Dennis Olson  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$144,991

Commissioner Olson was most recently the Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. He also served as the Director of the Office of Indian Education for the Minnesota Department of Education and as Commissioner of Education for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and worked nearly 10 years in various capacities for the University of Minnesota – Institute on Community Integration. Dennis is an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. University of Minnesota (B.A., American Indian Studies); University of Minnesota, Duluth (MLS, Liberal Studies, M.Ed., Education).

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

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

**Website:** [ohc.state.mn.us](http://ohc.state.mn.us) **Email:** [dennis.olson@state.mn.us](mailto:dennis.olson@state.mn.us)

**General Email:** [info.ohc@state.mn.us](mailto:info.ohc@state.mn.us)

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

**Function:** The agency advances the promise of higher education to all Minnesotans and provides information that informs policy decisions. The agency provides financial aid programs to students, including the State Grant program (\$173 million to over 82,000 students), State Work Study program (\$21 million to about 10,800 students), SELF Loan program (\$66 million to about 8,500 students), and other state financial aid programs. The agency administers interstate reciprocity agreements with neighboring states.

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

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

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



**President of the University:** Joan T.A. Gabel  
**Appointed:** 2019

**Salary:** \$640,000

Haverford College (B.A., Philosophy); University of Georgia (J.D.).

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

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

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

#### University of Minnesota Board of Regents:

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

#### Colleges located on the Twin Cities campus:

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

#### Greater Minnesota campuses:

Crookston (UMC), (800) 862-6466 Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause  
 Duluth (UMD), (218) 726-8000 Chancellor Lendley “Lynn” Black  
 Morris (UMM), (320) 589-6035 Chancellor Michelle Behr  
 Rochester (UMR), (800) 947-0117 Chancellor Lori J. Carrell

**Service and Research Programs:** University of Minnesota Extension Service, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History, Agricultural Experiment Stations, Natural Resources Research Institute, Institute on the Environment, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Office of Government and Community Relations and numerous others.

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

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (Minnesota State)



**Chancellor:** Devinder Malhotra  
**Appointed:** 2017

**Salary:** \$390,000

University of Delhi (B.A., with honors, Economics, 1967, M.A., Economics, 1969); Kansas State University (Ph.D., Economics, 1979); Indian Economic Service (1971-1974); Chair, Department of Economics, University of Akron (1994-1999); Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Akron (1999-2005); Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Southern Maine (2005-2009); Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, St. Cloud State University (2009-2014); Interim President, Metropolitan State University (2014-2016).

30 7th St. E., Suite 350, St. Paul 55101 **Phone:** (651) 201-1800

**Toll-free:** (888) 667-2848 **Website:** mnscu.edu

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

**Board of Trustees:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Bemidji State University**, Bemidji, (877) 236-4354 President: Faith Hensrud

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

**Century College**, White Bear Lake, (800) 228-1978 President: Angelia Millender

**Dakota County Technical College**, Rosemount, (877) 937-3282 Interim President: Michael Berndt

**Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College**, Cloquet, (800) 657-3712 Interim President: Stephanie Hammitt

- Hennepin Technical College**, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie, (800) 345-4655 President: Merrill Irving, Jr.
- Inver Hills Community College**, Inver Grove Heights, (651) 450-3000 Interim President: Michael Berndt
- Lake Superior College**, Duluth, (800) 432-2884 President: Patrick Johns
- Metropolitan State University**, Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis and St. Paul, (651) 793-1300 President: Ginny Arthur
- Minneapolis Community and Technical College**, Minneapolis, (800) 247-0911 President: Sharon Pierce
- Minnesota State College - Southeast**, Red Wing and Winona, (877) 853-8324 Interim President: Larry Lundblad
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College**, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena, (877) 450-3322 President: Carrie Brimhall
- Minnesota State University Mankato**, Mankato, (800) 722-0544 President: Richard Davenport
- Minnesota State University Moorhead**, Moorhead, (800) 593-7246 President: Anne Blackhurst
- Minnesota West Community and Technical College**, Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone and Worthington, (800) 658-2330 President: Terry Gaalswyk
- Normandale Community College**, Bloomington, (866) 880-8740 President: Joyce Ester
- North Hennepin Community College**, Brooklyn Park, (800) 818-0395 President: Barbara McDonald
- Northeast Higher Education District**, President: Bill Maki
- Hibbing Community College**, Hibbing, (800) 224-4422
  - Itasca Community College**, Grand Rapids, (800) 996-6422
  - Mesabi Range College**, Eveleth and Virginia, (800) 657-3860
  - Rainy River Community College**, International Falls, (800) 456-3996
  - Vermilion Community College**, Ely, (800) 657-3608322
- Northland Community and Technical College**, East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls (800) 959-6282 President: Dennis Bona
- Northwest Technical College**, Bemidji, (800) 942-8324 (aligned with Bemidji State University) President: Faith Hensrud
- Pine Technical College**, Pine City, (800) 521-7463 President: Joe Mulford
- Ridgewater College**, Hutchinson and Willmar, (800) 722-1151 President: Craig Johnson
- Riverland Community College**, Albert Lea, Austin and Owatonna, (800) 247-5039 President: Adenuga Atewologun
- Rochester Community and Technical College**, Rochester, (800) 247-1296 Interim President: Jeffery Boyd
- St. Cloud State University**, St. Cloud, (877) 654-7278 Interim President: Robbyn Wacker
- St. Cloud Technical and Community College**, St. Cloud, (800) 222-1009 President: Annesa Cheek
- Saint Paul College**, St. Paul, (800) 227-6029 President: Rassoul Dastmozd
- South Central College**, Faribault and North Mankato, (800) 722-9359 President: Annette Parker
- Southwest Minnesota State University**, Marshall, (800) 642-0684 President: Connie Gores
- Winona State University**, Winona, (800) 342-5978 President: Scott Olson

## PRIVATE COLLEGES IN MINNESOTA

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

445 Minnesota Street, Suite 500 St. Paul 55101  
Phone: 651-228-9061

**Augsburg College**, Minneapolis, (800) 788-5678

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

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

**Carleton College**, Northfield, (800) 995-2275

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

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

**Concordia College**, Moorhead, (800) 699-9897

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Board Of Medical Practice 2829 University Ave. Suite #500, Minneapolis 55414-3246

**Phone:** (612) 548-2150 **Email:** ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding acupuncture standards and the complaint/discipline process, and provides for distribution of information regarding the standards. (M.S. 147B.05)

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

Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library 388 SE 6th Ave, Faribault 55021-6340

**Phone:** (800) 722-0550 **Email:** mn.btbl@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The committee advises staff of the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library on long-range plans and library services. (M.S. 134.31)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMPULSIVE GAMBLING**

PO Box 64977, St. Paul 55164-0977

**Phone:** (651) 431-2245 **Email:** helen.ghebre@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Provide advice to DHS in ensuring the establishment of a comprehensive continuum of care system for problem gambling services. ()

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS**

Minnesota Department Of Health 601 North Robert Street, Saint Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-5463 **Email:** matthew.zerby@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To provide advice and recommendations to the commissioner concerning tests and treatments for heritable and congenital disorders found in newborn children. (M.S. 144.1255)

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

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

**Phone:** (612) 317-3060 **Email:** monica.feider@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) monitors the practice, treatment and continuing care of regulated health professionals who may be unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety, if their illness is not appropriately managed. The enabling legislation provides a non-disciplinary method for health licensing boards to address health professionals with illnesses who recognize their illness and the need for continuing care and/or practice limitations. The committee will provide input to the program committee, program and board staff. (M.S. 214.32)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE: BLIND /VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

1500 Hwy 36 W, Roseville 55113

**Phone:** (651) 582-8843 **Email:** kristin.oien@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide specific advice and counsel to the Division of Special Education in the Minnesota Department of Education regarding the technical issues of and strategies for improving the learning outcomes of children and students who are BVI. Duties Include: Submit an annual report to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and share information with the MDE Special Education Advisory Panel. The committee must each review, approve, and submit a biennial report to the commissioner, the education policy and finance committees of the legislature. Review and approve Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Educational Professionals (ACVREP) Registered Provider of Professional Learning and Education (RPPL) requests. Review and approve BVI resource materials recommended for the Minnesota Resource Libraries. (M.S. 125A.63)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE: DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING**

MDE: 1500 Hwy 36 West Minnesota Department of Education, Roseville 55113-4266

Phone: (507) 412-5214 Email: mary.cashman-bakken@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The purpose of the deaf and hard-of-hearing advisory committee is two fold: A) identify and prepare a legislative report on the aggregate, data-based education outcomes for children with the primary disability classification of deaf and hard of hearing, consistent with the commissioner's child count reporting practices, the commissioner's state and local outcome data reporting system by district and region, and the school performance report cards under section; and describe the implementation of a data-based plan for improving the education outcomes of deaf and hard of hearing children that is premised on evidenced-based best practices, and provide a cost estimate for ongoing implementation of the plan. B) provide general advice and counsel to the MN Department of Education regarding general procedures for assuring the needs of students who are DHH are addressed within the context of the entire special education program rules, priorities, procedures, and funding. (M.S. 125A.63)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LICENSED TRADITIONAL MIDWIFERY**

Minnesota Board Of Medical Practice 2829 University Avenue, Suite #500, Minneapolis 55414-3246

Phone: (612) 548-2140 Email: ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding traditional midwifery licensure, practice standards, complaints/discipline, and provides for distribution of information regarding standards. (M.S. 147D.23)

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

Minnesota Department Of Health, 625 North Robert Street, St Paul 55164-0975

Phone: (651) 201-4677 Email: robert.smude@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding classification of water supply systems and wastewater treatment facilities, qualifications and competency evaluation of water supply system operators and wastewater treatment facility operators, and additional laws, rules and procedures that may be desirable for regulating the operation of water supply systems and of wastewater treatment facilities. (M.S. 115.71-115.77)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WELLS & BORINGS**

625 North Robert Street, St Paul 55155-2538

Phone: (651) 201-4598 Email: chris.elvrum@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the Department of Health on licensing or registering well contractors and explorers, and on technical matters relating to the regulation or the construction, maintenance, and ultimate sealing of wells and borings. (M.S. 103I.105)

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Minnesota Department Of Labor & Industry 443 Lafayette Road North, St Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** The council advises the Department of Labor and Industry in carrying out the purposes of Chapter 176 (Workers' Compensation). The council shall submit its recommendations with respect to amendments to Chapter 176 by February 1 of each year to each regular session of the Legislature and shall report its view upon any pending bill relating to Chapter 176 to the proper legislative committee. At the request of the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives committees that hear workers' compensation matters, the department shall schedule a meeting of the council with the members of the committees to discuss matters of legislative concern arising under Chapter 176. Responsible for recommending to the Legislature adjustments in workers' compensation maximum weekly benefit amount. (M.S. 175.007)

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

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200, St Paul 55108-5219

Phone: (651) 361-7227 Email: miki.matte@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The task force 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. (M.S. 241.71)

#### **ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON UNIFORM CONVEYANCING FORMS**

85 E. 7th Place, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 539-1447 **Email:** [carrie.briggs@state.mn.us](mailto:carrie.briggs@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** To recommend to the commissioner of commerce amendments to existing forms or the adoption of new forms. (M.S. 507.09)

#### **AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD**

Minnesota Department Of Agriculture 625 North Robert Street, St Paul 55155-2538

**Phone:** (651) 201-6490 **Email:** [jennie.hodgeman@state.mn.us](mailto:jennie.hodgeman@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board accepts applications for reimbursement from the Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account, determines eligibility and amount of reimbursement due, and notifies the commissioner of eligible claims. (M.S. 18E)

#### **AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, EXTENSION, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ADVISORY PANEL**

Dept Of Agriculture; 625 N Robert St, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6510 **Email:** [paul.huginin@state.mn.us](mailto:paul.huginin@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Panel is advisory to the Commissioner of Agriculture and the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota on investments, through grants, to achieve long-term agricultural productivity increases through improved infrastructure, vision, and accountability in agricultural research and technology transfer, agriculture rapid response, and agricultural education. (M.S. 41A.14, SUBD 2)

#### **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE WORKING GROUP**

PO Box 64976, St. Paul 55164

**Phone:** (651) 431-2500 **Email:** [mai.l.xiong@state.mn.us](mailto:mai.l.xiong@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Alzheimer's disease working group must review and revise the 2011 report, Preparing Minnesota for Alzheimer's: the Budgetary, Social and Personal Impacts. The working group shall consider and make recommendations and findings on the following issues as related to Alzheimer's disease or other dementias: (1) analysis and assessment of public health and health care data to accurately determine trends and disparities in cognitive decline; (2) public awareness, knowledge, and attitudes, including knowledge gaps, stigma, availability of information, and supportive community environments; (3) risk reduction, including health education and health promotion on risk factors, safety, and potentially avoidable hospitalizations; (4) diagnosis and treatment, including early detection, access to diagnosis, quality of dementia care, and cost of treatment; (5) professional education and training, including geriatric education for licensed health care professionals and dementia-specific training for direct care workers, first responders, and other professionals in communities; (6) residential services, including cost to families as well as regulation and licensing gaps; and (7) cultural competence and responsiveness to reduce health disparities and improve access to high-quality dementia care. The working group will also provide a report to the Minnesota Board on Aging providing the findings and recommendations of the working group, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations. (Laws 2017, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 3, Section 48)

#### **AMERICAN INDIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Department Of Human Services 540 Cedar St., St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 431-2461 **Email:** [donald.w.moore@state.mn.us](mailto:donald.w.moore@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** Council shall assist in formulation of policies and guidelines in the area of chemical health. The council shall advise on policies, goals, and the operation of the chemical health program services, and shall encourage public understanding and support of chemical health. The council shall make recommendations regarding grants and contracts which use federal and state funds. (M.S. 254A.035 SUBD. 2)

**AMERICAN INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

444 Lafayette Road, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 431-4675 Email:

Law provides: To help the commissioner of Human Services formulate policies and procedures relating to Indian child welfare services and to make recommendations regarding approval of grants provided under section 260.785, subd 1, 2, & 3. (M.S. 260.835)

**ANOKA METRO REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER - HRB**

3301 7th Avenue, Anoka 55303

Phone: (651) 431-2531 Email: erika.weymann@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center is a psychiatric hospital serving individuals with mental illnesses and complex medical histories. Services include units dedicated to the treatment of psychiatric patients with complex co-morbid medical conditions, treatment of individuals with mental illness who face a criminal trial and patients with high levels of behavioral issues. The Hospital Review Board (HRB) hears State Operated Services (SOS) clients' concerns regarding the conditions affecting their care, and provides verbal or written recommendations to SOS administration. Each HRB panel consists of one psychologist, one attorney and one public member. No member shall be employed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services or affiliated with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for at least one year. Each panel may meet up to twice per month for up to 2.5 hours per sitting. The HRB is established by and operates under Minnesota Statutes 253B.22. The HRB hears SOS clients' concerns regarding the conditions affecting their care and provides verbal and/or written recommendations to SOS administrators. The HRB meets and acts in three-member panels comprised of an attorney, a psychologist, and a member of the public. HRB members meet with SOS clients and staff. During the HRB's meetings each client receives approximately 15 minutes to present his or her issues to the HRB. Following the hearing, the HRB may make a verbal or written recommendation to SOS administrators. The panel chair prepares written recommendations, if necessary. (M.S. 253B.22)

**APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

Department Of Labor And Industry, 443 Lafayette Road North, St Paul 55155-4303

Phone: (651) 284-5537 Email: denise.corrier@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council proposes occupational classifications and minimum standards for apprenticeship programs and agreements, and advises the commissioner. (M.S. 178.02)

**AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL**

Po Box 29, East Grand Forks 56721

Phone: (218) 773-3633 Email: dpeycke@nppga.org

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

**ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #500, Minneapolis 55414-3246

Phone: (612) 548-2140 Email: ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding athletic trainer standards, registration issues, and complaint matters. (M.S. 148.7805, LAWS OF 1993, CH. 232)

**AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD**

Minnesota Department Of Commerce; 85 East 7th Place, St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 539-1447 Email: carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

Law provides: To advise the commissioner on the distribution of grants under the automobile theft prevention grant program established by M.S. 65B.84. (M.S. 65B.84)

**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

85 East 7th Place, #125, St Paul 55101-2143

Phone: (651) 296-7938 Email: doreen.frost@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants and registered accounting practitioners. M.S. 326A, MR 1105. (M.S. 326A.01 - 326A.14)

**BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

625 Robert Street North, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6825 Email: beth.thompson@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board carries out disease control programs for livestock and poultry. (M.S. 35.02)

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

85 East 7th Place, Suite 160, St Paul 55101-2333

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

Law provides: The board licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geologists, soil scientists, and certifies interior designers. (M.S. 326.02-326.15)

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

600 Robert Street North Mail Station 3340, St. Paul 55146-3340

Phone: (651) 556-6086 Email: bobbi.spencer@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board shall review, supervise, coordinate, and approve courses in assessment practices, and establish criteria for determining assessor's qualifications. The board shall also consider other matters relating to assessment administration brought before it by the commissioner of revenue. The board may grant, renew, suspend, or revoke an assessor's license. (M.S. 270.41)

### **BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #425, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2820 Email: bbe.board@state.mn.us

Law provides: Oversee the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber profession; make rule changes; when applicable approve waivers; and enter into contracts so as to protect the public through the regulation of all license types issued to practice or participate in barbering in Minnesota. (M.S. 154.001)

### **BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #210, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 548-2177 Email: kari.rechtzigel@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy exists to regulate the practices of alcohol and drug counseling and professional counseling/professional clinical counseling in the State of Minnesota. The Board has statutory and rulemaking authority to: establish appropriate techniques for determining whether applicants and licensees are qualified to practice; establish standards for professional conduct, continuing education, and supervision; issue licenses to qualified individuals; establish standards for initial education including coursework for licensure; establish standards for the disciplinary process and carry out disciplinary actions against licensees; establish, maintain and publish a register of licensees and approved supervisors; collect nonrefundable application fees, renewal fees, and other fees; educate the public; periodically evaluate its rules in order to refine the standards for licensing professional counselors and alcohol and drug counselors; and improve the methods used to enforce the board's standards. (M.S. 148B (7.1.2003); M.S. 148F (8.1.2012))

### **BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY**

1000 University Avenue West Suite 100, St. Paul 55104

Phone: (651) 201-2742 Email: alex.herbert@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Board of Cosmetology is a proactive and innovative state agency that is fortunate to work with a creative profession. The Board's core mission is to constantly strive to serve and care for our licensees, applicants, and the public by being committed to public protection, superior service, and continuous improvement. Board members lead with a vision and make sound decisions that result in quality outcomes and successful operations of board staff. (M.S. 155A.20)

### **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #450, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 548-2127 Email: bridgett.anderson@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board examines, licenses and regulates dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants and enforces the Minnesota Dental Practices Act. (M.S. 150A.02)

### **BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, Suite 402, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (651) 201-2764 **Email:** ruth.grendahl@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses nutritionists and dietitians, investigates violations, conducts hearings and adopts rules. (M.S. 148.621-148.633)

#### **BOARD OF ELECTRICITY**

443 Lafayette Road North, St Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** Adopt rules, amend the National Electrical Code, final interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopt rules to regulate electrical businesses and individual licenses and continued education. (M.S. 326B.32)

#### **BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #404, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (651) 201-2731 **Email:** randy.snyder@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses administrators of nursing homes, conducts studies of nursing home administration; approves continuing education programs for administrators; and investigates complaints and allegations of rule violations. (M.S. 144A.19)

#### **BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION**

445 Minnesota Street, Suite #146, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-7257 **Email:** steve.flaherty@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board shall: review fire service training needs and make recommendations on training to Minnesota fire service organizations; establish standards for educational programs for the fire service and develop procedures for continuing oversight of the programs; and establish qualifications for fire service training instructors in programs established under clause 2. The board may: contract for technical or professional services according to section 15.061; pay expenses necessary to carry out its duties; apply for, receive, and accept grants, gifts, devises, and endowments that any entity may make to the board for the purposes of this chapter and may use any money given to it consistent with the terms and conditions under which the money was received and for the purposes stated; make recommendations to the Legislature to improve the quality of firefighter training; collect and provide data, subject to section 13.01; conduct studies and surveys and make reports; and conduct other activities necessary to carry out its duties. (LAWS OF 2005, CHAPTER 110, SF 1578)

#### **BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS**

443 Lafayette Road North, St Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** Adopt rules for high pressure piping code for Minnesota, final interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopt rules to regulate high pressure piping licensure registration. (M.S. 326B.925)

#### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue SE, #400, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (612) 617-2220 **Email:** mft.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's mission is to protect the public through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapists to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice. (M.S. 148B.01-.175, and 148B.29-.39)

#### **BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, # 500, Minneapolis 55414-3246

**Phone:** (612) 548-2150 **Email:** ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses and registers physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, acupuncturists, athletic trainers, genetic counselors naturopaths and traditional midwives; and enforces the relevant practice acts. (M.S. 147.01)

#### **BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE**

2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 548-2179 Email: christina.bourland@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** a) The Board shall: 1) adopt and enforce rules and laws necessary for licensing occupational therapy practitioners; 2) adopt and enforce rules for regulating the professional conduct of the practice of occupational therapy; 3) issue licenses to qualified individuals in accordance with sections 148.6401 to 148.6449; 4) assess and collect fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses; 5) educate the public about the requirements for licensing occupational therapy practitioners, educate occupational therapy practitioners about the rules of conduct, and enable the public to file complaints against applicants and licensees who may have violated sections 148.6401 to 148.6499; and 6) investigate individuals engaging in practices that violate sections 148.6401 to 148.6449 and take necessary disciplinary, corrective, or other action according to section 148.6448. b) The board may adopt rules necessary to define standards or carry out the provisions of section 148.6401 to 148.6449. Rules shall be adopted according to chapter 14. (M.S. 148.6401-148.6450)

#### **BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

2829 University Avenue Southeast #403, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (651) 201-2762 Email: optometry.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses optometrists, adopts rules and investigates complaints. (M.S. 148.52-148.62)

#### **BOARD OF PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

1600 University Avenue, #200, St Paul 55104-3825

Phone: (651) 201-7788 Email: nathan.gove@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses peace officers and part-time peace officers; establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct; and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education for peace officers. (M.S. 626.841)

#### **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #530, Minneapolis 55414

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

**Law provides:** The board regulates the pharmacy profession and the quality, labeling and distribution of drugs; and administers the Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program. (M.S. 151.02 (1937) (Board created in 1885))

#### **BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, # 430, Minneapolis 55414

Phone: (612) 548-2175 Email: podiatric.medicine@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses doctors of podiatric medicine, disciplines licensees and registers corporations. (M.S. 153.02)

#### **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #320, Minneapolis 55414-3237

Phone: (612) 617-2230 Email: psychology.board@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Establish qualifications for licensing psychologists; examine and license qualified individuals; establish fees for issuance and renewal of licenses and other services; establish rules of conduct and take appropriate action against licensees who do not meet and maintain those ethical requirements; establish or approve programs that qualify for professional psychology continuing education credit; educate the public about licensure requirements and the rules of conduct; facilitate consumers in the filing of complaints against licensees who may have violated the Psychology Practice Act. (M.S. 148.90 - 148.98)

#### **BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 582-8754 Email: karen.millar@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board shall license school administrators. The board shall adopt rules to license school administrators under Chapter 14. Other than the rules transferred to the board under section 122A.27, subdivision 4, the board may not adopt or amend rules under this section until the rules are approved by law. The rules shall include the licensing of persons who have successfully completed alternative preparation programs under section 122A.27 or other alternative competency-based

preparation programs. The board may enter into agreements with the Board of Teaching regarding multiple license matters. (SECTION 6. 122A.192)

#### **BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES**

615 Olof Hanson Dr, Faribault 55021

**Phone:** (507) 384-6602 **Email:** lola.brand@msa.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To govern state academies for the deaf and blind. The board must promote academic standards based on high expectation and an assessment system to measure academic performance toward the achievement of those standards. (MN Session Laws 1999, ch. 241, Sec. 20, Sec. 125A.)

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

6125 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley 55422

**Phone:** (763) 279-4200 **Email:** lon.lamprecht@pcae.k12.mn.us

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

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

30 - 7th Street East, #350, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-1705 **Email:** inge.chapin@minnstate.edu

**Law provides:** The board shall possess all powers necessary to govern the state colleges and universities and all related property. Those powers shall include, but are not limited to, those enumerated in this section. The board shall prescribe conditions of admission, set tuition and fees, approve programs of study and requirements for completion of programs, approve the awarding of appropriate certificates, diplomas, and degrees, enter into contracts and other agreements, and adopt suitable policies for the institutions it governs. To the extent practicable in protecting statewide interests, the board shall provide autonomy to the campuses while holding them accountable for their decisions. (M.S. 136F.02)

#### **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES**

520 Lafayette Road North, 2nd Floor, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-0878 **Email:** john.jaschke@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board oversees and coordinates the water and soil resources management activities of local units (counties, SWCD's, WD's, WMO's) of government through approval of local plans, administration of state grants, cost-sharing contracts, performance evaluation, and administrative appeals and hearings. Programs include RIM Reserve, local water planning and implementation, Wetlands Conservation Act, soil conservation, riparian buffer protection, and Legacy Amendment programs and projects. The board's mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners. (M.S. 103B.101)

#### **BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS**

2025 Centre Pointe Blvd., #180, Mendota Heights 55120

**Phone:** (651) 296-3999 **Email:** judicial.standards@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Board investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges, and referees and recommends judicial discipline to the Supreme Court, including censure, suspension, retirement or removal of judges; and also educates the judiciary and the public on the role of the Board on Judicial Standards and on the Code of Judicial Conduct. (M.S. 490A.01, 490A.02)

#### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

190 Centennial Bldg 658 Cedar St, St Paul 55155-1603

**Phone:** (651) 539-1189 **Email:** jeff.sigurdson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Board administers programs for campaign finance disclosure for state elections, economic interest disclosure for state public officials and local officials in metropolitan governmental units, lobbyist registration and disclosure, and public subsidy of state candidates and political party committees. (M.S. 10A.02)

#### **CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD**

204 Administration, 50 Sherburne Avenue, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 757-1507 **Email:** paul.mandell@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board is responsible for architecture, urban design, and comprehensive land-use planning in the capitol area of St. Paul; exercises zoning and design review authority; and oversees redevelopment of the north Capitol area. (M.S. 15B)

#### **CAPITOL ART EXHIBIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

50 Sherburne Ave, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-2568 **Email:** katie.knutson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee is established to advise and make recommendations to the State Capitol Preservation Commission regarding art exhibits to be displayed in the State Capitol spaces. (15B.36)

#### **CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT**

PO Box 3185, Mankato 56002-3185

**Phone:** (507) 934-7700 **Email:** mwerner@ruralmn.org

**Law provides:** The center identifies social and economic issues in rural Minnesota and, through alliances and partnerships, provides research and information on current issues and practical solutions for problems. (1997 LAWS, CHAPTER 200, SECTION 31.)

#### **CHILD SUPPORT TASK FORCE**

444 N Lafayette Road, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 478-8109 **Email:** jessica.raymond@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The task force 1) serves in an advisory capacity to the commissioner of human services; 2) review the effects of implementing the parenting expense adjustment enacted by the 2016 legislature; 3) will, at least every for years, prepare for and advise the commissioner on the development of the quadrennial review report; 4) collect and study information and data relating to child support awards; and 5) conduct a comprehensive review of child support guidelines, economic conditions, and other matters relevant to maintaining effective and efficient child support guidelines. (M.S. 518A.79)

#### **CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**

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

**Phone:** (651) 757-2572 **Email:**

**Law provides:** The Council advises on the administration and implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act. By December 1 of each even-numbered year, the Council is required to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor that includes recommendations for Clean Water Fund appropriations for the purposes stated in Article XI, Section 15 of the Minnesota Constitution and Minn. Stat. § 114D.50, an evaluation of progress made by the Clean Water Fund, and future funding needs. The Clean Water Fund may only be spent to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation. At least five percent of the Clean Water Fund must be spent only to protect drinking water sources. (M.S. 114D.30 (rev. 06/13/2015))

#### **COMBATIVE SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

443 Lafayette Road North, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 284-5366 **Email:** matt.schowalter@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council offers advice to the commissioner of Labor and Industry to help regulate combative sports contests in Minnesota. (Session Laws 2012, Chapter 278, Article 3)

#### **COMMISSION OF DEAF, DEAFBLIND AND HARD OF HEARING MINNESOTANS**

Dept. Of Human Services 444 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155-3814

**Phone:** (651) 431-5965 **Email:** mary.hartnett@state.mn.us

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

#### **COMMUNITY FIRST SERVICES AND SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL**

540 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 431-7305 **Email:** cara.benson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The commissioner shall consult and collaborate with the council. (256B.85)

### **COMPENSATION COUNCIL**

Legislative Coordinating Commission Room 72, State Office Building, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2963 **Email:** greg.hubinger@commissions.leg.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council is created each odd-numbered year to assist the Legislature in establishing the compensation of constitutional officers, justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals and District Court, and the heads of state and metropolitan agencies included in section 15A.0815. In making recommendations, the council considers the compensation paid to comparable positions in the public and private sector, the amount of compensation needed to attract and retain experienced and competent persons, and the ability of the state to pay the recommended compensation. (M.S. 15A.082)

### **CONSTRUCTION CODES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

443 Lafayette Rd N., St Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** The council reviews laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements relating to building construction, and may: 1) recommend ways to eliminate inconsistencies, to streamline construction regulation and construction procedures, and to improve procedures within and among jurisdictions; 2) review and comment on current and proposed laws and rules to promote coordination and consistency; 3) advise agencies on possible changes in rules to make them easier to understand and apply; and 4) promote the coordination, within each jurisdiction, of the administration and enforcement of construction codes. (M.S. 326B.07)

### **COUNCIL FOR MINNESOTANS OF AFRICAN HERITAGE**

Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street G57, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 757-1754 **Email:** justin.terrell@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council shall advise the Governor and the legislature on issues confronting the constituency of the council, legislative changes needed to improve the economic and social condition of the constituency of the council, implications and effect of proposed administrative and legislative changes on the constituency of the council. The council shall serve as a liaison between state government and organizations that serve the constituency of the council and perform or contract for the performances of studies designed to suggest solutions to the problems of the constituency of the council. (M.S. 15.0145)

### **COUNCIL ON ASIAN PACIFIC MINNESOTANS**

Legislative Coordinating Commission; 72 State Office Building, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-8338 **Email:** lcc@lcc.leg.mn

**Law provides:** The council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for its constituency. The council shall work with the legislature and governor to carry out his work by performing the duties in M.S. 15.0145, subd. 6. **Duties of the Council Members:** A council member shall: (1) attend and participate in scheduled meetings and be prepared by reviewing meeting notes; (2) maintain and build communication with the community represented; (3) collaborate with the council and executive director in carrying out the council's duties; and (4) participate in activities the council or executive director deem appropriate and necessary to facilitate the goals and duties of the council (M.S. 15.0145, subd. 7.). (LAWS 2015, CHAP 77, ART 2, SEC 5)

### **COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**

121 East 7th Place Suite 107, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 361-7800 **Email:** shannon.hartwig@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** MCD is a state agency providing leadership to empower and strengthen the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities. We collaborate with the public and private sectors as a policy and technical resource advisor. (M.S. 256.481-256.482)

### **CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD**

Department Of Public Safety, Office of Justice Program 445 Minnesota Street, #2300, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-7304 **Email:** marie.bibus@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Reparations Program assists crime victims with their financial losses as they recover from a violent crime. The Board meets once a month to review and decide contested claims and conduct related business. (M.S. 611A.51-611A.67)

### **CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY GROUP**

1430 Maryland Avenue East, Saint Paul 55106

**Phone:** (651) 793-2491 **Email:** angela.sanchez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The advisory council shall assist the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Group in its duties. (2014, section 299C.65.)

### **CULTURAL AND ETHNIC COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

540 Cedar Street; Po Box 64998, St Paul 55164-0998

**Phone:** (651) 431-3301 **Email:** antonia.wilcoxon@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council was established to advise the commissioner of Human Services on reducing disparities that affect racial and ethnic groups. The law provides the duties of the council, which include, but are not limited to, identifying issues regarding disparities by engaging diverse populations, raising awareness about human services disparities to the Legislature and the media, providing training and outreach to facilitate access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, accessible, and cost-effective human services to prevent disparities, and report annually beginning February 15, 2014, identifying major problems confronting racial and ethnic groups, make recommendations to address the issues and problems and list objectives for the next biennium. Provides the duties of the council members, which include, but are not limited to, attending and participating in meetings and collaborating on disparity reduction efforts. Definitions: (1) "racial, ethnic, cultural, or linguistic disparities" means differences in program outcomes, service quality, access, utilization or participation rates that are considered to be unfair, unjust, or inequitable; (2) "culturally appropriate: and "culturally sensitive" refer to quality services that are provided with consideration of specific characteristics of the individual participant, including, but not limited to, cultural values, norms, attitudes, expectations, beliefs, and preferences. (LAWS 2013, CH 107, SEC 1)

### **DAIRY RESEARCH, TEACHING AND CONSUMER EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

625 N Robert St, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6657 **Email:** andrea.vaubel@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Authority has power to design, develop and operate a facility to further purposes of dairy research, teaching and consumer education. The authority has the power to accept gifts, grants or contributions. It must comply with all applicable laws relating to treatment and movement of animals. (LAWS 2012, CHAPTER 244, SEC 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39)

### **DENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Department Of Human Services; Po Box 64984, St Paul 55164-0984

**Phone:** (651) 431-3314 **Email:** linda.m.maytan@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To advise the commissioner regarding 1) the critical access dental program under section 256B.76, subdivision 4a€], including but not limited to criteria for designating and terminating critical access dental providers; 2) any changes to the critical access dental provider program necessary to comply with program expenditure limits; 3) dental coverage policy based on evidence, quality, continuity of care, and best practices; 4) the development of dental delivery models; and 5) dental services to be added or eliminated from subdivision 9, paragraph (b). (M.S. 256B.0625 SUBD 3d)

### **DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION**

201 4th Street SE, Rochester 55904

**Phone:** (612) 338-2525 **Email:** kml@mcgranshea.com

**Law provides:** The Destination Medical Center Corporation, along with the city of Rochester and the nonprofit economic development agency, must prepare and adopt a development plan which provides an outline for the development of the city as a destination medical center. The plan will include strategic planning for the destination medical center, estimates of short and long range fiscal and economic impacts, a framework to identify and prioritize short and long term public investments and public infrastructure project development, and to facilitate private investment and devel-

opment. The DMCC also approves projects. (M.S. 469.41)

#### **DRUG FORMULARY COMMITTEE**

540 Cedar Street, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 431-2510 **Email:** dave.hoang@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Per the new M.S. 256B.0625, Subd. 13., the formulary committee is designated by the commissioner to carry out duties as described in M.S. 256B.0625, subsd 13-13G. These include reviewing the over-the-counter drugs and making recommendations about prior authorization. The committee also still establishes the list of drugs excluded from mandatory generic substitution under MS 151.21. (M.S. 256B.0625, SUBD 13)

#### **DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD**

Po Box 64984, St Paul 55164-0984

**Phone:** (651) 431-2505 **Email:** mary.beth.reinke@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board exists to advise the commissioner per Minnesota Statutes 2012 - 256B.0625 subd. 13i. Drug Utilization Review Board to implement a medical assistance retrospective and prospective drug utilization review program as required by U.S. Code, title 42, section 1396r-8, subsection (g), paragraph (3). (OBRA 1990)

#### **DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY**

350 Harbor Drive, Duluth 55802-2698

**Phone:** (218) 722-5573 **Email:** execadmin@decc.org

**Law provides:** Select a specific site within the city of Duluth for location of a national class state convention center; administer, promote and operate the center as a state facility; and annually submit a report detailing its activities and finances for the previous year to the governor and the Legislature. (LAWS OF 1963, CHAPTER 305)

#### **EARLY INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION (EIDBI) BENEFIT ADVISORY GROUP**

PO Box 64967, St. Paul 55164-0967

**Phone:** (651) 431-4894 **Email:** gail.dekker@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) benefit is a new medical benefit first offered in 2016 under Medicaid. EIDBI is available to people under age 21 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or related conditions. Related conditions include, but are not limited to, Asperger's Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorders, pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), and Rett Syndrome. The advisory group is consulted on the ongoing development of EIDBI policies and standards and on the implementation of the EIDBI benefit. Members will be expected to share information with and seek input from organizations they are affiliated with that support persons with autism and related conditions. The EIDBI Advisory Group was created by the Department of Human Services; members serve two-year terms and may serve successive terms. Membership categories include people with ASD or a related condition, parents of people under age 21 with ASD or a related condition, current or potential EIDBI providers, psychologists, behavior professionals, licensed professionals, academics, county/tribe/managed care representatives, and state agency representatives. (M.S. 256B.0949)

#### **EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL**

1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville 55113

**Phone:** (651) 201-3405 **Email:** kelly.monson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council will make recommendations to the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature to ensure every child is ready for kindergarten and affordable quality early childhood education and care is available to all children. (M.S. 124d.141; EXEC ORDER 11-05)

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD**

2829 University Avenue Southeast, #310, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (651) 201-2802 **Email:** melody.nagy@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall: administer and enforce the provisions of Minnesota Statutes chapter 144E and Minnesota Rules chapter 4690 and other duties as assigned to the board; advise applicants for state or federal emergency medical services

funds, review and comment on such applications, and approve the use of such funds unless otherwise required by federal law; make recommendations to the legislature on improving the access, delivery, and effectiveness of the state's emergency medical services delivery system; and establish procedures for investigating, hearing, and resolving complaints against emergency medical services providers. The Emergency Medical Services Board may prepare an initial work plan, which may be updated biennially. The work plan may include provisions to: prepare an emergency medical services assessment which addresses issues affecting the statewide delivery system; establish a statewide public information and education system regarding emergency medical services; in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health monitor a statewide injury and trauma prevention program; and designate an annual emergency medical services personnel recognition day. (M.S. CHAPTER 144E.01 & MN Rules 4690)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST/SANITARIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL** MN Dept Of Health; Environmental Health Services; 625 North Robert Street, St Paul 55164-0975

**Phone:** (218) 302-6154 **Email:** james.topie@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Health starts where we live, learn, work and play. Environmental health (EH) is an integral part of Minnesota's public health system. The Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) Advisory Council advises the Commissioner of Health regarding EH specialist/sanitarian registration standards, and enforcement of the REHS/RS rules, to provide for the dissemination of information regarding REHS/RS registration standards, and review applicants for registration or registration renewal. There are many EH issues, including food borne disease outbreaks, air and water quality, solid waste and sewage disposal, hazardous and toxic substances presence natural and man-made disasters, chemical and radiological exposures, and other health safety issues. EH specialists/sanitaricians administer environmental and public health programs for both public and private agencies and organizations through out the state and nation. Registration signifies a level of expertise and competence based on education and experience that is nationally recognized within the EH profession. Registration has the primary purpose of protecting the public by eliminating the unqualified from professional practice. It is not designed to identify the most competent members of the profession, but to assure a minimum level of competence among all practitioners. (M.S. 214.13, SUBD. 4.)

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACKING AND BIOMONITORING ADVISORY PANEL**

Mn Dept Of Health, Po Box 64882, St Paul 55164-0882

**Phone:** (651) 201-5910 **Email:** char.napurski@state.mn

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

#### **EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL**

121 7th Place East Suite 360, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 757-1872 **Email:** beth.helle@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Serve 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. (M.S. 116U.25 (LAWS OF MN '04 CH 171))

#### **EXTERNAL PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

540 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 431-4974 **Email:** stacie.enders@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The committee is tasked with monitoring implementation of Minnesota Rules 9544, making recommendations to the commissioner about policy changes related to MN Rules 9544, and making recommendations to the commissioner to approve or deny requests for the emergency

use of procedures. Committee duties include reviewing requests for the emergency use of procedures, evaluating programs and systems of license holders who make requests, reviewing emergency use of manual restraint reports, providing guidance to license holders when a change is needed to reduce the use of restraint, and assessing the competency of qualified professional applicants to develop and implement positive support transition plans. (Minnesota Statutes 245.8251 and Minnesota Rules 9544.0130)

#### **FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE**

MN Dept Of Agriculture; 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (612) 247-5888 **Email:** natasha.hedin@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Food Safety and Defense Task Force 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. The Task Force also provides recommendations to state legislative committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance and policy about appropriate action to improve food safety in the state. (M.S. 28A.21)

#### **GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD**

1711 West County Road B, # 300 South, Roseville 55113

**Phone:** (651) 539-1900 **Email:** laura.moser@gcb.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board issues, suspends and revokes licenses of organizations, distributors and manufacturers of gambling equipment, registers gambling equipment, collects license fees and inspects records, conducts hearings to insure integrity of operations and compliance with all applicable laws and rules. (M.S. 349.151.)

#### **GOOD FOOD ACCESS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Ag Marketing & Development Division 625 Robert Street North, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6648 **Email:** ashley.bress@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To advise the commissioner of agriculture on managing the Good Food Access Program including establishing, 1) program criteria; 2) project eligibility guidelines; 3) application processes and additional selection criteria; and 4) annual monitoring and accountability mechanisms; and facilitating leveraging of additional public and private investments and promoting the program statewide. (M.S. 17.1018)

#### **GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNESOTA AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN**

Po Box 6530, Providence 2940

**Phone:** (888) 706-6100 **Email:** carric.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The committee shall have the power to direct the operation of the facility [the Minnesota Automobile Insurance Plan] in all pursuits consistent with the purposes of sections 65B.01 to 65B.12. (M.S. 65B.03)

#### **GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

395 John Ireland Blvd, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 366-4800 **Email:** jay.hietpas@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Advisory Council has the following duties:  
a. Consult with governmental entities, communities experiencing transportation barriers, transportation stakeholders, the automotive industry, businesses, labor, technology companies, advocacy groups, and educational institutions.  
b. Prepare and submit a report to the Governor, the chairs and minority leads of the Minnesota House and Senate Transportation and Public Safety committees, and the Minnesota Legislature by December 1, 2018 that recommends changes to statutes, rules, and policies in the following areas:  
i. Transportation infrastructure and network;  
ii. Cyber security and data privacy standards;  
iii. Vehicle registration, driver training, licensing, insurance, and traffic regulations;  
iv. Promotion of economic development, business opportunities, and workforce preparation;  
and v. Ensure accessibility to the technologies for all Minnesotans, with a particular focus on rural communities, elderly

Minnesotans, Minnesotans with disabilities, low-income communities, communities of color, and American Indians. The Advisory Council will provide advice and support to the Governor, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, and other governmental entities to support the testing and deployment of connected and automated vehicles. The Commissioners of Transportation and Public Safety in coordination with other relevant state agencies will:

- Establish program and guidelines for development, testing, and deployment of connected and automated vehicle technologies;
- Support safe and effective testing and use of connected and automated vehicles, at every level of autonomy, including driverless technology, in real life situations as necessary to meet industry needs; and
- Protect individual and industry data as classified under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

Minnesota Department of Transportation shall convene agency leadership to form the Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team to implement this Executive Order; including the following steps:

- The Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team shall consist of the designees of the Departments Agriculture, Commerce, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, Minnesota Information Technology Services, Public Safety, Revenue, Metropolitan Council, and Transportation;
- The Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team will ensure interagency coordination and collaboration in developing cross agency policies and programs to strategically advance and prepare the State of Minnesota for adoption of connected and automated vehicles; and
- The Interagency Connected and Automated Team will provide operational support to the Advisory Committee. (Executive Order 18-04)

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON POLLINATOR PROTECTION**

520 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 259-5074 **Email:** [faith.krogstad@state.mn.us](mailto:faith.krogstad@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Committee will advise the Governor, the Environmental Quality Board, the Interagency Pollinator Protection Team, and participating agencies on pollinator policy and programs. The Committee will promote statewide collaboration on pollinator protection efforts, raise public awareness of pollinator issues, review and comment on agency pollinator programs, reports, and recommendations, and identify and support opportunities for local and public-private partnerships. (Executive Order 16-07)

#### **GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

520 Lafayette Rd No, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-6300 **Email:**

**Law provides:** Powers and Duties include reviewing scoping and adequacy of environmental review documents including environmental assessment worksheets and environmental impact statements; issuance, reissuance, modification, or revocation of certain permits; adoption or revision of agency rules; and requests for a variance from an agency rule. (EXEC. ORDER 15-15)

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

Fire Marshall Div., 445 Minnesota St., #145, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-7201 **Email:** [bruce.west@state.mn.us](mailto:bruce.west@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** To disseminate information to the governor, Legislature and public regarding fire and life safety issues affecting Minnesota citizens and firefighters who protect them. (EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-3.(Extended Exec Ord 11-08))

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

1568 Highway 2, Two Harbors 55616

**Phone:** (218) 834-1445 **Email:** [amber.westerbur@state.mn.us](mailto:amber.westerbur@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The council has four main responsibilities. It: Recommends Coastal Program priorities to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Reviews and makes recommendations to the DNR on select programs and projects for funding. Reviews the Coastal Program's annual budget. Reviews the Coastal Program every two years and makes recommendations to the DNR. (EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-12 (EXTENDED EXEC ORD 11-08))

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

625 Robert Street North, St. Paul 55114

Phone: (651) 539-1100 Email: megan.jablonskijohnson@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council plans and executes events to promote racial harmony and to recognize and honor Martin Luther King. (EXEC ORDER 93-20.(Ext Exec Ord 99-3, 03-04, 11-08))

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

Mn Dept Of Education 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville 55113-4266

Phone: (651) 582-8495 Email: lisa.backer@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council must address methods of implementing a statewide system of comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency programs of early intervention services for young children with disabilities and their families. The duties of the council include recommending policies to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of all state and local agency services for children under age five with disabilities and their families. The policies must address how to incorporate each agency's services into a unified state and local system of multidisciplinary assessment practices, individual intervention plans, comprehensive systems to find children in need of services, methods to improve public awareness, and assistance in determining the role of interagency early intervention committees. (M.S. 125A.28)

### **GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL**

50 Sherburne Avenue Suite 200, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2556 Email: kathy.morgan@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the Governor's Residence and surrounding grounds, solicits and accepts contributions to restore, maintain, improve, decorate and furnish the building, and approve alterations to the structure. (M.S. 16B.27)

### **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON BROADBAND**

1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7613 Email: diane.wells@state.mn.us

Law provides: To develop, implement and promote state broadband policy, planning and initiatives to achieve State broadband needs and goals. Inventory, assess and report on various aspects of broadband. Develop a Minnesota Broadband Plan outline. (EXECUTIVE. ORDER 11-27)

### **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON WILD RICE**

520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 757-2766 Email: will.seuffert@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Wild Rice Task Force must review existing peer-reviewed scientific literature, both state-sponsored and otherwise, to identify information that is available to inform understanding of the impacts of sulfate or other sulfur compounds or habitat conditions on wild rice. The Wild Rice Task Force shall also identify information gaps in the scientific literature and make recommendations on priorities for wild rice research. The Wild Rice Task Force will prepare a report addressing the following questions: a) What water bodies used for producing wild rice should be added to or removed from the list of wild rice waters identified in Minn. R. 7050.0470, subpart 1 and part 7050.0471 subparts 3 through 9 in the Revisor's draft of rules proposed by the Minnesota Pollution Agency dated March 16, 2018? b) What are the best management practices necessary for restoration and protection of natural wild rice stands? c) What is the condition of wild rice waters downstream of selected permitted wastewater dischargers? d) Are there any potential mitigating factors for wild rice to grow in waters with sulfate concentrations greater than 10 mg/L? e) What is the level of funding needed and sources of potential funding to support: data collection and research; restoration and protection activities; best management practices; sulfate minimization plans; and the development and installation of cost-effective sulfate treatment technologies? (Executive Order 18-08/Amended in 18-09)

### **GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

332 Minnesota St. 332 Minnesota Street, Suite #e200, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7691 Email: julie.kahn@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WIOA, shall assist the Governor in: developing, implementing, and modifying the State plan, review of statewide policies and programs, providing recommendations on actions to align and improve the workforce

development system and programs, develop strategies to identify and remove barriers for better alignment, support career pathways, provide outreach to individuals and employers benefitting from the system, developing and updating comprehensive state performance accountability measures, and disseminating of best practices. The board shall provide support to local boards and regions, and assume responsibilities for Title 1 Workforce Development Activities, Title 2 Adult Education and Literacy, Title 3 Wagner-Peyser and Title 4 Vocational Rehabilitation. The board will also be responsible for the development of strategies for one stop partners, the alignment of technologies and data systems, the enhancement of digital literacy skills, fiscal accountability and the acceleration of industry-recognized post-secondary credentials. (WIOA TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SECTION 101)

#### **GREAT LAKES COMMISSION**

Legislative Coordinating Commission; 72 State Office Building, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2963 **Email:** greg.hubinger@lcc.leg.mn

**Law provides:** The commission promotes development, use and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin. (M.S. 1.21.)

#### **GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION**

3601 Trinity Road, Duluth 55811

**Phone:** (218) 310-2627 **Email:** renee.mattson@gmrptcommission.org

**Law provides:** The Commission will undertake system planning and provide recommendations to the Legislature for grants funded by the Parks and Trails Legacy fund to counties and cities outside the seven county metropolitan area for designated parks and trails of regional significance. (M.S. 85.536; LAWS 2013 CH 137 SEC 8)

#### **HEALTH CARE HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

85 East 7th Place, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-5421 **Email:** bonnie.laplante@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The advisory committee shall advise the commissioner on ongoing implementation of the health care homes program including, but not limited to: implementation activities on performance management and benchmarking; modifications to the health care homes program based on results of the legislatively mandated health care home valuation; statewide solutions for engagement of employers and commercial payers; potential modifications of the health care home rules or statutes consumer engagement, including patient and family-centered care patient activation in health care, and shared decision making; oversight for health care home subject matter task forces or workgroups; and other related issues as requested by the commissioners. (M.S. 256B.0751)

#### **HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY AND LEADERSHIP (HEAL) COUNCIL**

PO Box 64975, St. Paul 55164-0975

**Phone:** (651) 201-5000 **Email:** christy.nguyen@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The MDH HEAL Council is not a governing board, but serves to advise the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Members are representatives of community and professional stakeholder organizations that can have an influence on the health of various populations. MDH will rely on the advisory council to provide forthright and constructive feedback on the strategic direction of the Center for Health Equity and MDH. Goals include evaluating short- and long-term priorities and ensuring that MDH interfaces successfully with communities most impacted by health inequities. (144.041)

#### **HEALTH SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE**

Po Box 64983, St Paul 55164-0983

**Phone:** (651) 431-5841 **Email:** hsac@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Committee advises the commissioner regarding evidence-based health services pertaining to benefits covered under the Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare programs. (M.S. 256B.0625 subd. 3c-3e)

#### **HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

85 East Seventh Place Suite 220, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-3730 **Email:** brandon.sheirich@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the commissioner of the Department of Health on matters relat-

ing to certification and regulation of hearing instrument dispenser including certification standards, enforcement of certification laws and rules and, examination services. At the commissioner's request, the advisory council shall: (1) advise the commissioner regarding hearing instrument dispenser certification standards; (2) provide for distribution of information regarding hearing instrument dispenser certification standards; (3) review investigation summaries of competency violations and make recommendations to the commissioner as to whether the allegations of incompetency are substantiated; (4) advise on the state's examination services; and (5) perform other duties as directed by the commissioner. (M.S. 214.13.)

#### **HOME CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Department Of Health 85 E 7th Place; P.O. Box 3879, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-5273 **Email:** health.homecare@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council will provide advice regarding regulations of the home care providers including community standards; enforcement of licensing standards and disciplinary actions; distribution of information to providers and consumers; training standards; emerging issues; and other duties as directed by the commissioner. (M.S. 144A.4799)

#### **HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

400 Wabasha Street N Suite 400, St. Paul 55102

**Phone:** (651) 296-2172 **Email:** rachel.franco@state.mn.us

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

#### **HUMAN SERVICES PERFORMANCE COUNCIL**

540 Cedar Street, St Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 431-5780 **Email:** carrie.krueger@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Human Services Performance Council is advisory to the Commissioner on the operation of the performance management system for human services. As required by Minnesota Statutes, section 402A.16, the Council will be responsible for the following: Annually reviewing performance data Reviewing and advising the Commissioner on department procedures Advising the Commissioner on training and technical assistance needs of counties Reviewing instances in which a county or service delivery authority has not made adequate progress and make recommendations to the Commissioner under section 402A.18 Considering appeals from counties or service delivery authorities in the remedies process Convening working groups to update and develop outcomes, measures and performance standards for the performance management system Annually presenting recommendations on outcomes, measures and standards to the Commissioner Making recommendations on rules or statutes that could be repealed to improve service delivery Providing information to stakeholders on the council's role and regularly collect input Submitting a comprehensive annual report to the legislature and the Commissioner, which will detail performance of individual counties or services delivery authorities as well as the work of the Council over the previous year. (402A.16)

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-3328 **Email:** minn.sbi@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the board of Investment on policy relating to investments of state funds. (M.S. 11A.08.)

#### **IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Iron Range Resources And Rehab Board Po Box 441, 4261 Highway 53 South, Eveleth 55734

**Phone:** (218) 735-3014 **Email:** laureen.hall@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Advise the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board 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. (M.S. 298.2214)

#### **JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Department of Public Safety; Office of Justice Program 445 Minnesota St., #2300, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-7348 **Email:** callie.hargett@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The committee is the supervisory board for the federal Juvenile Justice Program with respect to preparation and administration of the state plan and award of grants. \$55 per diem for non-public employees. (M.S. 268.29.)

#### **LAKE SUPERIOR CENTER AUTHORITY**

353 Harbor Drive, Duluth 55802

**Phone:** (218) 726-6793 **Email:** ehansen@d.umn.edu

**Law provides:** The authority has general corporation powers defined by Minnesota statutes, with the exception that the corporation may not act as a general partner in any partnership. (MN STATUTE LAWS OF 1990, CH. 535.)

#### **LEGISLATIVE SALARY COUNCIL**

100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-9002 **Email:** greg.hubinger@lcc.leg.mn

**Law provides:** By March 31st of each odd-numbered year, the council must prescribe salaries for legislators to take effect July 1st of that year. In setting salaries, the council must take into account any other legislative compensation provided to the legislators by the state and the most recent budget forecast. The report must describe the council's rationale for selecting the prescribed salaries. (M.S. 15A.0825)

#### **LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

Rm 65 - State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2406 **Email:** becca.nash@lccmr.leg.mn

**Law provides:** Participate as part of a 17 member joint legislative and citizen Commission in the following: Review of emerging environmental and natural resource issues; Develop a strategic plan for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) expenditures; Review proposals for ENRTF funding; Recommend projects for funding from the ENRTF and other funds as assigned by the Legislature on at least an annual basis; Review and evaluate project funding outcomes. (M.S. 116P)

#### **LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL**

95 State Office Building, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-6397 **Email:** becky.enfield@commissions.leg.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council shall make recommendations to the Legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that take into consideration the outcomes of, including, but not limited to, the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie. The council shall submit its recommendations to the Legislature no later than January 15 each year. The council shall present its recommendations to the Senate and House committees with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources budget by February 15 in odd numbered years, and within the first four weeks of the legislative session in even numbered years. The council's budget recommendations to the Legislature shall be separate from the Department of Natural Resource's budget recommendations. (b) To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply for matching grants for resotration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation, encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie. ( c ) The council may work with the Clean Water council to identify projects that are consistent with both the purpose of the outdoor heritage fund and the purpose of the clean water fund. (d) The council may make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will assist in restoring, protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, preventing forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native prairie. (M.S. 97A.056)

#### **LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (612) 617-2130 **Email:** ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The advisory council shall: 1) advise the board regarding standards for licensed genetic counselors; 2) provide for distribution of information regarding licensed genetic counselor practice standards; 3) advise the board on enforcement of this chapter; 4) review applications and recommend granting or denying licensure or license renewal; 5) advise the board on issues related to receiving and investigating complaints, conducting hearings, and imposing disciplinary action in relation to complaint against licensed genetic counselors; and 6) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214, as directed by the board. (147F.15)

#### **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Po Box 64882, St. Paul 55164-0882

**Phone:** (651) 201-5719 **Email:** judy.edwards@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The advisory task force was created by the 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. (Sec 7 [145.811])

#### **MEDICAID SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

540 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 431-5621 **Email:** samantha.mills@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The DHS Medicaid Services Advisory Committee serves to advise DHS and the commissioner, and is not a governing board. Members will be representatives of community groups and professional stakeholder organizations, Medicaid beneficiaries, and various health care and long term services and supports professionals that influence the health and covered services of Medicaid populations. The committee will provide guidance on key initiatives brought forward by DHS that affect Medicaid program administration, policy or Medicaid funded services. MSAC members will achieve the committee purpose by: Providing guidance on specific policies, initiatives, and proposed program changes brought forward by DHS Acting as liaisons back to individuals, organizations, and institutions that receive, facilitate, or provide Medicaid services At times, if two-thirds of the members agree, create smaller work groups within the MSAC to address particular issues. Workgroups will have clear tasks and guidelines and standardized parameters (42 CFR s. 431.12)

#### **MEDICAL CANNABIS REVIEW PANEL**

Po Box 64882, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-5598 **Email:** darin.teske@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To review requests to add qualifying medical conditions and report to the commissioner of health on public health impacts, including therapeutic factors and known potential risks of the proposed additional medical conditions. (Rules 4770.4003 subp 3)

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (651) 284-5567 **Email:** anita.hess@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board advises the Department of Labor and Industry on medical matters relating to workers' compensation, makes determinations on inappropriate, unnecessary or excessive treatment under M.S. 176.103, subd. 2, and may issue penalties for violation of rules following a contested case procedure under chapter 14 under M.S. 176.103, subd.3. (M.S. 176.103.)

#### **MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL**

540 Cedar St., P.O. Box 64997, St. Paul 55164-0997

**Phone:** (651) 431-3025 **Email:** betty.carlson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council hears personnel appeals, sets policy for administration of examinations, reviews classification and compensation plans and proposed rule changes. (MS 256.012, 12.22 subd 3 & 144.071&RULES 9575&4670)

#### **METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION**

6040 28th Ave. S., Mpls. 55450

**Phone:** (612) 726-8191 **Email:** gina.ballweber@mspmac.org

**Law provides:** The commission promotes air transportation locally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities as an aviation center. (M.S. 473.603.)

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

390 Robert St. N, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 602-1609 **Email:** [AppointmentsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:AppointmentsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning agency for the seven-county Twin Cities metro area. The council advocates for vital communities and cost-effective regional services. It runs the region's transit system, collects and treats wastewater, manages regional water resources, plans regional parks and administers funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Metropolitan Council board is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor. (M.S. 473)

**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

390 N Robert Street, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 602-1609 **Email:** [AppointmentsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:AppointmentsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The commission assists the Metropolitan Council in planning the regional recreation open space system, advises the council on grants for the acquisition and development of facilities, and reviews the master plan for facilities. (M.S. 473.303.)

**MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION**

395 John Ireland Blvd, Ms 430, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 366-3193 **Email:** [daniel.krom@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:daniel.krom@dot.state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The purposes of this compact are, through joint or cooperative action: A) to promote development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest; B) to coordinate interaction among Midwestern state-elected officials and their designees on passenger rail issues; C) to promote development and implementation of long-range plans for high speed rail passenger service in the Midwest and among other regions of the United States; D) to work with the public and private sectors at the federal, state and local levels to ensure coordination among the various entities having an interest in passenger rail service and to promote Midwestern interests regarding passenger rail; and E) to support efforts of transportation agencies involved in developing and implementing passenger rail service in the Midwest. (M.S. SEC. 218.75)

**MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Dept Natural Resources; 1525 - 3rd Ave. E., Hibbing 55746

**Phone:** (218) 231-8448 **Email:** [peter.clevenstine@state.mn.us](mailto:peter.clevenstine@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Mineral Coordinating Committee is established to plan for diversified mineral development. (M.S. 93.0015; renewed 2007, chapter 57)

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

MN Deed, 1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota St., Suite E200, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 259-7458 **Email:** [bob.isaacson@state.mn.us](mailto:bob.isaacson@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The board provides business loans for agricultural and economic development projects. The loans are funded by an existing fund or through the issuance of bonds backed by a reserve fund. The board also serves as a statewide "conduit" bond issuer for select transactions meeting eligibility requirements. (M.S. 41A.02)

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

625 Robert St. No., St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6283 **Email:** [danielle.isaacson@state.mn.us](mailto:danielle.isaacson@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Committee's purpose is to provide informed comment and recommendations to the Commissioner for the development of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. (M.S. 15.014)

**MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

146 Ruttan Hall 1994 Buford Ave, Saint Paul 55108-6197

**Phone:** (612) 624-6249 **Email:** [tesm0010@umn.edu](mailto:tesm0010@umn.edu)

**Law provides:** MAELC provides statewide leadership to promote and expand agricultural education in Minnesota. (MINNESOTA SESSION LAWS 1997, CH. 183 / 41D.01)

**MINNESOTA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minnesota STAR Program 658 Cedar Street, Suite 358, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2297 Email: kim.moccia@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Members, who are users of assistive technology (AT) or a family member or guardian of an AT user, provide consumer-responsive, consumer-driven advice to the state for the planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of activities carried out under the federal Assistive Technology Act grant. In addition to attending meetings, members have opportunities to provide feedback on projects and participate on committees. (M.S. 16B.055)

**MINNESOTA BALLPARK AUTHORITY**

1 Twins Way, Suite 300, Minneapolis 55403

Phone: (612) 659-3880 Email:

**Law provides:** The authority is a public body created by the Legislature to oversee the design, construction, and operation of Target Field. (M.S. 473.755)

**MINNESOTA BIODIESEL TASK FORCE**

Minnesota Biodiesel Task Force, 625 N. Robert St. North, St Paul 55155-2538

Phone: (651) 201-6223 Email: kevin.hennessy@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To advise 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. (MS 15.014)

**MINNESOTA CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TASKFORCE**

445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 201-7068 Email: irene.jones@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Mission of the Minnesota Child Passenger Advisory Task force is to provide guidance to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety/ Office of Traffic Safety, regarding the safe transportation of children and to act as a liaison between CPS Practitioners, technicians, instructors and the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety. (M.S. 15.014)

**MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON LATINO AFFAIRS**

658 Cedar Street Suite G56, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 592-7974 Email: mcla@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for its constituency by advising and informing the governors office and state legislature in the legislative and policy making process. (M.S. 15.0145)

**MINNESOTA E-HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Po Box 64975-0975, St Paul

Phone: (651) 201-4856 Email: bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** This committee 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. (M.S. 62J.45)

**MINNESOTA E-HEALTH HIE (HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE) TASK FORCE**

PO Box 64975, St Paul 55164-0975

Phone: (651) 201-4856 Email: bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** (M.S. 62J.495 Electronic Health Record Technology)

**MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL**

201a Green Hall; 1530 Cleveland Ave No., St. Paul 55108-6146

Phone: (651) 603-0108 Email: deann.stish@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council shall develop recommendations to the governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resources policies and practices. The council

also has responsibility for implementing the policies and programs called for in the Sustainable Forest Resources Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 89A). (M.S. CHAPTER 89A.)

#### **MINNESOTA GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MnGeo; 300 Centennial Office Building; 658 Cedar St., St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-2489 Email: nancy.rader@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** This council, authorized by legislation, advises the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) about issues, policies, priorities, and investments needed to improve services statewide through the coordinated, affordable, reliable, and effective use of geospatial technology. This is a policy-oriented council that will be supplemented and supported by work teams and technical committees. The council must represent a cross-section of organizations that include counties, cities, universities, business, nonprofit organizations, federal and state agencies, tribal governments, and other stakeholder groups that benefit from geospatial technology. In the event that qualified applications are not received for any of the target categories, the appointing authority reserves the right to substitute an At-Large representative for that category. Members are expected to facilitate two-way communication between their sector and the Council. In addition to the appointed members, the council will include the state chief geospatial information officer as a non-voting, ex-officio member. Meetings will be held four times a year, usually in St. Paul. Please see our website at: <http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/councils/statewide/index.html>. (M.S. 16B.99; SF-1270; M.S. 16e.30)

#### **MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

987 Ivy Avenue East, St. Paul 55106-2046

Phone: (651) 772-4241 Email: mary@mnhum.org

**Law provides:** The board serves as an advisory body for the Humanities Center. (M.S. 138.911)

#### **MINNESOTA INSURANCE MARKETPLACE BOARD**

81 East 7th Street, Suite #300, St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 539-2058 Email: aaron.sinner@state.mn.us

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

#### **MINNESOTA ORGANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

625 Robert St. North, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-6134 Email: cassie.dahl@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Advise the commissioner (of Agriculture) and the University of Minnesota on policies and programs that will improve organic agriculture in Minnesota, including how available resources can most effectively be used for outreach, education, research, and technical assistance that meet the needs of the organic agriculture community. (M.S. 31.94 c 2009/Extended 2016)

#### **MINNESOTA SECURITY HOSPITAL - HRB**

100 Freeman Drive, St. Peter 56082

Phone: (651) 431-2531 Email: erika.weymann@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Minnesota Security Hospital in Saint Peter provides forensic residential inpatient treatment and evaluation to patients civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous and individuals involved in the criminal legal system who are evaluated and treated for competency to stand trial. The Hospital Review Board (HRB) hears SOS clients' concerns regarding the conditions affecting their care, and provides verbal or written recommendations to SOS administration. Each HRB panel consists of one psychologist, one attorney and one public member. No member shall be employed by the Department of Human Services or affiliated with the Department of Human Services for at least one year. May meet up to twice per month for up to 2.5 hours per sitting at the St. Peter Campus. The Hospital Review Board (the HRB) is established by and operates under Minnesota Statutes 253B.22. This HRB hears State Operated Services clients' concerns regarding the conditions affecting their care and provides verbal and/or written recommendations to SOS

administrators. The HRB meets and acts in three-member panels comprised of an attorney, a psychologist, and a member of the public. HRB members meet with SOS clients and staff. During the HRB's meetings "which may occur up to twice monthly" each client receives approximately 15 minutes to present his/her issues to the HRB. Following the hearing, the HRB may make a verbal or written recommendation to SOS administrators. The panel chair prepares written recommendations, if necessary. (M.S. 253B.22)

#### **MINNESOTA SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM - HOSPITAL REVIEW BOARD**

PO Box 64992, St Paul 55164-0992

**Phone:** (218) 565-6234 **Email:** jessica.j.geil@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) provides inpatient treatment to individuals civilly committed as sexually dangerous persons and sexually psychopathic personalities. The Hospital Review Board (the HRB) is established by and operates under Minnesota Statutes §253B.22 and 253D.04. This HRB hears MSOP clients' concerns regarding the conditions of their care and provides verbal and/or written recommendations to MSOP administrators. The HRB meets and acts in three-member panels comprised of an attorney, a psychologist, and a member of the public. HRB will be asked to attend meetings utilizing interactive television (ITV) or an in-person appearance at the MSOP location closest to them (St. Peter, St. Paul, or Moose Lake). During the HRB's meetings, each client receives approximately 15 minutes to present his/her issues to the HRB. Following the hearing, the HRB may make a written recommendation to MSOP which may require a response from the MSOP administration. HRB hearings may occur up to twice per month--monthly at MSOP-Moose Lake and quarterly at MSOP-St. Peter--for up to 3 hours per meeting. Candidates for appointment to the HRB must be an attorney, a psychologist, or a member of the public. All candidates must meet the qualifications listed. Individuals employed with the Department of Human Services are ineligible for appointment to the HRB. (M.S. 253B.22)

#### **MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

1005 4th Street South, Minneapolis 55415

**Phone:** (612) 335-3316 **Email:** elizabeth.bradley@msfa.com

**Law provides:** The authority controls, operates, and has the responsibility over the professional football stadium constructed under this chapter and any other sports facility constructed or acquired by the authority. (M.S. 473J.07)

#### **MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD**

400 Sibley Street, Suite 200, Saint Paul 55101-1928

**Phone:** (651) 539-2658 **Email:** sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Minnesota State Arts Board encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. It is dedicated to making the arts available to all Minnesotans. The development of the arts is fostered through a series of grants, programs, and services which are administered by a professional staff. (M. S. 129D.01 through 129D.05)

#### **MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

60 Empire Drive, Suite 300 Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building, St. Paul 55103

**Phone:** (651) 284-7848 **Email:** erin.leonard@msrs.us

**Law provides:** The board establishes rules and regulations for the administration of the Minnesota State Retirement System, Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan and the Health Care Savings Plan, and as explained in detail below: (M.S. 352.03.)

#### **MN AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION**

1700 105th Ave. Ne, Blaine 55449

**Phone:** (763) 785-5632 **Email:** tjohnson@mnsports.org

**Law provides:** The commission works and supports the amateur sports associations in the state and promotes amateur sports events. (M.S. 240A.02.)

#### **MN AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU**

231 Central Ave, Suite A, Osseo 55369

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

**Law provides:** The committee shall govern the operations of the Minnesota Auto Assigned Claims Plan in providing no-fault basic economic loss benefits to eligible recipients as provided under

Minnesota Statutes 65B. 64. (M.S. 65B.63.)

#### **MN BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

2829 University Ave SE #300, Minneapolis 55414-3220

**Phone:** (651) 201-2850 **Email:** anne.braam@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board examines, licenses and regulates chiropractors; handles complaints; reviews and approves continuing education programs; and registers professional corporations. (M.S. 148.02. & 214 (08/01/1919))

#### **MN BOARD OF NURSING**

2829 University Ave. Se, #200, Minneapolis 55414-3253

**Phone:** (612) 317-3000 **Email:** shirley.brekken@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** (M.S. 148.181.)

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

1430 Maryland Avenue East, St Paul 55106

**Phone:** (651) 793-2668 **Email:** greg.cook@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses and regulates private detectives and protective agents. (M.S. 326.32 - 326.339 MN Administrative Rules 7506.0100-7506.2900)

#### **MN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

2829 University Ave. Se., #340, Mpls 55414-3239

**Phone:** (612) 617-2110 **Email:** kate.zacher-pate@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board must perform duties necessary to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the licensure and regulation of persons who practice social work in this state. (M.S. 148E.025 and 148E.030)

#### **MN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

2829 University Ave. SE, #401, Minneapolis 55414-3250

**Phone:** (651) 201-2844 **Email:** julia.wilson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board licenses and regulates veterinarians; registers veterinary corporations, and investigates complaints. (M.S. 156.01. and MN Rules 9100.0100-1000)

#### **MN BOARD ON AGING**

Po Box 64976, 540 Cedar St, St Paul 55164-0976

**Phone:** (651) 431-2563 **Email:** kari.benson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board develops, coordinates, evaluates, and administers federal and state funds for programs for the aging; makes grants to seven area agencies on aging and non-profit agencies; and serves as advocate for older persons. (M.S. 256.975)

#### **MN COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

120 South Sixth Street Suite 2260, Minneapolis 55402

**Phone:** (612) 333-7740 **Email:** lisa@serveminnesota.org

**Law provides:** The commission will implement a comprehensive state plan to provide services under sections 121.701 and 121.710 of federal law, pursue funding sources, coordinate volunteer learning service programs, administer the youth works grant program, establish an evaluation of program plan, administer the federal Americorps program, and report to the governor and Legislature. (LAWS OF 1994, CHAP 647./ M.S. 124D.385)

#### **MN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dept. Of Commerce, 85 7th Place E, Suite 280, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 539-1457 **Email:** carric.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The association is Minnesota's reinsurance entity to administer the state-based reinsurance program referred to as the Minnesota premium security plan. (M.S. 62E.10.)

#### **MN EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM**

Deed, 1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota St, St Paul 55101

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

**Law provides:** The Minnesota Emerging Entrepreneur Program is established to award grants to nonprofit corporations to fund loans to businesses owned by minority or low-income persons,

women, veterans, and people with disabilities (M.S. 116M.15)

**MN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 757-2766 **Email:** will.seuffert@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board ensures coordination and cooperation among state agencies on environmental issues and advises the governor and Legislature on environmental legislation and policy. (M.S. 116C.03.)

**MN FAIR PLAN**

1128 Harmon Place, Suite 311, Minneapolis 55403

**Phone:** (651) 539-1447 **Email:** carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board administers the MN Fair Plan Act to make property, homeowners and commercial insurance available statewide. (M.S. 65A.31-42)

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

370 Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-9964 **Email:** colleen.wieck@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Carry out responsibilities in P.L. 106-402 to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the necessary supports/services to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion in the community. (MS 16B.053 & 16B.054(1999) & PL 106-402(1970&2000))

**MN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

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

**Phone:** (651) 296-4690 **Email:** agl@mnhefa.org

**Law provides:** The purpose of the authority shall be to assist institutions of higher education in the construction, financing and refinancing of projects. The exercise by the authority of the powers conferred by sections 136A.25 to 136A.42 shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public function. For the purpose of sections 136.25 to 136.42, the authority shall have the powers and duties set forth in Subd. 2 to 23. (M.S. 136A.26.)

**MN INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

Department Of Commerce 85 E 7th Place, Suite #500, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 539-1447 **Email:** carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

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

**MN JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200, St. Paul 55101-1351

**Phone:** (651) 259-7517 **Email:** jodie.greising@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board administers the Job Skills Partnership grant programs bringing together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board provides grants to educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations for the purpose of training workers. The board also administers the state's Dislocated Worker Program. (M.S. 268 and 116L.04)

**MN JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION - LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Mn Dept. Of Commerce, 85-7th Pl. E., #500, St. Paul 55101-2198

**Phone:** (651) 539-1447 **Email:** carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The association 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 and serves a public purpose. The association will provide insurance to eligible persons or entities unable to obtain insurance in the private marketplace. The statutory purpose of the association is not to be a market competition or a market regulator. (M.S. 62I.02.)

**MN RACING COMMISSION**

1100 Canterbury Road, Suite 100, Shakopee 55379

**Phone:** (952) 496-7950 **Email:** tom.dipasquale@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Minnesota Racing Commission operates in the public interest to ensure the integrity of horse racing and card playing, oversee the proper distribution of funds back into the industry, and provide for the safety and welfare of the human and equine participants. Additionally, the commission works to promote the horse racing and breeding industry in Minnesota in order to provide economic stimulus. (M.S. 240.02.)

#### **MN RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

625 North Robert Street, St. Paul 55155-2538

**Phone:** (651) 201-6311 **Email:** matthew.mcdevitt@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The authority's purpose is to develop the state's agricultural resources by extending credit on farm real estate security and depreciable agricultural property (improvements, machinery, animals). The authority carries out this purpose by purchasing participation interests in loans or selling Agricultural Development Revenue Bonds to agricultural lenders or individuals for the purchase of agricultural items. Other loan participation programs provide for restructuring farmer agricultural debt; assistance to lower equity farmers to purchase stock in a value-added processing cooperative, assistance to help finance the purchase of livestock related equipment; and a program designed to help farmers affected by recent natural events leading to a disaster declaration. (M.S. 41B.025.)

#### **MN SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION**

658 Cedar Street, Suite G-58, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 757-1725 **Email:** jill.payne@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission (MSGC) embodies the goals of the criminal justice system as determined by the citizens of our state through their elected representatives. The MSGC establishes and modifies the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines, which promotes uniform and proportional sentences for convicted felons and helps to ensure that sentencing decisions are not influenced by factors such as race, gender, or the exercise of constitutional rights by the defendant. The Guidelines serve as a model for the criminal justice system as a whole to aspire to, as well as provide a standard to measure how well the system is working. The purpose of the Guidelines is to establish rational and consistent sentencing standards that promote public safety, reduce sentencing disparity, ensure that the sanctions imposed for felony convictions are proportional to the severity of the offense and the offender's criminal history. The Guidelines also support the appropriate use of finite correctional resources. To achieve the mission and goals stated above, the MSGC evaluates sentencing policy and practices, modifies sentencing policy; determines the impact of policy on correctional resources; and provides training, implementation, and information services to the criminal justice community and the public. The criminal justice system is extremely dynamic and the MSGC must consider whether to make changes to the sentencing guidelines in order to continue to fulfill its mission. The MSGC presents recommendations to the Legislature each year for changes to the sentencing guidelines. (M.S. 244.09.)

#### **MN STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

2100 Freeway Blvd., Brooklyn Center 55430

**Phone:** (763) 560-2262 **Email:** emartens@mshsl.org

**Law provides:** The league is empowered to exercise control, supervision, regulation of interscholastic athletics, and musical, dramatic and other contests between pupils of Minnesota high schools. (M.S. 128C.01.)

#### **MN WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURERS' ASSOCIATION**

7701 France Ave. South Suite #450, Minneapolis 55435-3203

**Phone:** (651) 539-1447 **Email:** carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The association oversees the administration of the Minnesota Workers Compensation Insurers' Association (Data Services Organization). (M.S. 79.61)

#### **MN ZOOLOGICAL BOARD**

13000 Zoo Blvd., Apple Valley 55124

**Phone:** (952) 431-9299 **Email:** missy.remick@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. (M.S. 85A.01.)

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

445 Minnesota St., #150, St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 201-7075 Email: william.shaffer@state.mn.us

Law provides: Advise on motorcycle safety issues and activities of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Program. (M.S. 15.014)

**NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

601 North Robert Street, Saint Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-5463 Email: matthew.zerby@state.mn.us

Law provides: 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 3 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. (M.S. 144.966)

**NONPUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL**

1500 W. Hwy. 36, Roseville 55113-4266

Phone: (651) 582-8572 Email: cindy.s.jackson@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Commissioner on nonpublic educational aids as well as other matters affecting nonpublic education and nonpublic schools. The council is also authorized to recognize educational accrediting agencies for purposes relating to Minnesota's Compulsory Instruction Law. (M.S. 123B.445.)

**NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

625 N Robert St, St Paul 55155-2538

Phone: (651) 201-6538 Email: anthony.cortilet@state.mn.us

Law provides: The committee will advise the commissioner concerning responsibilities under the Noxious Weed Control Program and will evaluate plant species of concern for placement on the noxious weed list. (LAWS 2012, CHAP 18, SEC 18.91, SUBD 1-4)

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry 443 Lafayette Road, North, St. Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 284-5460 Email: julie.klejewski@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Department of Labor and Industry on administration of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act. (M.S. 182.656.)

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD**

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

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

Law provides: The review board shall review and decide appeals from final decisions and orders of the commissioner, including decisions issued by administrative law judges, petitions to vacate final orders of the commissioner, and with the agreement of the parties, may review and decide petitions for decisions based on stipulation facts. (M.S. 182.664.)

**OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES**

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 106, St Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 642-0897 Email: ann.hill@state.mn.us

Law provides: Each board shall appoint the ombudsperson for its community. Each board shall advise and assist the ombudsperson for its community in selecting matters for attention; developing policies, plans, and programs to carry out the ombudspersons' functions and powers; establishing protocols for working with the communities of color; developing procedures for the ombudspersons' use of the subpoena power to compel testimony and evidence from nonagency individuals; and making reports and recommendations for changes designed to improve standards of competence, efficiency, justice, and protection of rights. (257.0768)

**OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC FAMILIES**

1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 106, St Paul 55108

**Phone:** (651) 643-2514 **Email:** [bauz.nengchu@state.mn.us](mailto:bauz.nengchu@state.mn.us)

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

**OMBUDSPERSON BOARD FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING AND HISPANIC/LATINO FAMILIES**

1450 Energy Park Drive, #106, St Paul 55108

**Phone:** (651) 643-2537 **Email:** [muriel.gubasta@state.mn.us](mailto:muriel.gubasta@state.mn.us)

**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. (M.S. 257.-0755)

**OMBUDSPERSON FOR AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILIES**

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

**Phone:** (651) 643-2523 **Email:** [Jill.Esch@state.mn.us](mailto:Jill.Esch@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Ombudsperson shall monitor agency compliance with all laws governing child protection and placement, as they impact American Indian children through work with the courts, court officials, policy makers, service providers, social workers, guardians ad litem, and training. The Ombudsperson has the authority to investigate decisions or acts, and other matters of an agency, program or facility via complaints, systems and personnel, or upon personal initiative. The Ombudsperson shall be given access to any information in the possession of any agency deemed necessary to discharge duties. The Ombudsperson may subpoena any agency personnel or documents which the ombudsperson deems relevant to the matter. (M.S. 257.0755)

**OPIOID PRESCRIBING WORK GROUP (OPWG)**

Dept Of Human Services PO Box 64983, St Paul 55164-0983

**Phone:** (651) 431-4173 **Email:****Law provides:** (M.S. 256B.0638)**ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, AND PEDORTHICS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

2829 University Ave SE, Suite #430, Minneapolis 55414

**Phone:** (612) 548-2175 **Email:** [ruth.grendahl@state.mn.us](mailto:ruth.grendahl@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The advisory council shall: 1) advise the board on enforcement of the provisions contained in this chapter; 2) review reports of investigations or complaints relating to individuals and make recommendations to the board as to whether a license should be denied or disciplinary action taken against an individual; 3) advise the board regarding standards for licensure of professionals under this chapter, and 4) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils by chapter 214, as directed by the Board. (153B.25 Sec. 13)

**PALLIATIVE CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

625 North Robert Street, St. Paul 55164

**Phone:** (651) 201-3620 **Email:** [donna.mcduffie@state.mn.us](mailto:donna.mcduffie@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The council shall consult with and advise the commissioner on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state. (144.059)

**PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**

625 N Robert St, St Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-6659 **Email:** [trisha.leaf@state.mn.us](mailto:trisha.leaf@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** To provide the commissioner with informed and diverse comment on evaluation

activities and decisions related to the implementation of the state Pesticide Management Plan for the Protection of Groundwater and Surface Water (the PMP). (MS 15.014)

**PETROLEUM TANK RELEASE COMPENSATION BOARD**

85 7th Pl E, Ste 280, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 539-1515 Email: petrofund.commerce@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board administers compensation from the petroleum tank release cleanup fund for cleanup of leaks and spills from petroleum storage tanks. (M.S. 115C.07)

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Board Of Medical Practice, 2829 University Ave. Se, #500, Mpls. 55414-3246

Phone: (612) 548-2140 Email: ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

Law provides: The council advises the Board of Medical Practice regarding physician assistant licensure standards and the complaint/discipline process, and provides for distribution of information regarding standards. (M.S. 147A.27)

**PLUMBING BOARD**

443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul 55155

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

Law provides: Adopt rules for plumbing code for Minnesota, final interpretations of code when submitted to the board, adopt rules to regulate plumbing licensure and registration. (M.S. 326B.435)

**PRACTICAL SKILLS TASK FORCE**

1000 University Avenue West, St. Paul 55104

Phone: (651) 201-2742 Email: alex.herbert@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners seeks licensee participation in a new Practical Skills Task Force ("PSTF"). This task force will evaluate the current Practical Skills Test given in Minnesota cosmetology schools and create testing criteria for new licenses which are currently under development. ()

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD**

1500 Highway 36, Roseville 55113

Phone: (651) 538-4180 Email: alex.liuzzi@state.mn.us

Law provides: The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must license teachers, as defined in section 122A.15, subd. 1, except for supervisory personnel, as defined in section 122A.15, subd. 2. The board must not delegate its authority to make all licensing decisions with respect to candidates for teacher licensure. The board must evaluate candidates for compliance with statutory or rule requirements for licensure and develop licensure verification requirements. (M.S. 122A.07)

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (PERA)**

60 Empire Drive, #200, St. Paul 55103

Phone: (651) 201-2691 Email: gladys.rodriguez@mnpera.org

Law provides: The association provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits for public employees of county and local government. Management of the public employees retirement fund is vested in a board of trustees. (M.S. 353.03, LAWS 1994.)

**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD**

1380 Energy Lane, Suite 1, St Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 649-5447 Email: steven.hoffmeyer@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board shall have the powers and authority required for the board to take the actions assigned to the board under section 179A.13. In addition to the other powers and duties given it by law, the board shall hear and decide appeals from: 1) recommended decisions and orders relating to an unfair labor practice under section 179A.13; and 2) determinations of the commissioner under section 179A.12, subdivision 11. (M.S. 179A.041)

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

121 7th Place E., # 350, St. Paul 55101-2147

**Phone:** (651) 201-2217 **Email:** dan.wolf@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The commission regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas, and local, landline telephone companies, as well as need and locational certification for large energy facilities. It does so through public hearings, contested case hearings, rulemaking hearings and resolving informal complaints. (MS 216, 216A, 216B, 216E, 216F, 216G, 216H, & 237)

#### **QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1100 Canterbury Rd, Shakopee 55379

**Phone:** (952) 496-7950 **Email:** colleen.hurlbert@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To advise the Racing Commission regarding breeding industry rules and distribution of quarter horse breeders' fund awards and purse supplements. (240.18 subd. 4)

#### **REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL ADVISORY BOARD**

85 7th Place East, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 539-1500 **Email:** carrie.briggs@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board shall advise, provide input and suggest best practices to the commissioner regarding real estate appraisers, including, but not limited to, licensing, public disciplinary matters, continuing education and industry-related trends. (Minn. Stat. 82B.073)

#### **REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

72 State Office Bldg., St. Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** Determining criteria for and identifying and recruiting candidates for recommendation to the Joint Legislative Committee for election to the U of M Board of Regents. (M.S. 137.0245)

#### **REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

2829 University Ave Se, #500, Minneapolis 55414-3246

**Phone:** (612) 548-2140 **Email:** ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Advise the Board regarding standards, continuing education, complaints and enforcement. (M.S. 147E.35)

#### **REHABILITATION REVIEW PANEL**

Department Of Labor And Industry - Workers Compensation Division 443 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** The panel advises the department of Labor and Industry on rehabilitation matters relating to workers' compensation and may issue penalties for violation of rules following a contested case hearing under Chapter 14 under Minnesota Statutes 176.103, subd. 3. (M.S. 176.102, SUBD. 3.)

#### **RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Board Of Medical Practice, 2829 University Ave. Se, #500, Mpls. 55414-3246

**Phone:** (612) 548-2140 **Email:** ruth.martinez@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the Board of Medical Practice on respiratory therapist standards, applications for licensure, complaints and disciplinary actions, continuing education programs and enforcement of respiratory therapist laws. (M.S. 147C.35)

#### **RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

85 E 7th Place #220, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 201-3855 **Email:** Health.RHAC@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The committee advises the commissioner of health and other state agencies on rural health issues. (LAWS OF 1992, CH. 549, ART. 5, SEC. 7.)

#### **SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COUNCIL**

Minnesota Department of Education 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville 55113

**Phone:** (651) 582-8364 **Email:** craig.wethington@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council must provide leadership for the following activities: 1) establishment of norms and standards for prevention, intervention, and support around issues of prohibited conduct; 2) advancement of evidence-based policy and best practices to improve school climate and promote

school safety; 3) development and dissemination of resources and training for schools and communities about issues of prohibited conduct under section 121A.031, and other school safety-related issues; and 4) develop policies and procedures for the services provided by the school climate center under section 127A.052. (M.S. 127A.051)

#### **SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH**

2305 W. Superior Street, Duluth 55806-1931

**Phone:** (218) 727-8525 **Email:** ADMIN@DULUTHPORT.COM

**Law provides:** The port authority promotes international and domestic waterborne commerce in port district; owns port and industrial properties; may acquire or construct port facilities. (M.S. 469.048-.069 & .074.)

#### **SMALL BUSINESS AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (800) 985-4247 **Email:** michael.nelson@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council renders advisory opinions on the effectiveness of the Small Business Assistance Program; preparing reports as requested by state and federal agencies; reviewing environmental regulatory information for small businesses. (M.S. 116.99. - 1992)

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL**

MDE/Division Of Special Education 1500 Hwy 36 West, Roseville 55113-4266

**Phone:** (651) 582-8843 **Email:** kristin.oien@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The state is required to establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the state. (FED STATUTE 20 USC 1412(a)(21)(A); 34 CFR 300.167)

#### **SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD**

444 Lafayette Road N PO Box 64992, St Paul 55164-0992

**Phone:** (651) 431-2531 **Email:** erika.weymann@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** <span style="color: rgb(51, 51, 51); font-family: lato, serif;">The Special Review Board is established by Minnesota Statutes 253B.18, subdivision 4c. Members are appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services.<span style="color: rgb(51, 51, 51); font-family: lato, serif;">Prior to each Special Review Board hearing, the panel members receive and review written materials (e.g. petition, reports, treatment records, etc.). During each hearing, which typically lasts approximately 30 minutes, panel members hear presentations by various individuals (e.g. treatment providers, forensic psychologists or psychiatrists, attorneys, the committed person, and/or the committed person's family/friends) and ask questions of the presenters. Following each hearing, the panel members privately deliberate and decide the panel's recommendation.<span style="color: rgb(51, 51, 51); font-family: lato, serif;">Following the hearing, the panel's attorney member drafts written Findings of Fact and Recommendation for the consideration of the Commissioner of Human Services (for matters pertaining to persons civilly committed as Mentally Ill and Dangerous) or the Judicial Appeal Panel (for matters pertaining to persons civilly committed as Sexually Dangerous Persons or Sexual Psychopathic Personalities).<span style="color: rgb(51, 51, 51); font-family: lato, serif;">Special Review Board hearings are held in blocks of three to five hearings, which are scheduled over the course of a morning or afternoon multiple times per week. The number of hearings heard by each Special Review Board member varies according to the members' schedules and the number of scheduled hearings. (M.S. 253B.18 sub 4c & 253B.185 sub 9)

#### **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND AUDIOLOGIST ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mn Department Of Health PO Box 64882, St. Paul 55164-0882

**Phone:** (651) 201-5168 **Email:** health.hop@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council advises the commissioner of Health on matters relating to regulation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in terms of licensing standards and enforcement of the licensing statutes. (M.S. 148.5196)

#### **SPINAL CORD AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Office Of Higher Education; 1450 Energy Park Drive, #350, St Paul 55108-5227

**Phone:** (651) 259-3907 **Email:** alaina.desalvo@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Advisory Council is established to develop criteria for evaluating and awarding research grants, review research proposals and make recommendations by January 15 of each year for purposes of awarding grants under Section 136A.901, and perform other duties as authorized by the Commissioner. (Laws 2015, Chap. 69)

#### **STANDARD BRED BREEDERS' FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

15201 Zurich St. Suite 212, Columbus 55379

**Phone:** (651) 452-3955 **Email:** stephanie.neises@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To advise the Racing Commission regarding breeding industry rules and distribution of Standardbred breeders' fund awards and purse supplements. (M.S. 240.18, SUBD. 4.)

#### **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Po Box 64981 540 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55164-0981

**Phone:** (651) 431-2249 **Email:** Heron.Abegaze@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The State Advisory Council on Mental Health is charged with making recommendations to the governor, Legislature and state departments on mental health policies, programs and services. (M.S. 245.697)

#### **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

2829 University Ave. SE, #420, Mpls. 55414-3245

**Phone:** (651) 627-5406 **Email:** physical.therapy@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board evaluates applicants for licensure; renews annual licenses for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; enforces the physical therapy practice act. (M.S. SECTION 148.65)

#### **STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**Phone:** (651) 201-2556 **Email:** kathy.morgan@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The task force members will: exercise ongoing coordination of the restoration, protection, risk management, and preservation of the Capitol building; may assist in the selection of an architectural firm to assist in the preparation of the pre-design plan for the restoration of the Capitol building; develop a comprehensive, multiyear, pre-design plan for the restoration of the Capitol building, review the plan periodically, and, as appropriate, amend and modify the plan; develop and implement a comprehensive financial plan to fund the preservation and restoration of the Capitol building; provide annual reports about the condition of the Capitol building and its needs, as well as all activities related to the restoration of the Capitol building; solicit gifts, grants, or donations of any kind from any private or public source to carry out the purposes of their duties. By January 15 of each year, will report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the commission regarding the activities and efforts of the commission in the preceding calendar year. (LAWS 2011, CHAP 6, SEC 3,)

#### **STATE DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD**

Department of Administration 309 Administration Bldg; 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-2389 **Email:** jennifer.barber@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The State Designer Selection Board (SDSB) selects the primary designer on building construction or remodeling projects as requested by state agencies, the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) on all projects with an estimated construction cost greater than \$2,000,000, and on planning projects with estimated fees greater than \$200,000. (M.S. 16B.33., M.S. 16C.33, and M.R. Chapter 3200.)

#### **STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD**

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

**Phone:** (952) 658-6607 **Email:** kristen.trebil@courts.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board shall create and administer a statewide independent guardian ad litem program to advocate for the best interests of children, minor parents, and incompetent adults in juvenile and family court cases as defined in Rule 901.01 of the Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure in Juvenile and Family Court matters; approve and recommend to the Legislature a budget for the board and the guardian ad litem program; establish procedures for distribution of funding under this section to the guardian ad litem program; and establish guardian ad litem program

standards, administrative policies, procedures, and rules consistent with statute, rules of court, and laws that affect a volunteer or employee guardian ad litem's work. (MS 480.35)

#### **STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**

50 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 201-3287 **Email:** amy.sponge@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** (5) The Review Board must adopt written procedures governing its operations consistent with the provisions of this section and related guidance that the National Park Services issues.(6) Review Board responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:(i) Providing advice to the SHPO on the full range of Historic Preservation Fund-supported activities, that section 101(b)(3) of the Act describes;(ii) Reviewing and making recommendations on National Register nomination proposals;(iii) Participating in the review of appeals to National Register nominations; and(iv) Performing such other duties as may be appropriate. (Required by Federal law)

#### **STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE**

331 2nd Ave. S., #900, Mpls. 55401

**Phone:** (612) 349-2565 **Email:** kevin.kajer@pubdef.state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The board shall approve and recommend a budget to the Legislature, as well as establish procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders, and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the State Public Defender and all Chief Public Defenders of Judicial Districts. (M.S. 611.215.)

#### **STATE QUALITY COUNCIL**

Po Box 64967, St Paul 55164

**Phone:** (651) 431-2433 **Email:** paj.thao@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council, in partnership with the department of Human Services, exists to support a system of quality assurance and improvement of services for people with disabilities. The council will work collaboratively with all affected parties to achieve measurable positive outcomes in health and welfare for persons with disabilities. The council is committed to a system that is person-directed, outcome-based, quality-driven, and cost effective. (M.S. 256B.097)

#### **STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL - GENERAL**

Dept. Of Employment And Economic Development 332 Minnesota Street, Ste E200, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (651) 259-7364 **Email:** karla.f.eckhoff@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council is responsible for advising state government on the performance of Minnesota's Vocational Rehabilitation programs. The council advises and assists in preparation of the state plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services; reviews and analyzes the effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with, vocational rehabilitation services; conducts needs assessments; reports to the governor and the U.S. Department of Education on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs; coordinates activities with other state councils with interest in the issues pertaining to disability and employment; and holds hearings and forums necessary to carry out the council's duties. (M.S. 268A.02, AND FEDERAL LAW.)

#### **STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND**

2200 University Avenue West, #240, St. Paul 55114

**Phone:** (651) 539-2271 **Email:** susan.kusz@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** Review, analyze and advise State Services for the Blind regarding the performance of its responsibilities, particularly relating to: Eligibility, including order of selection; The extent, scope, and effectiveness of services provided; and Functions performed by State Services for the Blind that affect, or potentially affect, the ability of persons who are blind, visually impaired or DeafBlind in achieving employment outcomes under this title. In partnership with State Services for the Blind, Develop, agree to and review state goals and priorities in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and Evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation program and submit reports of progress to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in accordance with federal law; Assist State Services for the Blind in the preparation of the state plan and amendments to the plan, applications, reports, needs assessments and evaluations required by this title; To the extent feasible, conduct a review and analysis of the

effectiveness of, and consumer satisfaction with: Functions performed by State Services for the Blind; Vocational rehabilitation services provided by State Services for the Blind and other public and private entities responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to persons who are blind, visually impaired, and DeafBlind under this Act; and Employment outcomes achieved by eligible individuals receiving services under this title, including the availability of health and other employment benefits in connection with such employment outcomes; Prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, on the status of vocational rehabilitation programs operated within the state, and make the report available to the public; Avoid duplication of efforts and enhance the number of individuals served by coordinating activities with other state advisory councils; Provide for coordination and the establishment of working relationships between State Services for the Blind and the Statewide Council for Independent Living and Centers for Independent Living within the state; Perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of this title, as the Council determines to be appropriate and comparable to the other functions performed by the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind; and Prepare a list of qualified impartial hearing officers that must be jointly identified by State Services for the Blind and the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind in accordance with 34 CFR 361.57(f) (M.S. 248.10, FEDERAL REHAB. ACT)

#### **STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

Mn Deed, Rehabilitation Services, 1st National Bank Building 332 Minnesota Street #e200, St. Paul 55101

**Phone:** (612) 518-1497 **Email:** mnsilc1215@gmail.com

**Law provides:** Jointly develop and sign the State Plan for Independent Living. Monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State Plan; As appropriate, coordinate activities with other entities in the State that provide services similar to or complementary to independent living services, such as entities that facilitate the provision of or provide long-term community-based services and supports. Meet regularly and ensure that all meetings of the Council are open to the public and sufficient advance notice is provided; and Submit to the Administrator such periodic reports as the Administrator may reasonably request, and keep such records, and afford access to such records, as the Administrator finds necessary to verify the information in such reports. The Council is authorized to hold such hearings and forums as the Council may determine to be necessary to carry out the duties of the Council. Included in the new legislation are what is labeled "Authorities". Work with centers for independent living to coordinate services with public and private entities in order to improve services provided to individuals with disabilities. Conduct resource development activities to support the activities described in the plan or to support the provision of independent living services by centers for independent living; Perform such other functions, consistent with the purpose of this chapter and comparable to other functions described in this subsection, as the Council determines to be appropriate. The Council shall not provide independent living services directly to individuals with significant disabilities or manage such services. (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA),)

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

Po Box 64981 540 Cedar St, St. Paul 55164-0981

**Phone:** (651) 431-2249 **Email:** Heron.Abegaze@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The subcommittee must make recommendations to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health on policies, laws, regulations, and services relating to children's mental health. (M.S. 245.697, Subd. 2a)

#### **SURPLUS LINES ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA**

600 Clark St., Po Box 86, Mora 55051

**Phone:** (320) 679-4244 **Email:** nschroeder@mnsula.com

**Law provides:** The association processes surplus lines insurance documents, educates its members regarding the surplus lines law of this state, and recommends to the Commissioner of Commerce revisions to Minnesota law relating to the regulation of surplus lines insurance in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of that regulation. The complete set of duties of the association are listed in Minn. Stat. 60A.2085 (2010). (M.S. 60A.2085)

#### **TASK FORCE ON MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH**

PO Box 64882, St Paul 55164-0882

Phone: (651) 539-3000 Email: [darin.teske@state.mn.us](mailto:darin.teske@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The task force shall hold hearings to conduct an assessment that evaluates the impact of the use of medical cannabis and evaluates Minnesota's activities and other states' activities involving medical cannabis. The group shall offer analysis of the program design and implementation; the impact on the health care provider community; patient experiences; the impact on the incidence of substance abuse; access to and quality of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products; the impact on law enforcement and prosecutions; public awareness and perception; and any unintended consequences. By February 1, 2015 the co-chairs of the task force must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Legislature on the design and implementation of the registry program, and every two years after they will submit a impact assessment report. They will also submit a completed cost assessment. The task force may make recommendations to the Legislature on whether to add or remove conditions from the list of qualifying medical conditions. (M.S. 152.36 / LAWS 2014; CHAP 311, SEC. 16.)

#### **TAX COURT**

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

Phone: (651) 296-1271 Email: [lisa.pister@state.mn.us](mailto:lisa.pister@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The Tax Court is maintained for taxpayers to file appeals related to any state or local tax, except special assessments. (M.S. 271.01.)

#### **TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

658 Cedar Street, St Paul 55155

Phone: (651) 201-1222 Email: [taylor.r.mills@state.mn.us](mailto:taylor.r.mills@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** Advise the state chief information officer on: development and implementation of state information technology plan, critical information technology initiatives for the state, standards for state information architecture, identify needs of state, strategic portfolio management, management of state enterprise technology fund, effectiveness of office. (M.S. 16E.036 2011)

#### **THE OMBUDSMAN COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Suite 420, Metro Square Bldg., St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 757-1809 Email: [paul.doyle@state.mn.us](mailto:paul.doyle@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** Advises and assists the ombudsman in developing policies, plans and programs to benefit persons with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chemical dependence, and emotional disturbance. (M.S. 245.91-245.97)

#### **THOROUGHbred BREEDERS' FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1100 Canterbury Rd. Suite 100, Shakopee 55379

Phone: (952) 496-7950 Email: [colleen.hurlbert@state.mn.us](mailto:colleen.hurlbert@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** To advise the Racing Commission regarding breeding industry rules and distribution of thoroughbred breeders' fund awards and purse supplements. (M.S. CHAPTER 240.18, SUBD. 4)

#### **TRADE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Deed Trade Office; First Bank Bldg; 332 Minnesota Street, St Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 259-7485 Email: [gabrielle.gerboud@state.mn.us](mailto:gabrielle.gerboud@state.mn.us)

**Law provides:** The council shall: 1) advise the governor and the Legislature on matters relating to U.S.x trade agreements; 2) assess the potential impact of federal trade agreements on the state's economy; 3) advise the governor and the Legislature of the group's findings and make recommendations, including any draft legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the governor and the Legislature; 4) determine, on a case-by-case basis, the impact of a specific federal trade agreement by requesting input from state agencies, seeking expert advice, convening public hearings, and taking other reasonable and appropriate actions; 5) request information from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative necessary to conduct an appropriate review of government procurement agreements or other trade issues; and 6) receive information obtained by the U.S. Trade Representative's single point of contact for Minnesota. (M.S. 116J.9661)

#### **TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

PO Box 64882, St Paul 55164-0882

**Phone:** (651) 201-3841 **Email:** chris.ballard@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The council is established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the commissioner of Health on the development, maintenance, and improvement of a statewide trauma system. (MN SP. SESS. 2005, HF 139, ART 6, SEC 31)

#### **TRUSTEE CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

72 State Office Building, St Paul 55155

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

**Law provides:** Determine the criteria for and identify and recruit qualified candidates to recommend to the governor for appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU). (M.S. 136F.03)

#### **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

540 Cedar Street, St Paul 55164

**Phone:** (651) 431-2289 **Email:** dhs.tbiadvisorycommittee@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** To provide recommendations in reports to the commissioner regarding program and service needs of persons with traumatic brain injuries. (M.S. 256B.093)

#### **URBAN INDIAN ADVISORY BOARD**

161 St Anthony Ave; Ste 919, St Paul 55103

**Phone:** (651) 539-2200 **Email:** melanie.franks@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The Advisory Council on Urban Indians was created to advise the board of directors on the unique problems and concerns of Minnesota Indians who reside in the urban areas of the state. (M.S. 3.922, SUBD. 8.)

#### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS**

405 MN Judicial Center 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155-1500

**Phone:** (651) 539-1203 **Email:** molly.nystel@state.mn.us

**Law provides:** The WCCA has exclusive statewide authority to review all workers' compensation appeals and vacate awards pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 175A and 176. (M.S. 175A.01.)

**“THE MOSES WHO IS LEADING  
MINNESOTA TO THE PROMISED LAND.”**

Ueland’s determination and leadership skills quickly pulled her from the periphery to the center of Minnesota’s suffrage movement. In 1913, she founded the Equal Suffrage Organization of Minneapolis, notable for its male as well as female members. The following year, she organized a suffrage parade in Minneapolis with a turnout of nearly 2,000 marchers. Its success propelled her to her most significant leadership role as the president of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association (MWSA).

As MWSA president, Ueland launched a whirlwind effort to gain support for women’s suffrage. Her leadership style was relatively conservative, and she prized order and restraint over the more radical methods of other organizations. She prioritized outreach outside of the Twin Cities, mailing regular “Dear Suffragist” letters to suffrage leaders statewide and visiting outlying towns to give speeches. Ueland also organized a group of women to call directly on policy makers for change. Praising her leadership, a fellow suffragist referred to her as “the Moses who is leading Minnesota to the promised land.”

Clara Ueland, MNOPEDIA  
Minnesota Historical Society