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January 8, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE  
TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Rebecca Keran, Neil N. Lapidus, and Kate Mooney, Ph.D., to the Board of Accountancy. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Keran, of Inver Grove Heights, is a controller with Best Buy in Richfield. Previously, she worked in the tax practice for KPMG in Minneapolis. Keran received her master of business administration from the University of St. Thomas in December 2007. Keran, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2004, is appointed to another four-year term as a CPA member.

Lapidus, of Medina, is a partner with the accounting firm of Lurie, Besikof, Lapidus and Company in Minneapolis. He has been with the firm since 1978. Lapidus earned his bachelor of science business degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota. Lapidus, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2004 and is currently chair, is appointed to another four-year term as a CPA member.

Mooney, of Cold Spring, is a professor of accounting and past department chair at St. Cloud State University (SCSU). She has been an accounting professor at SCSU since 1986. Mooney earned her doctorate degree from Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas, and her bachelor of science degree in accounting cum laude from SCSU. Mooney, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2006, is appointed to a four-year term as a CPA member.

The Board of Accountancy examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BETTERMANN AND BOYD TO  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of A. Hilda Bettermann, and Felicia Boyd to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Both members, who were initially appointed to the board in 2004, are reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Bettermann, of Brandon, is the associate dean of academic affairs at Alexandria Technical College. She served four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1991 through 1998. Bettermann, who is currently vice chair of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, is reappointed to the position for a former Republican legislator.

Boyd, of Lakeville, is an attorney and partner in the Faegre and Benson law firm in Minneapolis, where she practices in complex intellectual property litigation. Boyd, who was chair of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board last year, is reappointed to an unrestricted position.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board administers programs for campaign finance disclosure for state candidates, economic interest disclosure for state and local officials, lobbyist registration and disclosure, and public subsidy of state candidates and political party committees. The board consists of six members appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom may support the same political party.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS HAUGEN  
PUBLIC DEFENSE BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Molly C. Haugen to the State Board of Public Defense.

Haugen, of Duluth, is the human resource manager for IKONICS Corporation, a manufacturing company based in Duluth. Haugen, who has been a member of the board since 2001, is reappointed to a public member position to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process he will use to fill two upcoming judicial vacancies on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The first opening – which is an at-large position – will occur with the resignation of the Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen, who was appointed by Governor Pawlenty to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Judge Dietzen’s resignation is effective on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. The second opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable R. A. “Jim” Randall on April 4, 2008. Judge Randall’s seat is an Eighth Congressional District position, and must be filled by an individual who has resided in the Eighth Congressional District for at least one year prior to appointment.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and a list of six to 10 references (no letters of recommendation) via U.S. Mail to:

John Hultquist, Director of Judicial Appointments  
Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Materials may also be sent via e-mail to [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or fax to 651-296-0056.

All candidates who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor’s office no later than **4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.**

Governor Pawlenty has designated a seven-member ad hoc screening committee to review résumés and make recommendations to him. The committee members are:

Eric Magnuson, chair, attorney with Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis  
Rene Diebold, attorney in private practice in Marshall  
Karen Himle, University of Minnesota vice president for university relations  
John Hultquist, Governor’s director of judicial appointments  
Karen Janisch, general counsel to the Governor  
Bob Schroeder, Governor’s deputy chief of staff  
Ronald Schutz, attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis

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The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 19 judges; 11 judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts.

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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY**  
**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**  
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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two upcoming Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable David E. Christensen effective on March 4, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for Watonwan County.

The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable George I. Harrelson effective on June 2, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for both Lincoln and Lyon Counties.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fifth Judicial District may request an application for either or both positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair  
Commission on Judicial Selection  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for either or both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, February 7, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BUCK TO  
CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD**

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of M. Ann Buck to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Buck, of White Bear Lake, is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Burnet in St. Paul, and is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Minnesota Realtors Association, and St. Paul Area Association of Realtors. Buck, who has been a member of the CAAP Board since 1996 and currently serves as vice-chair, is reappointed as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board is responsible for the 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. The board consists of 12 members, including four appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHLUTER TO  
INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ann M. Schluter to the Investment Advisory Council (IAC).

Schluter, of Lakeville, retired from state service in January 2006 after 15 years of executive-level experience with a number of Minnesota state agencies. She retired as deputy commissioner of the Department of Employee Relations (DOER), and previously served in a variety of leadership positions with DOER; the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning (Minnesota Planning); the Department of Children, Families and Learning and its predecessor, the Department of Education; and in the Office of Governor Arne Carlson and Lieutenant Governor Joanell Dyrstad.

Prior to state service, Schluter was a teacher at Marian High School in Omaha, Nebraska, and Callanan Junior High School in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a member and chair of the Burnsville School Board, was president of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, and served on the Minnesota School Boards Association Board of Directors. Schluter replaces Judge Kenneth Maas on the Investment Advisory Council to fill an unscheduled vacancy for a retiree member. She will complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Investment Advisory Council advises the State Board of Investment on policy relating to investments of state funds. The council consists of 17 members, including three appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO  
JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Suzanne Spellacy and Inez L. Wildwood to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board of Directors. Both members, who were originally appointed in 2004, are reappointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Spellacy, of Mankato, is vice president and assistant general counsel with Taylor Corporation in Mankato. She has held a variety of positions with Taylor Corp. since 2000. In addition to her service on the Job Skills Partnership Board, Spellacy chairs the Loyola Catholic School Board, is a member of the Mankato Area YMCA Board and its finance committee, and is a member of the Mankato Area Public Schools Kindergarten Readiness Task Force. Spellacy is reappointed to an unrestricted position on the Job Skills Partnership Board.

Wildwood, of Duluth, is the employee relations manager with ALLETE, Inc. in Duluth. She has over nine years of human resources experience with ALLETE. Wildwood is a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council where she chairs the business and community connections committee, is a member and former chair of the Duluth Workforce Council, and serves on the NGA Policy Academy on Workforce Development. Wildwood is reappointed to a position on the Job Skills Partnership Board for a member who is also a business representative on the Governor's Workforce Development Council.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO  
BOXING COMMISSION**

**Coon Rapids** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judge James A. Morrow and Nancy L. Schuster to the Minnesota Boxing Commission. Both members, who were originally appointed last August after the commission was created by the 2006 Legislature, are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Morrow, of Coon Rapids, retired last year from the Tenth Judicial District trial court bench in Anoka County, and is a professor at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul. Morrow serves as a retired judge member of the commission.

Schuster, of Chanhassen, is the director of investigations with Ameriprise Financial, Inc., in Minneapolis. Previously, she served as an associate judge with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Court in Nixon, Nevada, and was chief counsel as well as a supervisory special agent with the FBI in field offices in Minneapolis, Omaha, Detroit, and Las Vegas.

The Minnesota Boxing Commission (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 282, Article 11, Section 14) has sole direction, supervision, regulation, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing and tough person contests held within the state; sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses; and may adopt rules including, but not limited to, the conduct of boxing exhibitions, bouts, fights, and their manner, supervision, time, and place. The Minnesota Boxing Commission, whose purpose is to protect health, promote safety, and ensure fair boxing events, consists of five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a retired Minnesota judge.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE  
TO AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Darrell Thompson and Martha Weaver West and the reappointment of Kenneth Resnick to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC). All three are reappointed to three-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Resnick, of Edina, has over 19 years of broadcasting experience in a variety of areas, including host and play-by-play announcer of TNN’s Roller Jam, host of ESPN’s Bryant Gumbel Celebrity Golf Tournament, national host and announcer of American Gladiators Live Tour, and an announcer for the World Wrestling Federation. He also has a background in public relations and management as the managing coordinator of the Ladies Professional Wrestling Association, and director of public relations and marketing for the Calgary Cowboys Hockey Club and the New Minnesota Fighting Saints Hockey Team. Resnick has been very active in the Twin Cities community as well, serving as chair of the Leukemia Society of Minnesota’s “Breakfast of Champions” and on the Minnesota Special Olympics Board of Directors. Resnick has been a member of the Amateur Sports Commission since 1996.

Thompson, of Plymouth, is the executive director of Bolder Options, a mentoring program for at-risk youth in the Twin Cities. He has 18 years of programming experience with inner city youth. Thompson is also a Minnesota Golden Gopher’s football analyst for WCCO Radio. He was a first-round draft pick for the Green Bay Packers and was a standout football player at the University of Minnesota, where he was named Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year, and still holds many Gopher records. He serves on the boards of directors of Hands on Twin Cities, Minnesota NFL Alumni, Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, and a number of University of Minnesota organizations, including the “M” Club, Diversity Task Force, Athletic Advisory, and the athletic department’s Diversity Strategic Planning Committee. Thompson replaces Linda Goodno on the Amateur Sports Commission.

West, of Anoka, is the Anoka County public information manager, a position she has held since 2007. Previously, she was the primary weeknight news anchor from 1995 to 2007 for WRTV television, the ABC affiliate in Indianapolis, Indiana. While in Indiana, West served as an advisor to the WNBA’s Indiana Fever, volunteered for a program that enabled children with disabilities to receive therapy on horseback, and a program where future therapy and service dogs are trained by juvenile and adult prison inmates. West was also a news anchor and reporter for WEYI television,

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the NBC affiliate in Flint, Michigan from 1994 to 1995, and a communications assistant for former Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson from 1990 to 1994. West earned her bachelor of arts degree in speech from St. Olaf College in Northfield. West replaces Kristen Jacobs on the Amateur Sports Commission.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission supports the National Sports Center in Blaine, the amateur sports associations in the state and creates tourism through promoting amateur sports events, including the Star of the North State Games. The commission consists of 16 members, including 10 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GUTHMANN  
TO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John H. Guthmann to a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable A. James Dickinson on January 1, 2008.

Guthmann is an attorney and partner with the Arden Hills law firm of Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug and Bradt. He was the firm’s managing partner from 1999 to 2002, has been a partner since 1990, and was an associate attorney from 1981 through 1989. Guthmann clerked for Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Sheran from 1980 to 1981. Guthmann earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, where he was editor-in-chief of the William Mitchell Law Review; and his bachelor of arts degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa in 1976.

“John has achieved a high level of respect in the legal profession for his strong intellect and adept handling of complex civil cases,” Governor Pawlenty said. “He has the knowledge and wisdom to manage the most complex cases that come before the Ramsey County bench, as well as the compassion to treat all who appear before him with dignity.”

Guthmann is a member and past president of the Ramsey County Bar Association where he also serves on the civil litigation section, a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association. He has been recognized professionally as one of “The Best Lawyers in America” in both the personal injury litigation and workers’ compensation categories by Woodward/White, Inc., named a “Super Lawyer” by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine, and listed in “America’s Registry of Outstanding Professionals” and “Leading American Attorneys”. Guthmann’s volunteer activities in the community include serving as a member of the Minnesota Special Education Task Force; Coalition for Children with Disabilities; PACER Center, Inc, where he is a past president and a member of the board of directors; Friends of PACER, Inc., of which he is currently president; First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War reenactment organization; Boy Scouts of America Northern Star Council, where he is a member of the board of directors and the Troop 90 Eagle Scout advisor; and Rotary Club of St. Paul. He has also served on the Minnesota Statewide Family Network Board of Directors, Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth, Coalition for Education Reform and Accountability, and the Governor’s Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Intervention. He was named to the *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*’s Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2001.

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Guthmann, 53, was born in St. Paul where he lives with his wife, Teresa. They have three children, Alex, 19, Abby and Andy, both 15.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS O'BRIEN TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of J. Dennis O'Brien to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). O'Brien is appointed to a six-year term that expires on January 6, 2014, and replaces Marshall Johnson.

"Dennis brings a great deal of knowledge, intellect, and balanced judgeship with him to the position," Governor Pawlenty said. "He has the passion for public service and will study the issues before the PUC to help lead Minnesota's future energy policy."

O'Brien, of St. Paul, is the state's director of strategic planning, a position he has held since 2007. He was an attorney and partner with Littler Mendelson in Minneapolis, from 2005 to 2007, where he practiced a broad range of employment law matters. Previously, he an attorney and partner with Rider Bennett from 1989 to 2005 and LeFevere Lefler from 1969 to 1989, where he brought an extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise in many aspects of education law, including labor relations and collective bargaining, employment matters, employee discipline and discharge, school funding and finance, and administrative procedures. He has successfully tried a number of cases before both state and federal courts.

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"I look forward to continuing my public service on this very important body," O'Brien said.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GARCIA, KARASOV, McKEIG AND MILLER TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS**

**Minneapolis** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tamara G. Garcia, Fred Karasov, Anne K. McKeig, and Laurie J. Miller to four Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in Hennepin County. Three vacancies occurred with the resignations of the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas and the Honorable Francis J. Connolly, who were sworn in as Court of Appeals judges on January 1, 2008; and the retirement of the Honorable Harry Seymour Crump. The effective date of Judges Schellhas and Connolly’s resignations and Judge Crump’s retirement was December 31, 2007. The fourth vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Allen Oleisky on March 31, 2008.

“Tami, Fred, Anne and Laurie bring a wealth of professional experience and have the skills and demeanor for the position,” Governor Pawlenty said. “Their commitment to public service, strong work ethic, and diverse backgrounds will be an asset to the Hennepin County bench.”

Garcia has been a self-employed attorney in private practice since 2000; a judicial hearing examiner with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Shakopee since 1995; a judicial hearing examiner with AMERIND Risk Management Corporation in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico since 2007; and a director with the State Fund Mutual Insurance Company in Bloomington since 2000. Previously, she was an associate attorney and partner with the Pustorino, Pederson, Tilton and Parrington law firm in Edina from 1989 to 2000, and a staff attorney with the Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals in St. Paul from 1987 to 1989. Garcia earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1986, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

Garcia is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where she served on the Board of Governors; Hennepin County Bar Association, where she serves on the Workers’ Compensation Section, and was a founding member of the Diversity Law Section; Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association; and Minnesota Women Lawyers. She is a member of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board, has been a mentor with the University of Minnesota Law School Mentor Program, volunteers in a reading program for elementary and preschool students, has been a volunteer moot court judge with the National Hispanic Bar Association, volunteers at her children’s schools, and is a participant in the Susan G. Kommen Race for the Cure.

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Garcia, 46, was born in Tampa, Florida, and lives in Eden Prairie with her husband, Steven.

Karasov is the senior attorney in the violent crimes division of the Hennepin County Attorney's office, and has been an attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office since 1983. He is also a military judge with the Minnesota Army National Guard, a position he has held since 2000, and was a staff judge advocate with the National Guard from 1988 to 2000. He served in Kosovo from 2003 to 2004 as a member of the National Guard. Prior to earning his law degree, Karasov was a senior deputy Hennepin County Sheriff from 1978 to 1982. Karasov earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, his master of science degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976.

Karasov is a member of the Minnesota State, and Hennepin County Bar Associations, and the National Guard Officers' Association. He is a member of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force, Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigators Advisory Board, and was a member of the Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Committee, and CornerHouse child abuse victims center. He has written a sexual assault prosecution manual and spoke at numerous seminars on the subject. He has been a moot court judge and mock trial coach and judge; has been a soccer, softball and wrestling coach; volunteers with Sharing and Caring Hands, participates annually in Adopt a Family; serves food to nursing home residents at holidays; and participates in the Back-to-School Backpack Challenge, which provides school supplies and clothes for children in need.

Karasov, 54, was born in Minneapolis, where lives with his wife, Cathy. He has a daughter, Danielle, 18, and four stepchildren, Emily, Katie, Maggie, and Dan.

McKeig is an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1992. She has specialized in Federal Indian Child Welfare Act cases in the office. McKeig was also a part-time staff attorney with the American Prosecutors Research Institute, which is part of the National District Attorney's Association, in January 2007. McKeig earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1989.

McKeig is a member of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, and the Minnesota County Attorneys Association and was a member of Hennepin County Bar Association. She has been a speaker on child protection issues, and a trainer for the Minnesota Department of Human Services on the civil process of juvenile court and child protection matters. She volunteers for the Division of Indian Work, is a mentor for the College of St. Catherine Shadow Program, and a mentor for high school students through Northland High School's Indian Education Program. McKeig also served on the Governor's Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and Fetal Alcohol Coordinating Board.

McKeig, 40, was born in St. Paul and lives in Brooklyn Park with her husband and their five children.

Miller is an attorney and shareholder in the litigation department of the Fredrikson and Byron law firm in Minneapolis. She has been an attorney with the firm since 1989. Previously, she was an attorney with the Dunlap and Seeger (then known as Dunlap, Keith, Finseth, Berndt and Sandberg) law firm in Rochester from 1986 to 1989, an attorney with the Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe law

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firm in San Francisco, California from 1983 to 1986, and a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Judges Myron H. Bright and Richard S. Arnold in St. Louis, Missouri from 1981 to 1983. Miller earned her juris doctorate degree from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1981 where she was a finalist in the Barrister's Union mock trial competition, and her bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 1978.

Miller is a member of the Federal, American, Minnesota State, and Hennepin County Bar Associations, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and Defense Research Institute. She has been a law school mock trial judge, has been a speaker at a variety of continuing legal education seminars, and has written a number of articles that have appeared in legal and other professional publications. She chairs the Housing Preservation Project Board of Directors, volunteers for Children's Law Center of Minnesota, and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

Miller, 50, was born in Plentywood, Montana, and lives in Edina with her husband, Scott Sakaguchi, and their three children, Peter, 13, Kirsten, 11, and Patrick, 6.

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

**St. Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two upcoming Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable James E. Broberg effective on April 29, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Albert Lea in Freeborn County.

The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Margaret Shaw Johnson effective on May 13, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Winona in Winona County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Third Judicial District may request an application for either or both positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair  
Commission on Judicial Selection  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for either or both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 5, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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February 28, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS NEATON TO BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Holly Neaton, D.V.M., to the Board of Animal Health.

Neaton, of Watertown, has been the attending veterinarian for the Beckman Coulter Immunodiagnostics Animal Facility in Maple Plain since 1997. From 1979 to 1997, she was a veterinarian and partner in the Watertown Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice with an emphasis on dairy, equine, and small ruminants.

Neaton received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, and returned there as an assistant professor from 1985 to 1992. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterinary Medicine Association (MVMA). She was MVMA's President in 1997 and received MVMA's "Veterinarian of the Year" Award in 2001.

Neaton is reappointed as a veterinarian member to the board for a four year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of Animal Health oversees numerous voluntary and mandatory programs that focus on controlling and eradicating animal diseases in Minnesota. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES ROBERT BLY AS MINNESOTA'S  
FIRST OFFICIAL POET LAUREATE**

*~ Bly is recognized as a world-renowned poet, editor and translator ~*

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today named Robert Bly the first official poet laureate of the State of Minnesota. Bly will be the primary spokesperson, supporter, and promoter of poetry in the state.

“Robert Bly is a Minnesota treasure,” Governor Pawlenty said. “His many works, impressive 40 year career, and national renown will help promote poetry in Minnesota.”

Bly was born in Madison, Minnesota in 1926. After serving two years in the Navy, he attended St. Olaf College, Harvard University, and received his M.A. from the University of Iowa. Bly received a Fulbright grant in 1956 to travel to Norway and translate Norwegian poetry into English. He later began a literary magazine for poetry translation in the United States which introduced many poets to the writers of his generation. Bly currently lives in Minneapolis.

The Academy of American Poets says, “As a poet, editor, and translator, Bly has had a profound impact on the shape of American poetry.” He is the author of more than thirty books of poetry, including *The Light Around the Body* (1967), which won the National Book Award. Bly has also translated Henrik Ibsen's classic play *Peer Gynt*, now showing at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

“Minnesota has a wonderful literary history, so it is a great honor to be our state's first poet laureate,” Bly said.

The poet laureate may promote the reading and writing of poetry, preside over poetry awards and contests, and write poetry or select poets to compose works for significant state occasions.

The Legislature created the position of poet laureate in 2007. The Minnesota Humanities Center was charged with soliciting nominations and making recommendations to the Governor. The individual appointed as poet laureate serves until the Governor appoints another person.

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An 11-member nominating committee representing various literary groups and organizations throughout Minnesota made recommendations based on several criteria:

- Admirable and proven level of ability in writing poetry.
- History of having published individual poems and/or books of poetry.
- Demonstrated excellence in promoting awareness and enjoyment of poetry in Minnesota.
- Age 21 or older and a resident of Minnesota for at least one year prior to being nominated.

Founded in 1971, the Minnesota Humanities Center is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Center provides leadership, resources, and programs that advance the study of the humanities and enhance the work of schools, colleges, and cultural organizations.

While Bly is Minnesota's first official poet laureate, others have had the unofficial title in the past.

Margaret Ball Dickson was named poet laureate of Minnesota by the national Poet Laureate League in 1934. Governor Floyd B. Olson congratulated Mrs. Dickson and recognized her title in a letter. Laurene Tibbetts-Larson was chosen unofficially by readers of the Minneapolis Star in 1973. She was "appointed" Minnesota's poet laureate by Minneapolis Star columnist Abe Altowitz. The first bill to make the position official was introduced in 1974, but it did not pass the legislature.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SOLGA TO OSHA REVIEW BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert David Sogla to the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Review Board.

Sogla, of Coon Rapids, is an electrical inspector with the University of Minnesota, and an electrical instructor with the IBEW Minneapolis Electrical Workers Union Local 292. Previously, he was a foreman with Mayer Electric Corporation for 12 years. Sogla is licensed as a journeyman and a master electrician, and is also a certified OSHA trainer. He earned his certification in electrical construction from St. Paul Community and Technical College. Sogla replaces John Williams on the OSHA Review Board as a representative of labor for a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Board reviews cases involving OSHA citations and proposed penalties. The board consists of three members appointed by the Governor, including a representative of labor, management and the public.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FARINACCI TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Marcia Farinacci to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Board of Trustees.

Farinacci, of St. Paul, retired in 2004 from state service as the acting director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning. She previously served on the staffs of Governor Arne Carlson and United States Senator Rudy Boschwitz, and worked for Independent School District 625 in Roseville. Farinacci is also a member of the Minnesota Board of Nursing, and previously served on the Board of Psychology, and Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board. She has also chaired the Maternity of Mary Parish Board of Religious Education, been a member of the Humphrey Job Corps Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and the St. Paul Public Schools Citizen Advisory Committee, and has volunteered with the Guthrie Theatre, PTA, Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts. Farinacci, who has been a member of the PERA Board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of retired annuitants.

The Public Employees Retirement Association Board of Trustees manages the fund that provides retirement, survivor and disability benefits for public employees of county and local government. The board consists of 11 members, including five appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John Wuorinen, and the reappointment of Ramona L. Dohman, Mylan Masson, Brent Richter, and Michael Young to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board). All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Dohman, of Maple Grove, is the Maple Grove Police Chief, a position she has held since 2001. She has held a number of positions with the Maple Grove Police Department since 1984, and was a patrol officer with the cities of Marshall and Glencoe prior to that. Dohman holds a masters degree in police leadership, administration and education from the University of St. Thomas, and a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice administration from Metropolitan State University. Dohman is currently the second vice president of the Minnesota Chiefs' of Police Association. She is also past president of the Hennepin County Chiefs' of Police Association, Maple Grove Police Association, and Hennepin County Juvenile Advisory Board, and serves as a member Alexandria Technical College Law Enforcement Advisory Board. Dohman, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of municipal police chiefs.

Masson, of Savage, is the director of the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in St. Paul, a position she has held since 2006. She was the Center's assistant director from 1994 to 2006, and had also previously been a faculty member. Masson also held positions as a training officer and patrol officer with the Minneapolis Park Police from 1989 to 2003. Masson earned her law enforcement certification from Mankato State University, holds a masters degree in education from the University of Minnesota, and her bachelor of arts degree in education from the College of St. Catherine. She is president of the Minnesota Association of Women Police, and a member of the International Association of Women Police, Fraternal Order of Police, Park Law Enforcement Association, Law Enforcement Opportunities, and National Organization for Black Law Enforcement. Masson, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of former peace officers currently employed in a peace officer education program.

Richter, of Elk River, is a sergeant with the Minnesota State Patrol's Office of Investigative Services and the Metro Crash Reconstruction Team. He has been a state trooper for over 18 years, and a licensed peace officer in Minnesota for over 26 years.

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Richter has served on the State Patrol's statewide motor vehicle crime task force, has been a Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association West Metro District delegate, and an instructor with its training center. He is also a member of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and has been a volunteer firefighter. Richter, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2000, is reappointed as a representative of the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers' Association.

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The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. David Linde, DDS and Susan Osman to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

Linde, of Prior Lake, is a general dentist with over 30 years of practice experience, and currently practices with Smiles of Distinction in Savage, Minnesota. He is a member of a number of professional associations including; the Minnesota Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and the American Association of Cosmetic Dentistry. Linde obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College and his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Minnesota. He is the past president of the Minnesota Academy of General Dentistry, Savage Chamber of Commerce, and Savage Jaycees. Linde is appointed as a dentist member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Dr. Dean Singsank on the board.

Osman, of Minnetonka, left the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in 1999 after 22 years as an investigator. She began her law enforcement career with the Minnetonka Police Department where she was the first female patrol officer in the State of Minnesota. Osman received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a four-year term as a public member that expires January 2, 2012. Osman replaces Marguerite Rheinberger on the board.

The Board of Dentistry examines, licenses and regulates dental health care professionals. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GEISLER TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Timothy R. Geisler to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Geisler, of Rochester, is the unit manager in the Department of Finance with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He has held a number of positions in finance at Mayo for the past 22 years. Previously, Geisler was the comptroller with United Financial Saving Bank in Rochester, accounting manager for C. H. Robinson Company in Eden Prairie, and audit manager with the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company in Minneapolis. Geisler earned his bachelors degree in comprehensive public accounting summa cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

Geisler is currently treasurer of the Rochester Airport Company, has chaired the Board of Directors of the Home Federal Savings Bank in Rochester, has served as treasurer of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and serves on the Diocese of Winona Priest Retirement Fund Board of Trustees.

Geisler replaces Gregory Warner on the MAC as a representative of a county containing a key airport system for a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWELVE TO EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Charles Dougherty, Bradley Jones, Mark Novotny, Ted Seifert, Charles Skinner, and Samuel Thompson; and the reappointment of Fred Bobich, Nancy Hanson, Julie Lunning, David Siegel, Kathy Silverthorn, and John Valliere to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council. All 12 are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Bobich, of Cohasset, is the owner and operator of Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. He is a member and past chair of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Bobich, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of chambers of commerce.

Dougherty, of Oak Park Heights, is the owner and operator of the Cover Park Manor in Oak Park Heights, and the Water Street Inn in Stillwater. He was the founding president of the Minnesota Bed and Breakfast Association, and serves as a member of the board. He is also a charter member of the Professional Association of Innkeepers International, a member of the Minnesota Hotel and Lodging Association, and the Inns of the Valley Bed and Breakfast Association. Dougherty replaces Sandra Lexvold on the council as a representative of bed and breakfasts.

Hanson, of New Hope, is the business coordinator of the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA). She is serving her fifth term as president of the Minnesota Recreational Trail Users Association, is a member of the Minnesota Motorized Trail Coalition, and chairs the MnUSA's tourism committee. Hanson, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of trails.

Jones, of Rochester, is the executive director of the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is responsible for the sales and marketing of the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. He currently chairs the Minnesota Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Hospitality First Advisory Committee, and the Rochester Arts Council. Jones replaces Gregory Ortale on the council as a representative of convention facilities.

Lunning, of St. Cloud, is the executive director of the St. Cloud Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Lunning is a past president of the boards of directors of the Minnesota Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, and the Minnesota Heartland Tourism Association, and is a member of the Minnesota Tourism Promotion Coalition. Lunning, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of convention and visitors bureaus.

Novotny, of Hackensack, owns and operates the Hyde-A-Way Bay Resort in Hackensack with his wife and family. He is a member of the Congress of Minnesota Resorts, and currently chairs its legislative committee. Novotny replaces Thomas Masloski on the council as a representative of resorts.

Seifert, of Red Wing, has been a Goodhue County Commissioner since 2003, representing District 5, which includes part of the city of Red Wing and Wacouta Township. He also serves in a number of community organizations, including Red Wing 2020, Three Rivers Citizens Action Council, and the Water Planning Policy Group. Seifert replaces Patricia Beckel on the council as a representative of counties.

Siegel, of Apple Valley, is the president and chief executive officer of Hospitality Minnesota, which represents the major segments of the hospitality industry, and oversees the Minnesota Restaurant Association, Minnesota Lodging Association, and the Minnesota Resort and Campground Association. Siegel, who has been a member of the council since 2005, is reappointed as a representative of the tourism industry.

Silverthorn, of Red Wing, is the executive director of the Red Wing Visitors and Convention Bureau (CVB), and previously held that position with the Fairmont CVB. She is past president of the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association. Silverthorn, who has been a member of the council since 2007, is reappointed as a representative of the Southern Tourism Region.

Skinner, of Lutsen, owns and operates Lutsen Mountains Ski Area and Eagle Ridge Resort. He is president of the Cook County Economic Analysis Council, and the Cook County Events and Visitors Bureau. Skinner replaces Robert Buntz on the council as a representative of lodging.

Thompson, of Long Lake, is the president and owner of metroConnections, Inc. in Minneapolis, a Destination Management Company. He is past president of the Association of Destination Management Executives, and currently serves on the Meet Minneapolis Board, and Minnesota Meetings and Events Editorial Board. Thompson replaces Gabriel Castaneda on the council as a representative of tour operators.

Valliere, of Bloomington, is the general manager of Braemar Golf Course in Edina. He is president of the Minnesota Golf Association, a regional affairs committeeman with the United States Golf Association, past chair of the Explore Minnesota Golf Alliance, and was founding president of the Midwest Public Golf Course Managers Association. Valliere, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of golf.

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council serves the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market. The council consists of 28 members, including 23 appointed by the Governor. The director of Explore Minnesota Tourism chairs the council.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO  
MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Alan Ek, Dale Erickson, Rob Harper, and Joel Koemptgen, and the reappointment of Bruce Cox, Dave Epperly, Kathleen Preece, and John Rajala, as members of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Cox, of Bagley, is the Clearwater County Land Commissioner. He is vice chair of the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners. Cox is reappointed to the council position for a county land commissioner to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Epperly, of Farmington, is the Minnesota State Forester. He also serves as director of the DNR Division of Forestry. Prior to joining the DNR, Epperly served as the St. Louis County Land Commissioner. He also previously served as director of Douglas County (Wisconsin) Resources. Epperly received a bachelor of science degree in forest management/surveying from Michigan Technological University. He is reappointed to the council as a representative of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Ek, of Shoreview, is a professor and head of the Department of Forest Resources, College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Sciences at the University of Minnesota. He received his bachelors of science and master of science degrees in forestry from the University of Minnesota, and a doctorate degree in forest measurements from Oregon State University. Ek was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant for lecturing and research in environmental sciences in 1997. Ek is appointed to the research/higher education position on the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Robert Stine on the council.

Erickson, of Birchdale, operates his family's logging business. He is a former member of the Governor's Advisory Task Force on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry, and has served two terms as president of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association. Erickson is appointed as the representative of commercial logging contractors to complete a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Richard Walsh on the council.

Harper, of Cass Lake, is the forest supervisor for the Chippewa National Forest and has over 17 years of experience with the U.S. Forest Service. Harper has worked as a district ranger, a water rights hydrologist, a firefighter and a smokejumper. He graduated from Lake Superior State College with a degree in geology and earned his master of science degree in geology from Indiana

University. He is appointed as the U.S. Forest Service member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Jim Sanders on the council.

Koemptgen, of Duluth, is the president and CEO of Great Woods North, a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to responsible forest development. Koemptgen has served on the Minnesota Nature Conservancy Board and presently serves on the Board of Minnesota Audubon. He is appointed as the representative of an environmental organization to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Paige Winebarger on the council.

Preece, of Bemidji, is the owner of 10 acres and manages 200 acres of forest land. She is the editor and publisher of BetterFORESTS magazine. Preece is reappointed to the council position for an owner of non-industrial private forest land to a four-year term which ends January 2, 2012.

Rajala, of Deer River, is the vice president of Rajala Lumber Company. Rajala Companies is vertically integrated, overseeing its products from the forest floor through early secondary manufacturing. Rajala Companies manages 25,000 acres of timberland and saws up to 30 million board feet of lumber annually, nearly all of it locally grown. Among his industry involvement, Rajala is President of the Minnesota Wood Campaign, and a board member of Itasca County's Jobs 20/20 initiative. He has served as a member of the Composite Materials Standards Committee of the National Wood Window and Door Association, the Natural Resources Research Institute's Forest Products Advisory Committee, and the Itasca Development Corporation. Rajala is reappointed as the representative of secondary wood manufacturers to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable David E. Christensen effective on March 4, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for Watonwan County. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable George I. Harrelson effective on June 2, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for both Lincoln and Lyon Counties. The finalists are Gregory J. Anderson, Michael W. Cable, Michelle A. Dietrich, Cecil E. Naatz, Troy G. Timmerman, and Terry W. Viesselman.

Anderson, of North Mankato, is an assistant Fifth Judicial District public defender in Mankato, a position he has held since 1994. Previously, he was an assistant Mankato city attorney from 1989 to 1994, and a Fifth Judicial District law clerk in Mankato from 1987 to 1989. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1984.

Cable, of Marshall, is an attorney and owner of the Quarnstrom and Doering law firm in Marshall, a position he has held since 2005. He was an attorney and owner of the firm's predecessor, Quarnstrom, Doering, Pederson, Leary, and Murphy, as well as the Lincoln County attorney from 1979 through 2004; and an associate attorney with the firm as well as an assistant Lincoln County attorney from 1975 through 1978. Cable earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington in 1975, and his bachelor of science degree from Indiana University in 1972.

Dietrich, of Redwood Falls, is the Redwood County attorney in Redwood Falls, a position she has held since 1997. She was an assistant Redwood County attorney from 1995 to 1997, and a Ninth Judicial District law clerk in Bemidji and Clearwater from 1994 to 1995. Dietrich earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1994, and her bachelor of arts degree from Central University of Iowa in Pella in 1991.

Naatz, of Marshall, is the managing attorney in the Fifth Judicial District public defender's office in Marshall, a position he has held since 1995. He was a solo practitioner in Marshall from 1985 to 1995, and an associate attorney with the Blaufuss and Stoneberg law firm in Marshall from 1980 to 1984.

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Naatz earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1980, his bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degree summa cum laude from Mankato State University in 1976, and his associate of arts degree from Austin Community College in 1974.

Timmerman, of Blue Earth, is the managing attorney in the Fifth Judicial District public defender's office in Fairmont, a position he has held since 2004. He was an assistant Fifth Judicial District public defender in Blue Earth from 1995 to 2004 as well as an attorney with the Wendland Timmerman law firm in Blue Earth from 1994 to 2004. He was also a mediator with WT Mediation Services in Blue Earth from 2000 to 2004. Timmerman earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1994, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls in 1991.

Viesselman, of Fairmont, is an attorney and partner with the Viesselman and Barke law firm in Fairmont and Blue Earth, a position he has held since 1985. He has also been the Martin County attorney in Fairmont since 1995. Previously, he was a part-time Fifth Judicial District public defender in Martin and Faribault Counties in 1994, an assistant Martin County attorney from 1985 to 1991, and an associate attorney with the Erickson, Zierke, Kuderer and Madsen law firm in Fairmont from 1978 to 1985. Viesselman earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota magna cum laude in 1975.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 23 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KATHLEEN DOLPHIN  
TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathleen A. Dolphin to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board of Directors.

Dolphin, of Minneapolis, is the president and chair of the board of Dolphin Staffing, a major Twin Cities-based staffing company that specializes in staffing solutions, human resources consulting, risk management, and payroll services. She has been president and an owner for 15 years, and previously held positions as vice president and sales manager of Dolphin Staffing since joining the firm in 1982. She is also vice president, director, and part owner of a Burger King franchise in the Twin Cities and Rochester; vice president and director of a subsidiary of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank; and vice president, director and part-owner of Dolphin Real Estate Management Company. Dolphin earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1981.

Dolphin is the legislative director of the Staffing Association of Minnesota, a member of the Minnesota Business Partnership, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and has also previously served as a member of the American Human Resources Executives of Minnesota, Twin Cities Personnel Association and the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. She is also active with a number of Twin Cities charities, including Minneapolis Boys and Girls Club, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis Youth Trust, University of Minnesota Children's Fund, University of St. Thomas, and the Walker Art Center. Dolphin replaces Lynne Osterman on the Job Skills Partnership Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO ZOO BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bill Guidera and the reappointment of Lisa McGinn and Joe Swedberg to the Minnesota Zoological Board. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Guidera, of Orono, is a vice president of government affairs for News Corporation in New York City, a position he has held since April 2007. Previously, he was a director and policy counsel with Microsoft Corporation in Bloomington and Washington, D.C., an account executive with Strategic Telecommunications, Inc. in St. Paul, and a legislative assistant in Governor Arne Carlson's Washington, D.C. office. Guidera earned his juris doctorate degree from George Mason University of Law in Arlington, Virginia, and his bachelor of arts degree from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. Guidera replaces Sherry Broecker on the Zoo Board.

McGinn, of Eagan, is a retired St. Paul Police officer, retiring in 2003 as a watch commander. She held a number of positions in a variety of units during her 26-year career with the St. Paul Police Department. McGinn earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice and liberal arts from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. She has been active in a number of community service organizations, including the Children's Safety Network, Capital City Lights Program, Habitat for Humanity, Children's Cancer Research Center, and Boys and Girls Club of St. Paul. McGinn, who has been a member of the Zoo Board since 2004, serves on its legislative and education committees, and chaired its 2007 Beastly Ball.

Swedberg, of Austin, is vice president of legislative affairs for Hormel Foods in Austin, where he oversees all state and federal legislative affairs for the company. He has been with Hormel Foods for 25 years, where he began as a sales representative, and has held positions as product manager, regional sales manager, director of marketing, and vice president of marketing prior to being named to his current position in 2003. Swedberg earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. He is a member and past chairman of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; chairman of the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Board of Directors; board member of Students in Free Enterprise; and a member of the Advisory Leadership Circle for the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission, and the Minnesota Commission on New Americans. He is a past president of the Austin YMCA Board of Directors, and served on the Governor's Livestock Advisory Task Force. Swedberg has been a member of the Zoo Board since January 2007.

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The Minnesota Zoological Board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The board consists of 30 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor and 15 appointed by the Zoo Board.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS NACK TO BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. James Nack, D.P.M., to the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Nack, of Mankato, is a board certified podiatrist who has practiced with the Mankato Clinic Ltd., since 1992. He also serves as a member of the Mankato Clinic Board of Directors. In addition to his practice, Nack is a clinical instructor at Minnesota State University, Mankato and works for Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital and the Mankato Surgery Center.

Nack received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, and his doctor of podiatric medicine degree from the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

Nack is a Diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Nack is a member and past president of the Minnesota Podiatric Medicine Association. He is reappointed as a podiatrist member of the board to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

The Board of Podiatric Medicine is responsible for licensing and disciplining doctors of podiatric medicine. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS NEITZKE TO BOARD OF  
OPTOMETRY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. Timothy Neitzke, O.D., to the Board of Optometry.

Neitzke, of Perham, is president of Minnesota EyeCare Network, Inc., a three-optometrist practice with clinics in Wadena, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Long Prairie. He received his doctor of optometry degree from Pacific University's College of Optometry in 1989. Dr. Neitzke has been a Minnesota licensed optometrist since 1989. He served as president of the Minnesota Optometric Association in 1997. Dr. Neitzke is reappointed to as an optometrist member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of Optometry is responsible for licensing and disciplining optometrists. The Board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES SCHUTZ CHAIR, APPOINTS McDONALD TO JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ronald J. Schutz as Chair, and the appointment of John J. McDonald to the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Schutz, of Medina, is an attorney, partner, and chair of the Intellectual Property litigation group with the Minneapolis law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi. He is also a member of the firm's executive board. Schutz earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School with honors in 1981, and his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering magna cum laude from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1978, where he was the recipient of an Army R.O.T.C. scholarship. He served four years in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Schutz is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; chair of the Center of the American Experiment; and is a member of the YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis Board of Directors; and the University of Minnesota (U of M) Law Review Alumni Advisory Board. He is also a past president of the U of M Law Alumni Association. Schutz, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is replaces Eric Magnuson as Chair.

McDonald, of Mendota Heights, is an attorney and partner with the Minneapolis Law firm of Meagher and Geer, where he practices in commercial litigation, employment practices, insurance and professional liability. He also serves on the firm's management committee. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, and the American and State Bar Associations. McDonald earned his juris doctorate degree from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1977. McDonald replaces Schutz as an at-large member of the commission.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MAGNUSON CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT**

*~ Well-respected appellate lawyer will lead state's court system ~*

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Eric J. Magnuson as Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Magnuson will succeed the Honorable Russell A. Anderson, who announced his retirement from the Supreme Court last week. Chief Justice Anderson's retirement is effective on June 1, 2008.

“I want to again thank Chief Justice Anderson for 25 years of hard work and dedication as a judge, and for committing his life to protecting and upholding our state and nation's values and principles,” Governor Pawlenty said.

Magnuson, 57, is an attorney and shareholder in the business litigation department at the Briggs and Morgan Law Firm in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2007. He practices almost exclusively in state and federal appellate courts, and works in consultation with trial attorneys on matters in anticipation of appeal. Previously, he was an attorney and partner with the Rider Bennett law firm in Minneapolis from 1977 to 2007, where he chaired the appellate group practice and was managing partner from 1999 to 2000. He was a law clerk to former Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Sheran from 1976 to 1977, and a law clerk to former Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl, who was a Hennepin County district court judge at the time. Magnuson earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

“Eric is nationally recognized for his appellate advocacy and writing, and is consistently ranked among the top appellate attorneys by his peers. He has argued hundreds of cases to the state and federal appellate courts covering a wide range of issues over the course of his 30-year career. Eric has also taken on leadership positions in his law firms and in legal professional associations, which will serve him well as he assumes the leadership of state's judicial system. He will be an outstanding Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court,” said Governor Pawlenty.

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Magnuson writes and edits several federal and state appellate treatises, and is co-author of the 2007 edition of West Publishing's, "Minnesota Practice: Appellate Rules Annotated", co-editor and chapter author of the fourth edition of the "Eighth Circuit Appellate Practice Manual", and co-editor of Matthew Bender's, "The Art of Advocacy: Appeals."

Magnuson is the founding president of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association, a fellow and past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and co-reporter to the Minnesota Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee. He is a member of the American Bar Association, where he co-chaired the Appellate Practice Committee of the Section on Litigation, and the Appellate Advocacy of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section. He is also a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he has chaired the Court Rules and Judicial Administration Committee and the Court of Appeals Task Force. He has also served as chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection since 2003.

Magnuson has been recognized by his peers as one of the "Best Lawyers in America," is in the "2007 Annual Guide to Appellate Law in America", and is listed as a "Top 10 Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law and Politics.

Magnuson was born in Morris, Illinois and resides in Inver Grove Heights with his wife, Katie. They have four adult children and one granddaughter.

The Minnesota Supreme Court hears appeals from the Court of Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Tax Court; reviews first-degree murder convictions, and legislative election disputes. The Supreme Court consists of seven justices, including one chief justice and six associate justices.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LINDE AND OSMAN TO BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. David Linde, DDS and Susan Osman to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

Linde, of Prior Lake, is a general dentist with over 30 years of practice experience, and currently practices with Smiles of Distinction in Savage, Minnesota. He is a member of a number of professional associations including; the Minnesota Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and the American Association of Cosmetic Dentistry. Linde obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College and his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Minnesota. He is the past president of the Minnesota Academy of General Dentistry, Savage Chamber of Commerce, and Savage Jaycees. Linde is appointed as a dentist member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Dr. Dean Singsank on the board.

Osman, of Minnetonka, left the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in 1999 after 22 years as an investigator. She began her law enforcement career with the Minnetonka Police Department where she was the first female patrol officer in the State of Minnesota. Osman received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota. She is appointed to a four-year term as a public member that expires January 2, 2012. Osman replaces Marguerite Rheinberger on the board.

The Board of Dentistry examines, licenses and regulates dental health care professionals. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIXTEEN TO MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Hennessey, Shawn Holmes, Loraine Jensen, Steve Kuntz, Robbie Reedy, and Ordean Rosaasen, and the reappointment of Anne Barnwell, Roberta Blomster, Brian Gustafson, Tom Holtgrewe, Derek Nord, Linda Obright, Jeff Pearson, Connie Roy, Stacey Vogele, and Susan Wehrenberg to the Minnesota Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Barnwell, of Minneapolis, works with People Incorporated where she specializes in providing services to people with epilepsy. She is reappointed as a consumer member to fulfill a three-year term that ends January 5, 2009.

Blomster, of Vadnais Heights, is actively involved in the Special Olympics, including being honored as 1998 Special Olympics Minnesota Female Athlete of the Year. She is reappointed to a position for a self-advocate to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Gustafson, of Minneapolis, is a senior director of portfolio management for Carlson Investment Group. He earned his masters of business administration degree from the University of Minnesota in 1993. Gustafson is reappointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a three-year term that ends January 3, 2011.

Hennessey, of Little Canada, has worked in the early childhood field for over 26 years and currently is the program development director at Family Academy Charter School. She is appointed as a parent member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. Hennessey replaces Virginia Smith on the council.

Holmes, of Lino Lakes, is an early childhood intervention planner in the Minnesota Children with Special Needs section of the Minnesota Department of Health. She works collaboratively with the Minnesota Departments of Health, Human Services and local committees to identify children with special needs and provide coordinated services. She is appointed as the representative from the Minnesota Department of Health to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Sarah Thorson on the council.



Holtgrewe, of Moorhead, is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner. He received his bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Holtgrewe is appointed as a parent member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Kathryn Jacobson on the council.

Jensen, of St. Paul, is a licensed teacher and the manager of the home and community living services, disabilities division, of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She is a 2001 Bush Leadership Fellow and holds a masters degree in public affairs and non-profit management from the University of Minnesota, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Jensen is appointed as the representative of the Minnesota Department of Human Services to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Peg Booth on the council.

Kuntz, of St. Paul, is a recruiter for the State of Minnesota and has over 20 years of experience in assisting public and private employers in meeting their employment needs. He is appointed as the representative of the Minnesota Department of Economic Development to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 5, 2009. He replaces Jerry Wood on the council.

Nord, of Minneapolis, is a graduate research assistant at the Institute for Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. He also serves as an employment specialist for the Consumer Directed Community Supports Waiver program which is administered through the State of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a public member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Obright, of Minneapolis, is an office assistant for Fidelity Bank and an advocate for people with disabilities. She is reappointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Pearson, of Plymouth, is the regional vice president for First Student, Inc., a company that provides transportation bus service to the metro area. He is reappointed as a parent of a child with developmental disabilities member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Reedy, of Duluth, is a graduate of Partners in Policy Making. He is appointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. Reedy replaces Nina Mae Moss on the council.

Rosaasen, of Willmar, is appointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Jeff Skwarek on the council.

Roy, of Cloquet, is a graduate of Partners in Policy Making. She serves as a member of the Northern Light Interagency Council and the Minnesota Disability Law Center Advisory Committee. Roy is reappointed as a parent of a child with developmental disabilities to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Vogele, of Cottage Grove, is a staff attorney for the Minnesota Justice Foundation in Minneapolis. She is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 4, 2010.

Wehrenberg, of Center City, is the program director for the Chisago Lakes Achievement Center. She is reappointed to a position for a representative of private non-profit organizations and will serve a term which ends January 4, 2010.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 21 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO COUNCIL ON FAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Imam Hamdy El-Sawaf, Rev. Larry Forsberg, Dr. Wilhelmina Holder, Debra Jacoway, Rev. Christopher Morton, Jon Pratt, Rev. Gary Reiersen, and Mala Thao, and the reappointment of G. Paul Beaumaster, Rev. Windell Calvert, Rev. Richard Coleman, Nancy Haapoja, Susan Hilgart, Kimberly Ketola, and Andrew Parker to the Governor’s Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives. All are appointed to two-year terms that expire January 4, 2010.

Beaumaster, of Faribault, has been Rice County attorney since 1999. He started the first CASE (Communities Against Senior Exploitation) Program in Minnesota to prevent elder abuse by partnering with churches, senior centers and other community organization to educate and warn seniors of potential crime. He is a member of several organizations including the Faribault Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association and is an assembly member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He serves as a volunteer to Meals-On-Wheels, American Red Cross, and the Minnesota State Bar Association Mock Trial program.

Calvert, of Rochester, is church health director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. He leads a team of church consultants and produces training experiences for mission leaders. His 20 years of pastoral experience includes ministry as senior pastor, mission pastor and church planter for churches in Minnesota and Texas. His professional experience includes public relations, fundraising and executive services for the Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota, Ability Building Center, Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Coleman, of Eagan, serves as chief operating officer for The Kingdom Oil Christian Foundation. In 1979, he was ordained an Itinerant Elder through the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has pastored congregations in Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan. He has served a number of organizations including as board member to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; representative to Minnesota Council of Churches, board member to United Way of Minneapolis, Hennepin County American Cancer Society, the African American Adoption Agency, Greater Minnesota Association of Evangelicals, Co-chair of the Luis Palau 2004 Twin Cities Festival, Commissioner of Hennepin County African American Men's Project and member of a number of other faith and community organizations.

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Forsberg, of Stillwater, is field director for Prison Fellowship of Minnesota. His responsibility is to expand ministries within the Minnesota prison system and develop reentry programs for ex-prisoners. Prior to coming to Prison Fellowship, he served in the pastoral ministry for 30 years. He has served in the pastorate in Minnesota, California, Iowa, and Illinois. His last senior pastorate was in Stillwater at Oakridge Community church from 1988 to 2004. He is the founder of True Sports Baseball, a Christ-centered youth evangelism outreach.

Haapoja, of Redwood Falls, is the Redwood Falls Youth for Christ campus life director, a position she has held since 1989 where she provides spiritual life guidance for junior and senior high school, and college age students. She is a charter board member of Redwood Falls Crisis Pregnancy Center and has been vice president of the Redwood Ministerial Association since 1994.

Hilgart, of Brainerd, is manager for the Brainerd WorkForce Center and team leader for Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Provider, Inc., a Minnesota WorkForce Center partner. Previously she worked as a human resources professional from 1991 to 2005 in the public and private sector. She currently serves as chair of the City of Brainerd Police and Fire Civil Service Commission and as a member of the children's ministry to the Lakewood Evangelical Free Church.

Holder, of Plymouth, is executive director of Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), Inc., a non-profit, multicultural organization that provides direct services and leadership development opportunities to empower immigrant women and girls to succeed. She also serves as a consultant for Development and Evaluation for the African and American Friendship Association for Cooperation and Development (AAFACD), Inc. Her previous work includes a targeted focus on HIV/AIDS prevention while serving as a director with Breaking Free, Inc., Turning Point, Inc, and Whisper, Inc. She holds many professional memberships and affiliations including the New American Collaborative, the University of Minnesota Cancer Center, the Global Health Ministries, the MN Public Health Association, Red Cross Association, and Bush Medical Fellows.

Jacoway, of Minneapolis, is a principal planning analyst for Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, a position she has held since 2006. She has served in other capacities within Hennepin County since 1997, including as a liaison for faith and community based organizations to provide resource and referral services to both county staff and the Hennepin County community. In 2006 she was designated as liaison for Hennepin County to the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives, and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to help establish a closer connection between county, state and federal resources. Prior to joining Hennepin County, she served as a director with the Employment Action Center and a workshop facilitator at Resource, Inc. She currently serves on the board of Here's Life Inner City, is active with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and previously served on the boards of the Council on Black Minnesotans, MADDADs, Women Planting Seeds and Alive Ministries.

Ketola, of Maplewood, hosts a daily talk show on KTIS-AM Faith Radio network in the Upper Midwest since 2005. She has 30 years of broadcast experience including hosting programs on KS95, and WCCO Radio and TV. She serves as chair of the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives, board member at Union Gospel Mission, a volunteer with Charis Prison Ministry and missionary evangelism to corrections jail outreach. She contributes

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articles to Minnesota Christian Chronicle and has been published in the Star Tribune, Pioneer Press, and Minnesota Women's Press. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-MN awarded Ketola their 2003 Annual Media Award.

Morton, of St. Anthony, is director of organizational development for the Minnesota Council on Churches. His previous experience includes positions of executive director for Minnesota Food Association, national director for Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations for Hazelden Foundation, and director for Minnesota FoodShare. During his career, Morton has served as minister at churches in Minnesota, Indiana and Kentucky. He is a consultant to non-profits providing services with a focus on capacity building, resource development, and strategic planning. He serves as board chair for the Minnesota Environmental Fund and the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition served on the board of the Minnesota Future's Fund, on the Development Committee for the Church World Service/CROP, and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Parker, of Minnetonka, was founder of Smith Parker, PLLP. Before establishing the law firm of Parker Rosen, Parker was co-founder of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He currently serves on the board of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation.

Pratt, of Minneapolis, is executive director of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN), an association of 1950 Minnesota organizations, that sponsors research, training, lobbying and negotiated discounts to strengthen the state's nonprofit sector. Before coming to the council in 1987, he worked as attorney/lobbyist for the (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, as regional director for the Youth Project, and as director for a coalition formed by nonprofits to reform corporate and foundation philanthropy. He currently serves on the public policy committee of Independent Sector, Washington, D.C., a national leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs. Pratt is a contributing editor of the Nonprofit Quarterly; a national journal based in Boston, and has been recognized several times by The NonProfit Times as one of the 50 most influential nonprofit leaders in the United States.

Reierson, of St. Louis Park, is president of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). He currently serves as adjunct instructor at the School of Theology Seminary, St. John's University, and previously was adjunct professor of theology at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and a teaching specialist at the University of Minnesota. He has served as a pastor of several United Church of Christ congregations in the Twin Cities. GMCC has received many state and national awards under his leadership, and he has received many individual awards and recognition for his publications and contributions. He chairs the board of directors of the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and is a member of the boards of numerous other nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, as well of Franklin Bank, Minneapolis.

El-Sawaf, of Minneapolis, is a psychotherapist and serves as consultant to the U.S. courts and legal system. He is the founder and president of the Al-Wafaa Center for Human Services. He is the co-founder the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of Minnesota, Al-Birr Social Services and Counseling, Islamic University of Minnesota, and Muslim Council of Minnesota (MCM). Hamdy has served as professor for the Islamic American University in Southfield, MI, the Islamic University of

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Minnesota and adjunct professor at Luther Seminary. He is the vice president of the East Side Neighborhood Services, an advisory board member for the Center for Religious Inquiry, member of the Down Town Clergy Council, Twin Cities Interfaith Network, and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

Thao, of St. Paul, is the associate director of development at Washburn Center for Children. Prior to 2007 she was employed by the Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP), the Women's Foundation of Minnesota (WFM), served as a consultant to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and was the co-founder of the Hmong Women's Giving Circle (HWGC). She serves on the board of the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) and is a member of AAPIP, HWGC, and Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP).

The Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives make recommendations on how to level the playing field for faith and community organizations and increase access to public and private funding opportunities. The council includes leaders who represent the diversity of the State of Minnesota geographically, ethnically, by gender and faith. It is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GOCKOWSKI AND TODOROFF TO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Delores Gockowski, DVM, and Sharon Todoroff to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Gockowski, of Sturgeon Lake, is a practicing veterinarian and owner of North Ridge Veterinary Service, LLC, a mobile mixed animal veterinary practice and is a veterinarian consultant in nutraceutical development for Waptiti Labs, Inc. of Ham Lake. In addition to her 30 years of experience in dairy and beef farming, Gockowski has extensive experience with equine breeding, animal husbandry and mixed animal care. She received her bachelor of veterinary science and doctor of veterinary medicine degrees from the University of Minnesota. She is a member of the American and Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, and the Wildlife Disease Association. Gockowski is appointed as a veterinarian member and replaces Dr. Frederick Mehr.

Todoroff, of Lino Lakes, is the vice president of Dependable Brake Systems Inc., a family-owned wholesale company in Blaine. Todoroff is also the owner and operator of Todorhaus German Shepherds. Todorhaus breeds two litters of German Shepherds a year and is dedicated to sound temperament, good health and longevity for their dogs. They are members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis/St. Paul and the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Todoroff is appointed as a public member and replaces Susan Osman on the board.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lyn A. Berglund, David S. Landecker, and Paul G. May, and the reappointment of William D. Arockiasamy and C. John Uban to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design. All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Arockiasamy, of Eden Prairie, is the principal engineer with Engineering Evaluations, Inc. in Minneapolis. He has been a practicing civil and structural engineer for over 35 years, and has been a registered civil and structural engineer in Minnesota for over 32 years. Arockiasamy is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Concrete Institute, and American Institute of Steel Construction. He earned his master of science degree in civil engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, and his bachelors degree in civil engineering from the P.S.G. College of Technology in Coimbatore, India. Arockiasamy, who has been a member of the board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of professional engineers.

Berglund, of Eden Prairie, is the director of interior design at Mohagen/Hansen Architectural Group in Minneapolis, and has over 25 years of experience in the profession. She is a certified interior designer in Minnesota and is registered with the National Council for Interior Design Qualification. Berglund is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and an associate member of the International Facilities Management Association. She earned her bachelor of science degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota. Berglund replaces Caren Martin as a representative of interior designers.

Landecker, of Breezy Point, is the president of Landecker and Associates, Inc., and is a licensed professional land surveyor in Minnesota with over 34 years of experience in the profession. He is president of the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors this year, and has been a member of its board of directors since 1995. Landecker earned his degree from Anoka Area Vocational College in architectural and construction technology. Landecker replaces Donald Borcharding as a representative of land surveyors.

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May, of Minneapolis, is an architect with Miller Dunwiddie Architecture in Minneapolis and has nearly 25 years of experience in the profession. He is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, where chaired its Minnesota Convention Programs Committee, was involved with the Minnesota Design Team, and was the 1996 Young Architect Award winner. May earned his masters degree in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree in architecture from Iowa State University in Ames in 1983. May replaces Douglas Hildenbrand as a representative of architects.

Uban, of Minneapolis, is a principal landscape architect with Bonestroo, Inc. in St. Paul. He is a registered landscape architect in Minnesota and Iowa, and is a member and past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He also chaired the Minneapolis Committee on Urban Environment, and the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission. Uban earned his bachelor of science degrees in landscape architecture and environmental design from Iowa State University in Ames. Uban, who has been a member of the board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of landscape architects.

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists and certifies interior designers. The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR AT-LARGE COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc screening committee that reviewed résumés and conducted interviews for an at-large vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The opening occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen, effective February 19, 2008, who was appointed by Governor Pawlenty to the Minnesota Supreme Court. The finalists are Louise Dovre Bjorkman, Michelle A. Larkin, Alan F. Pendleton, and John R. Rodenberg.

Bjorkman, of Roseville, is an attorney and partner in the St. Paul law firm of Larson King, a position she has held since 2005. Previously, she was a Second Judicial District trial court bench judge in Ramsey County from 1998 to 2005, and an attorney and partner with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel in Minneapolis from 1985 to 1998. Bjorkman earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1985, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1982.

Larkin, of Big Lake, is a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Wright County, a position she has held since 2005. Prior to that, she was a senior attorney and trial team supervisor (2001-2005), attorney (1992-2001), and law clerk (1991-1992) in the Hennepin County Public Defender's office. She also worked for the Minnesota House of Representatives Judiciary Committee in the 1989 and 1990 legislative sessions. Larkin earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

Pendleton, of Blaine, is a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Sherburne County, a position he has held since 1999. He was an assistant Anoka County Attorney from 1984 to 1986, and again from 1988 to 1999, where he was senior assistant county attorney at the time of his appointment to the bench. He was an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben from 1987 to 1988, and an attorney with the law firm of Robins, Zelle, Larson, and Kaplan (now known as Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi) in Minneapolis from 1986 to 1987, an assistant Winona County Attorney from 1982 to 1984, and an attorney with the Metropolitan Legal Clinic in Minneapolis from 1980 to 1982. Pendleton earned his juris doctorate degree from Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa in 1980, and his bachelor of science degree cum laude from Bemidji State University in 1977.

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Rodenberg, of New Ulm, is a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Brown County, a position he has held since 2000. He was an attorney and partner in the New Ulm law firm of Berens, Rodenberg, and O'Connor from 1982 to 2000, and a staff attorney with the U.S. Social Security Administration in Minneapolis from 1981 to 1982. Rodenberg earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1978.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts. Eighty-one people submitted their résumés for consideration for this judgeship.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc screening committee that reviewed résumés and conducted interviews for an upcoming Eighth Congressional District vacancy on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable R. A. “Jim” Randall on April 4, 2008. The finalists are Sean M. Quinn, John P. Smith, and Lawrence “Larry” B. Stauber, Jr.

Quinn, of Duluth, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Falsani, Balmer, Peterson, Quinn and Beyer in Duluth. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1992. Previously, he was an associate attorney with the law firm of Meshbesh, Birrell and Dunlap in Minneapolis in 1991, an associate attorney with the law firm of Foley and Mansfield in Minneapolis in 1990, and a Minnesota Court of Appeals judicial law clerk from 1989 to 1990. Quinn earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1989, and his bachelor of science degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1986.

Smith, of Nevis, is a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Cass County, a position he has held since 1991. He was Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial District from 2003 to 2007, and assistant Chief Judge from 2001 to 2003. Previously, Smith was an attorney and partner with the Park Rapids law firm of Smith and Hunter from 1975 to 1991. Smith earned his master of law degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in 1987, his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of law in St. Paul in 1975, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1971.

Stauber, of Duluth, is a senior attorney and managing partner with the Duluth law firm of Stauber and Lien. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1982. Previously, he was a solo practitioner in Duluth from 1977 to 1982, and was also a part-time public defender in Duluth from 1978 to 2006. He also served as an infantry officer in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974. Stauber earned his juris doctorate degree from Chicago Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois in 1977, and his bachelor of arts as well as bachelor of science degrees from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1970.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS  
FOR THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Freeborn County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable James E. Broberg on April 29, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Albert Lea in Freeborn County. The finalists are Karyn D. McBride, Steven R. Schwab, and David J. Walker.

McBride, of Austin, is an assistant Freeborn County Attorney in Albert Lea, a position she has held since 1999. She was a Third Judicial District contract administrative law judge and a child support magistrate in 1997, and again from 1998 to 1999, as well as an associate attorney with the Richardson and McBride Law Office in Austin from 1990 to 1999. She was also a judicial law clerk to Third Judicial District Judges Michael H. Seibel and James L. Mork from 1989 to 1990, and a law clerk in the Bird and Jacobson Law Firm in Rochester from 1988 to 1989. McBride earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, in 1979.

Schwab, of Albert Lea, is the Albert Lea City Attorney, a position he has held since 1989. He was a corporate attorney with Farm Credit Service of Mankato from 1986 through 1988, and an associate attorney as well as an assistant Brown County attorney with the Berens, Rodenberg and O'Connor Law Firm in New Ulm from 1982 to 1986. Schwab earned his juris doctorate degree from St. Louis University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982, and his bachelor of science degree from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1979.

Walker, of Albert Lea, is an assistant Freeborn County Attorney, a position he has held since 1992. Previously, he was a U.S. Army Judge Advocate in Fort Drum, New York and Charlottesville, Virginia from 1988 to 1991. Walker earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1988 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, in 1985.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 13 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR THIRD  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY IN WINONA COUNTY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Winona County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Margaret Shaw Johnson on May 13, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Winona in Winona County. The finalists are Nancy Bostrack, Daniel J. Heuel, and Lisa R. Swenson.

Bostrack, of Winona, is an assistant Winona County Attorney, a position she has held since 1992. She was also an adjunct professor at Winona State University from 1996 to 2003. Bostrack earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and her bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1988.

Heuel, of Byron, is an attorney and partner in the O'Brien and Wolf Law Firm in Rochester. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2001. Previously, he was an attorney and partner with the Heuel, Carlson and Spelhaug Law Firm in Rochester from 1998 to 2001, an attorney and partner with the Muir and Heuel Law Firm in Rochester from 1980 to 1998, and an associate attorney with the Ross Muir Law Offices in Rochester from 1978 to 1980. Heuel earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from St. Mary's University in Winona in 1974.

Swenson, of Rochester, is an associate attorney with George F. Restovich and Associates in Rochester, a position she has held since March 2008. She was a senior assistant Olmsted County Attorney from 2003 to 2008, and an assistant Winona County Attorney from 1995 to 2003. She has also been an adjunct professor at Winona State University in 1997 and from 1999 to 2001, and was a compliance officer with Norwest Bank in Rochester from 1994 to 1995. Swenson earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln in 1993, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska in 1988.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 5 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Russell H. Susag on March 12, 2008. District 5 includes the Hennepin County cities of Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield and the unorganized territory of Fort Snelling.

The Secretary of State's office published this vacancy on Monday, April 7, 2008. Anyone interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, April 29, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Mike Burton, Minnetonka  
Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council  
Song Lo Fawcett, St. Paul  
Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council  
Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council  
Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Mayor of Waconia  
Maureen Shaver, Deephaven

The public hearing will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Bloomington City Council Chambers of Bloomington City Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Applicants will receive details on the format of the public hearing prior to the hearing.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Director of Judicial, Board and Commission Appointments, at 651-296-0019 or [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us).

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The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES TO VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bradley Bennett, James Birchem, Dr. Kenneth Hughes, Julia Eszlinger-Jensen, Tom Mullon, Kathryn Roberts, Ronald Sanford, H. Michael Tripple, and Diane Windham to the newly formed Veterans Health Care Advisory Council.

The Veterans Health Care Advisory Council was recently created by executive order as a result of a recommendation of the Governor's Veteran's Long Term Care Advisory Commission. The council will provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with advice and recommendations on the current and anticipated future needs of veterans. Birchem, Mullon and Roberts served as members of the commission.

Bennett, of Duluth, is an advisory member of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis, is the recipient of two Purple Heart awards from serving in Vietnam and hosts a morning radio show, *Straight Talk in the Morning*, on KDAL-AM radio. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Birchem, of Little Falls, is a member of the American Legion and president and CEO of Eldercare of Minnesota, which owns four nursing homes and eight assisted living facilities. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Hughes, of St. Paul, a licensed general physician with experience in orthopedic injuries, elder care, psychiatric aid, and nursing home care. He is a recipient of both the Bronze Star with Valor and Purple Heart awards from the U.S. Army. He is appointed as the clinician member of the council to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Eszlinger-Jensen, of St. Paul, is a retired colonel with the U.S. Air Force and has extensive experience in both the military and health care field. She is a licensed registered nurse and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and Minnesota Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. She is the former commander and chief nurse at the 109<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the Minnesota Air National Guard, and later Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. She is appointed to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

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Mullon, of Eagan, is a member of the American Legion and was formerly the director of the Federal Veterans Administration Medical Center and administrator of the Minneapolis Veterans Home. He has 42 years of experience in the health care industry and is an active member of several veterans organizations. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Roberts, of Shoreview, will serve as chair of the council. She is president and CEO of Ecumen which employs over 4,000 staff and operates independent and assisted living housing, care centers, home health care and a wide variety of community-based services in 90 communities in the mid-west. Prior to joining Ecumen, Roberts held a number of leadership positions in state government and non-profit organizations. She holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. Roberts is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Sanford, of Edina, is chief operating officer of Elim Care, Inc. in Eden Prairie. Elim Care is a faith-based, non-profit corporation serving older adults in Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa. He has over 20 years of leadership experience in the long-term care and older adult services field. Sanford is appointed to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Tripple, of St. Paul, has over 30 years experience with health care facilities including nursing homes, home health care agencies, and assisted living facilities. He is familiar with state and federal licensure and certification regulations and worked for a number of years as the division director for the licensure and certifications programs section for the Minnesota Department of Health. He holds a juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Tripple is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Windham, of Woodbury, is a management analyst for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. She holds a master of arts degree in clinical psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology in Bloomington and serves as guardian for a resident of the Minneapolis Veterans Home. She is appointed as the public member of the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The council is a nine member advisory group appointed by the Governor, with a mission of providing the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs with information and professional expertise on any and all aspects of the delivery of quality long term care to veterans. The council will develop a strategic plan for Minnesota veterans homes, provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and advise on clinical performance and quality improvements. The council will also study current issues and trends in the long term care industry.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CRAIG GALLOP TO BOXING COMMISSION**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Craig S. Gallop to the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Gallop, of Minnetonka, is president of Sports Technology, and a sales representative for Musco Sports Lighting. Previously, he was vice president of Minnesota Playground, Inc, and assistant to the New Hope City Manager. Gallop recently completed two terms as a member of the Minnetonka Planning Commission, has coached youth football, baseball and hockey through the Hopkins/Minnetonka youth athletic association, and was a boxing instructor with the Crystal Parks and Recreation Department. He is a former member of the United States Boxing Team and was an amateur and golden gloves boxer. Gallop earned his master of arts degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1970 to 1972. Gallop replaces Michael Munford on the Boxing Commission as a member with knowledge of boxing to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The purpose of the Minnesota Boxing Commission is to protect health, promote safety, and ensure fair boxing and mixed martial arts events. The commission has sole direction, supervision, regulation, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing and tough person contests held within the state; sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses; may adopt rules including, but not limited to, the conduct of boxing exhibitions, bouts, fights, and their manner, supervision, time, and place; and must adopt unified rules for mixed martial arts. The Minnesota Boxing Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a retired Minnesota judge, three of whom must have knowledge of the boxing industry, and four of whom must have knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KILL  
TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert H. Kill to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board of Directors.

Kill, of Eden Prairie, is the president and CEO of Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI), a non-profit business organization that helps small and medium-sized manufacturing and manufacturing-related companies compete and grow through training and business consulting. Prior to joining MTI, Kill was president and CEO of Ciprico, Inc., and previously held several management positions with Northern Telecom Inc., and a number of sales and marketing positions with Burroughs Corporation before that. Kill holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of Minnesota.

Kill replaces Carrie Thomas on the Job Skills Partnership Board as a representative of a private non-profit organization that provides workforce development or job training services. He will complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES TO CLEARWAY MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christopher Georgacas and Mark Mishek to the Board of Directors of ClearWay Minnesota.

Georgacas, of Mahtomedi, is president and CEO of Goff & Howard, Inc., a public affairs/public relations firm in Saint Paul. His previous experience includes service on the Twin Cities board of the American Heart Association, and work on behalf of the Minnesota Smoke-Free Coalition. Georgacas is the former vice chair of the Metropolitan Council. He currently serves on the boards of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and the St. Paul Police Foundation. Georgacas is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires September 28, 2010. He replaces Mary Choate on the board.

Mishek, of St. Paul, has served as the president of United Hospital since 2003. United is a 425 bed acute care hospital that is part of Allina Hospitals and Clinics. Prior to his position as president, Mishek served as general counsel and executive vice president for law and public affairs for Allina Hospitals and Clinics. Mishek received his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate degree with honors from the University of Minnesota. He serves as board chair of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. Mishek is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires September 28, 2009. He replaces Darcy Miner on the board.

ClearWay Minnesota is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the human and economic harms of tobacco use in Minnesota. ClearWay Minnesota, formerly the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, was created in 1998 by the Ramsey County District Court as a part of the \$6.1 billion tobacco settlement. ClearWay Minnesota funds research, community outreach, and smoking cessation activities. The board consists of 19 members including two appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO  
GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary T. Shaffer, and the reappointment of Susan Larson and Cindy Werner to the Governor's Residence Council (GRC). All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Larson, of St. Paul, is a candidate for a doctorate degree from the Department of Social and Cultural Studies in Education at the University of California (UC), Berkeley, where she will complete her Ph.D. this summer. A researcher and writer by profession, she is employed by the Department of Homeland Security, a researcher on the international "Finland-Swedish Women and Immigration" project, and an author and editor for Encyclopedia Britannica. Previously, Larson was the executive director of the Swedish Council of America; executive director of the University of Minnesota Center for Scandinavian Studies Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch; the founder of the Finnish Studies Program at UC Berkeley, where she held various program director, instructor and research positions. Larson, who has been a member of the GRC since 2004 and is currently secretary, is reappointed as a public member.

Shaffer, of Golden Valley, is a design project manager with Target Corporation, and its Region 100 lead design project manager. Previously, she held project architect positions with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., Architectural Alliance and Horty, Elving and Associates. Shaffer has been an architect for over 20 years and holds a bachelor of science degree in architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a member and current president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Minneapolis Chapter; a member of the AIA, Minnesota Chapter Board of Directors; and is a member and past chair of the AIA-Minnesota Architecture in the Schools Committee. Shaffer replaces Linda Ostberg as an architect member who is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the AIA.

Werner, of White Bear Lake, is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Burnet, where she is a president's club member specializing in residential sales and is certified by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is a member of the National, Minnesota, and St. Paul Area Associations of Realtors. Prior to becoming a realtor in 1986, Werner held marketing positions with Duracell USA and Medtronic. Werner earned her MBA from Thunderbird School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona, and her bachelor of arts degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She is a past president of the Junior League of St. Paul, served as a board member of the YWCA of St. Paul, and chaired the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Alumni Council.

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Werner, who has been a member of the GRC since 2004, is reappointed as a public member to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DASCHNER AND FIDLER TO  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Daschner and the reappointment of Dr. Howard Fidler to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Daschner, of Waseca, is the owner of Waseca Family Chiropractic Center, where he has practiced for the past six years. He graduated magna cum laude from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic in 1995 and practiced in Faribault for six years before opening his own practice. He is a member of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association and serves as the chairman of the Quality Improvement Committee for the Clinical Resource Group, a chiropractic network serving South County Health Alliance, in outstate Minnesota. Daschner has been active in community civic projects serving as a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rice County and the Faribault Sertoma Club. Daschner is appointed as a doctor of chiropractic medicine member and replaces Dr. Gary Pennebaker on the board.

Fidler, of St. Louis Park, has practiced chiropractic medicine in Minnesota for over ten years. He currently practices at Davis Chiropractic in St. Louis Park. Fidler is a graduate of the Cleveland College of Chiropractic in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1999, he was named Young Practitioner of the Year by the Minnesota Chiropractic Association. He serves as a member of Congressman Jim Ramstad's and Senator Norm Coleman's Health Care Advisory Committees, where he provides counsel regarding health care issues and legislation relating to access to chiropractic care. Fidler is reappointed as a doctor of chiropractic medicine member of the board.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for licensing and disciplining doctors of chiropractic medicine. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Robertson, Terance Smith, Greg Toutges, and Cindy Ulven, and the reappointment of Kimberly Peck, Sean Roy, Ardis Sandstrom, and Stephanie Morris to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Robertson, of Minneapolis, is an attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She received her juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and her bachelor of arts degree in international relations summa cum laude from the University of California-Davis. She is appointed to a three-year term as the client assistance program representative and replaces Justin Page on the council. Robertson's term expires January 3, 2011.

Smith, of Forest Lake, is the owner and operator of Tek-Smith Furniture Service, LLC. He served as a Forest Lake city council member from 1998-2002 and as the Mayor of Forest Lake from 2004-2006. Smith is a current board member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC), and is appointed to serve as the GWDC representative on the council. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Rod Haworth.

Toutges, of Moorhead, is the coordinator of disability services at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). He also serves as a career specialist and instructor of life planning classes at MSUM. Toutges holds a master of science degree in counseling from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and a bachelor of science degree in recreation and community education from Minnesota State University Mankato. Toutges will represent former recipients of vocational rehabilitation services. Toutges is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces Michele Kyler.

Ulven, of Hawley, is the owner of her own engraving and signage business located in Hawley. She is a former member of vocational rehabilitation services and is appointed as a business member to the council. Ulven will fulfill a three year term that expires January 5, 2009 and replaces Scott Dehn.

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Peck, of St. Paul, is a licensed social worker and the director of rehabilitation services at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, where she administers Minnesota's public vocational rehabilitation program. She has over 30 years of social work and employment experience. Peck received her master of science degree in industrial and organizational psychology from Capella University. She is reappointed as the vocational services director member of the council to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Roy, of Bloomington, is the director of transition and workforce partnership for PACER Center, Inc., in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, Association for Persons in Supported Employment, and the Minneapolis WIA Youth Council. Roy holds a master of science degree in Sociology from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a bachelor of arts degree in human services from the University of Minnesota, Morris. He is reappointed as the representative of PACER to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Sandstrom, of Motley, is the executive director of the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. She received a bachelor of science degree in applied psychology and a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling from St. Cloud State University. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC) and a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW). She is reappointed as a former recipient of rehabilitation services representative to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Morris, of Vadnais Heights, is the development director of Merrick, Inc., a non-profit corporation that is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services as a day training and habilitation provider. She holds a master of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor of science degree in applied psychology from St. Cloud State University. Morris is reappointed as a disability advocate member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

The State Rehabilitation Council is created under state law and the Federal Rehabilitation Act. The council assists the Rehabilitation Services Program of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development in making decisions about the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program. Vocational Rehabilitation serves thousands of persons with severe disabilities throughout the state, helping them reach their vocational goals. The council is made up of 19 members appointed by the Governor.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SUNDIN AND SULLIVAN TO  
BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Louise Sundin and Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Ph.D., to the Board of School Administrators. Both are reappointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Sundin, of Minneapolis, is a member of the Teacher Union Reform Network and is the former President of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers. She previously served as an English teacher in the Minneapolis Public School District. Sundin received a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas, and a bachelor of arts degree in English, journalism, and language arts from the University of Minnesota. She is involved in a number of community service organizations including serving as a member of the United Way of the Twin Cities board of directors. Sundin is reappointed to the board as a public member.

Sullivan, of Burnsville, has been the director of special education for Intermediate School District 917 since 1984. He is licensed as a director of special education, school superintendent and secondary school principal. Sullivan is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, Minnesota Administrators for Special Education, and the American Association of School Administrators. Sullivan received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Minnesota. He received a master of science degree in special education and bachelor of science degree in social studies from St. Cloud State University. Sullivan is reappointed as the special education director member.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for the licensing of school administrators; the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and the enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of 10 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY NAMES 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TAX REFORM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

*~ Group will report to the Governor by Dec. 1 on improvements to Minnesota's tax structure ~*

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his appointments to the Governor's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tax Reform Commission. This commission, which the Governor announced in his State of the State address in February, was created by Executive Order to advise the Governor on reforming the state's tax laws with the goal of making long-term improvements in the revenue system that reflect changes in business practices, demographics, and the economy that have occurred in Minnesota and other states.

“Our current tax system reflects the economy and demographics of the 1960s. It's outdated and needs to be fixed,” Governor Pawlenty said. “This commission will specifically focus on improving our job climate, and is comprised of people who have direct experience in creating private sector jobs, including job providers, entrepreneurs, private sector employees, investors, CPAs, and others with expertise in finance and taxation.”

The Governor's appointees are:

Michael M. Vekich (Chair), of St. Louis Park, a CPA who heads Vekich Associates, a management firm that specializes in strategic planning, acquisitions, mergers, refinancing and business consulting.

Philip J. Albert, of Circle Pines, vice president of corporate tax with Medtronic, Inc.

David Beito, of Thief River Falls, chairman, president and CEO of Northern State Bank of Thief River Falls.

William V. Belanger, of Bloomington, a retired businessman and former State Senator.

Danielle A. Buchberger, of Duluth, a CPA, with Eikill and Schilling Ltd. of Duluth.

David R. Carlsen, of Minneapolis, chairman and CEO of UMI Company, Inc, a manufacturing company in Hopkins.

Corey Haaland, of Bloomington, vice president and treasurer of Target Corporation.

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Mark Haveman, of Woodbury, executive director of the Minnesota Taxpayers Association, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the advancement of efficient, economical government.

Joy Lindsay, of Oakdale, president of StarTec Investments, LLC, a private venture capital firm focused on early stage companies based in the Midwest.

Wendell Maddox, of Minnetonka, president and CEO of ION Corporation, an aerospace and technology company.

Gerald “Jerry” Morris, of Burnsville, assistant director of taxes and senior tax counsel of planning and litigation with General Mills.

Rebecca Paulsen, of Minneapolis, a CPA and vice president of state taxes with U.S. Bank.

Kate Rubin, of Plymouth, is president of the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA), the largest technology trade organization in the state dedicated to supporting the growth, sustainability, and global competitiveness of Minnesota technology-based economy.

John Spry, Ph.D., of St. Paul, an associate professor in the Department of Finance at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

David L. Welliver, of St. Paul, a CPA and director of practice development with Wilkerson Associates, where he has management responsibilities within the firm’s Financial Reporting Services team.

“I’m honored that Governor Pawlenty asked me to chair this important commission,” Vekich said. “He has brought together an impressive and diverse group of experts who are up to the task of recommending a tax system that supports Minnesota’s economic vitality. I expect that the innovative and strategic recommendations that emerge from the Commission will become the model for 21<sup>st</sup> century tax systems and will position Minnesota to be a leader in the global economy.”

The Governor’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tax Reform Commission, created by Executive Order 08-06, consists of 15 members, and will be provided support by the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The commission will report its recommendations to the Governor by December 1, 2008.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Black-Hughes, Ph.D., Jacqueline Johnson, and Angie Stratig, and the reappointment of David Hallman and Mary Casey Ladd to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Black-Hughes, of Mankato, is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) and associate professor in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Minnesota State University-Mankato where she became a member of the social work faculty in 1994. She received her Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, a masters of social work degree from Ohio State University and a bachelor of social work degree from Wright State University. Hughes' practice experience is in the areas of adult, child and family mental health, and women's issues. She has also worked with community based alcohol and drug addiction programs. She has served on the Ohio Counselor and Social Work Board. She is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012 as an educator member. She replaces Anthony Bibus on the board.

Johnson, of Rochester, is the program director for the College of Medicine, Mayo School of Health Sciences, where she is responsible for recruitment, selection and management to the Medical Social Services Student Programs. She is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) with a master of science degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Johnson earned her bachelor of science degree in social science from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. Johnson is appointed as a hospital member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 4, 2010. She replaces Anoma Mullegama on the board.

Stratig, of Minneapolis, is a licensed independent clinical social worker who works for the American Indian Family Center. She holds a master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the College of St. Benedict-St. Joseph. Stratig has a wealth of experience with children's mental health issues, including serving on the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative for the past seven years. She is appointed as a member representing a private agency to fulfill a four year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Roy Garza on the board.

Hallman, of Moorhead, is a foster care licensing specialist with Clay County Social Services in Moorhead and serves as the current chair of the Minnesota Board of Social Work. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota-Moorhead with a bachelor of science degree in social work (LSW). Hallman is a retired member of the U.S. Army and member of the



Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is reappointed as a member of a county agency, to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Ladd, of Minneapolis, has over 34 years of experience as a social worker in clinical practice settings. She is a clinical administrator at Family and Children's Service, who is responsible for clinical oversight and management over a mental health clinic that provides individual, couples, group and family therapy services. Ladd holds a master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor of arts degree in social work from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. She is reappointed as a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO  
COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Venora Hung, Tran Nhon, Tricia Perez, Mechelle Severson, Wilfred Tun Baw, and the reappointment of Bee Lee, Jodie Tanaka, and Mukhtar Thakur to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Hung, of Golden Valley, attends the University of Minnesota School of Law and is a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. She is a member of a number of professional associations including the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Hung holds a bachelor of science degree in finance and management information systems from the Carlson School of Management. She is appointed as a Chinese member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Yi Li You on the council.

Nhon, of Maplewood, is a management consultant serving clients in the area of minority economic development. He is the former executive director of the Minnesota Minority Supplier Development Council, and has served as a member of a number of career and business development councils. Nhon earned his masters of business arts degree from the University of Alberta, Canada and his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Western Ontario. Nhon is appointed as a Vietnamese member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces John Doan on the council.

Perez, of Edina, is a business development and public affairs assistant with UCare Minnesota. She holds an associate degree in liberal arts from Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and currently attends Metropolitan State University. Perez is a member of Athletes Committed to Educating Students, and participates in the D.A.R.E program. She is appointed as a member from Guam to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 4, 2010. Perez replaces Shahid Islam on the council.

Severson, of Rochester, is an independent diversity consultant who provides informational presentations in areas including; cultural awareness, poverty, communications and race. She coordinates summer education programs for the city of Rochester and is certified in alternative dispute resolution. Severson is the founder of Prejudice Reduction Workshops for students and teachers in K-12 education and serves on the Rochester Diversity Council. She holds a

bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota. Severson is appointed to a four-year term as a Filipina member. She replaces Alberto Poliarco on the council.

Tun Baw, of St. Paul, is a former educator from Burma who came to the United States as a refugee in 1998. He works as a project manager for the Karen Support Project at Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota. Tun Baw is appointed as a Burmese member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 5, 2009. He replaces Tin Win on the council.

Lee, of St. Paul, is a program manager for the English language learners department of the St. Paul public schools. In addition to his duties with the St. Paul public schools, Lee is a former instructor of Hmong language and culture at the University of Minnesota. He is actively involved in the Hmong community and plays the drums in a local Hmong band. Lee has a master of arts degree in teaching and learning from St. Mary's University. Lee is reappointed as the Hmong member to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Tanaka, of Shorewood, is the CEO of Tempo Creative Consultants, a marketing, communications, advertising, and design firm in the Twin Cities. She has been involved in the communications industry for over 20 years and has been recognized as a leader in the business community by the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. She is the current chair of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. Tanaka is reappointed as the Japanese member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Thakur, of Woodbury, is a civil engineer and director of the Office of Technical Support with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Prior to his 20 years with the State of Minnesota, Thakur worked globally in Tanzania, Great Britain, and the Middle East. He is the creator and executive producer of two PBS programs that air in the Twin Cities and speaks five languages. Thakur is reappointed as the Asian Indian member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans advises the Governor and the legislature on issues encountered by Asian-Pacific people in Minnesota. The council is made up of 23 members, 19 are appointed by the Governor to represent the Asian-Pacific community.

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May 5, 2008

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted an upcoming Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Kim R. Johnson effective on June 27, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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May 5, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Judge Vicki Landwehr and Judge Daniel Mabley, and the reappointment of Patrick Sexton to the Board on Judicial Standards. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Landwehr, of St. Cloud, is a Seventh Judicial District trial court judge in Stearns County. She has been a Seventh District judge since 1993, was assistant chief judge of the district from 1997 to 2000, and chief judge from 2000 to 2005. Landwehr has served on the Conference of Chief Judges, and the Supreme Court Judicial Evaluation Committee, and was named “Judge of the Year” in 2006 by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She has also been a member of the John E. Simonett American Inn of Court where she was president in 2002, Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), Stearns-Benton Bar Association, Seventh Judicial District Bar Ethics Committee, Minnesota Women Lawyers, Stearns County Family Violence Council, and co-chaired the MSBA’s Pro Se Implementation Committee. Landwehr earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School and her bachelor of arts degree from State Cloud State University. Landwehr replaces the Honorable James Dehn as a trial court judge member of the board.

Mabley, of St. Louis Park, is a Fourth Judicial District trial court judge in Hennepin County where he currently serves in the court’s felony division and has previously served in the family, criminal, and civil divisions. He has been a Fourth District judge since 1992, and was chief judge of the district from 1996 to 2000. Mabley also served as an international judge in Kosovo from 2002 to 2003 through the United Nations International Judge program. He is a member of the Minnesota District Judges Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, Hennepin County Bar Association, and International Association of Arson Investigators. Mabley earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and his bachelor of arts degree from Carlton College in Northfield. Mabley replaces the Honorable E. Anne McKinsey as a trial court judge member of the board.

Sexton, of Minneapolis, is the director of legislative affairs with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. He has previously held public relations and communications positions with Himle Horner, Inc., West Group, Honeywell, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, and Governor Arne Carlson’s office.

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He is a member of the Supreme Court's ad hoc Advisory Committee to Review the Judicial Code of Conduct, and has been a policy fellow with the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum, a member of the Minnesota State Board of Investment's Investment Advisory Council, and a mentor for the University of Minnesota School of Journalism. Sexton earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sexton, who has been a member of the Judicial Standards Board since 2004 and is currently chair of the board, is reappointed as a public member.

The Board on Judicial Standards investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges and referees and recommends discipline to the Minnesota Supreme Court, including censure, suspension, retirement or removal of judges. The board consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor, including one judge of the Court of Appeals, three trial court judges, two attorneys with at least 10 years of experience in the state and four public members.

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May 6, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Maurice Davis, Adrianna Smith and Veronica Wirekoa-Fobena, and the reappointment of George Ogbonna and Maryland “Lucky” Rosenbloom to the Council on Black Minnesotans. All are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Davis, of St. Peter, is a process engineer for the 3M Company in New Ulm. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama and is skilled in a number of computer applications. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers and the American Chemical Society. Davis replaces Kevin Lindsey on the council.

Smith, of Minneapolis, works for the Target Corporation as a business process consultant in the human resources operations – business intelligence division. Smith is also an adjunct instructor for the Dunwoody College of Technology and works as a mentor to young women with Southside Community Health Services. She holds a master of science degree in computer science from Clark Atlanta University and a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama. Smith replaces Vernell Williams on the council.

Wireko-Fobena, of Blaine, is a certified public accountant and internal auditor for KPMG, LLP. KPMG is a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services that operates in 145 countries. She is currently working on a master of business administration degree at the University of St. Thomas. She is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors. She fills a vacant position on the council.

Ogbonna, of Andover, works for the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. In his position as assistant to the division head, he is responsible for assessing the human resources needs of the division and matching staff to faculty support needs. He was a 2006 policy fellow at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute and a member of the Committee on Immigration & Higher Education in Minnesota. Ogbonna earned his masters of business administration and management information systems degree from Metro State University, his masters degree in public policy administration from the Humphrey Institute, and his bachelor of arts degree in finance from Augsburg College. Ogbonna is reappointed as a West African representative.

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Rosenbloom, of St. Paul, is a social studies teacher at a number of Minnesota charter schools. He is a trial and litigation paralegal. In his career, he has worked for the Minneapolis Urban League establishing a free legal clinic, and for Ramsey County Corrections as a detention staff member. Rosenbloom hosts a weekly radio show and serves as a columnist for the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder. He received a bachelor of arts degree in human services and counseling psychology from Metro State University in St. Paul, and a paralegal degree from Inver Hills Community College.

The Council on Black Minnesotans advises the Governor and legislature on issues of particular importance to black Minnesotans. The Council is made up of 17 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOSTROM AND GOULET TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gloria J. Bostrom and Tony Goulet to the Housing Finance Agency Board. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 2, 2012.

Bostrom, of Roseville, recently retired as vice president of sales and marketing with the Fannie Mae Corporation in Chicago, Illinois after a 35-year career in affordable housing finance. She also served as director of Fannie Mae's Minnesota Partnership Office, and previously held a number of positions in the city of St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development, culminating in serving as deputy director and chief operating officer. Bostrom has served on the ArtSpace Projects, Inc. Board of Directors, CommonBond Communities Board of Directors, Local Initiative Support Corporation Advisory Board, Minneapolis Community Development Agency Investment Committee, Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies Board of Directors, City of Minneapolis Empowerment Zone Council, Phillips Partnership, and Homeownership Center Board of Directors. Bostrom replaces Paul Gaston on the Board as a public member.

Goulet, of Sauk Rapids, is the owner and operator of Goulet Homes, a residential builder in central Minnesota, and has 35 years of experience in the construction industry. He is active in the National Association of Home Builders, where serves on its board of directors, chaired its Construction Safety and Health Committee and served on its State Government Affairs Committee. He is also an active member of the Builders Association of Minnesota, serving as state president in 2004; Central Minnesota Builders Association, where he was president in 1996, chaired the Tour of Homes Committee, and chaired the Local and Government Affairs Committee; and was the founder and inaugural chairman of the board for Liability Insurance for Contractors. Goulet replaces Betty Lou Berg on the Board as a public member.

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency provides housing for low and moderate-income persons. The agency consists of seven members, including six public members appointed by the Governor.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 8, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS IVES AND VINZANT TO  
HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Mary Ives and Raymond VinZant to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority. Both are reappointed as public members to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Ives, of Grand Rapids, owns and manages motel and restaurant properties in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. She also owns and manages manufactured housing communities for single-family homeowners in north central Minnesota. Ives previously served seven years as a school board member in Benton County and four years as an Itasca County Commissioner. Ives currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

VinZant, of St. Paul, is a plumbing instructor at Anoka Technical College, and member of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), and Minnesota Society of Housing Inspectors. He also owns VinZant Construction and writes the “Ask the Plumber Expert,” section in the Roto-Rooter Services national publication. Vinzant is also a U.S. Navy veteran.

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority assists Minnesota nonprofit institutions of higher education by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. These funds are used to finance construction projects, renovate existing buildings, or purchase equipment. The authority’s board is made up of ten members, including eight appointed by the Governor.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 12, 2008

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Anoka County. This vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Dan Kammeyer on August 31, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Anoka in Anoka County.

The process of filling Judge Kammeyer's position will be added to the previously-announced vacancy for the Honorable Kim R. Johnson's position in Wright County. A news release announcing the application process for Judge Johnson's vacancy was issued by the Governor's office on May 5, 2008.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application for either the Anoka and/or Wright County positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008**. One set of application materials will be considered for both positions.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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May 12, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS WALTER KRAMER TO BOARD  
OF MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Walter Kramer to the Board of the Minnesota State Academies.

Kramer, of Duluth, is a 1964 graduate of the Minnesota State Academy of the Blind (MSAB). He received a bachelor of arts degree in speech from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and continued on to a career in public relations. Kramer worked for Minnesota Power in Duluth for over 25 years as a public relations staff member.

Kramer represented MSAB alumni on the MSAB Site Council and was first appointed to the board in 2003. He is reappointed as a public member with business experience to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of the Minnesota State Academies governs the Minnesota Academy for the Blind and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, both located in Faribault, Minnesota. The board is made up of nine members, six appointed by the Governor.

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May 14, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GIBSON TO LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Nancy Gibson to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Gibson, of St. Louis Park, is the co-founder of the International Wolf Center in Ely. She was the Minnesota Waterfowl Association Conservationist of the Year for 2002, chaired the Minnesota Citizen Advisory Committee of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the past 14 years, and was a co-leader of the constitutional campaign to re-dedicate lottery funds for 25 years to the Trust Fund beginning in 2000. Gibson makes regular appearances on TV and radio addressing environmental issues. Gibson is the current vice chair of the LCCMR and is reappointed as a citizen member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources makes funding recommendations to the legislature from the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund for special environment and natural resource projects. Funding recommendations are typically for new, innovative, or accelerated projects designed to help sustain, enhance, and utilize Minnesota's natural resources. The LCCMR has 17 members, five citizens appointed by the Governor, one citizen appointed by the House, one citizen appointed by the Senate, and ten legislators.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
May 16, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Elizabeth J. Consie, Dr. Paula Fink Kocken, M.D., Dr. Paul Satterlee, M.D., and Paul H. Stelter; and the reappointment of Brenda Brown and Kevin Miller to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulatory Board.

Brown, of Tyler, is a firefighter with the Tyler Fire Department, as well as a paramedic with North Ambulance in Marshall. She is a DOT-certified instructor, and an instructor of CPR, AED, and first aid. She has training in hazardous materials, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, and water and ice rescue. Brown, who has been a member of the EMS Regulatory Board since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Consie, of Duluth, is a firefighter with the Duluth Fire Department. She is also a paramedic with Gold Cross Ambulance Service in Duluth, and has previously been a wildfire firefighter with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. She earned her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and had advanced training including in firefighting and hazardous materials. Consie replaces Shanna Hanson as a representative of full-time firefighters on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Kocken, of Minneapolis, is the co-medical director of Emergency Medical Services for Children in Minnesota as well as the director of emergency department emergency preparedness with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. She has been a pediatrician for nearly 21 years, 19 of which have been at Children's, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Kocken earned her medical doctorate degree from Indiana University in Indianapolis. She earned her bachelor of science degree with distinction in biology, as well as her bachelor of arts degree with distinction in psychology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Kocken replaces Dr. Lee Pyles as a representative of pediatricians on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Miller, of Cannon Falls is the director of operations at Allina Medical Transportation. Previously, he was the Dakota County EMS coordinator, a paramedic with Apple Valley/Lakeville/Farmington Ambulance Service, and a paramedic in Texas and Stillwater.

Miller was also the director of the Campbell Emergency Response Team in Weatherford, Texas, and a police officer with the Stillwater Police Department. He is a member and past chair of the Metro Region EMS Committee, and has served on a variety of its subcommittees. He is completing his bachelor of arts degree at Bethel University in Arden Hills, and went through the intensive care paramedic program at Century College in White Bear Lake. Miller, who has been a member of the EMS Regulatory Board since 2006, is reappointed as a representative of metropolitan regional EMS programs to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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Stelter, of St. Peter, is the director of the South Central Minnesota EMS Regional Program in Mankato, a position he has held since 2001. He is also a part-time peace officer for the city of Arlington. Previously, he was the South Central Minnesota EMS Regional Program education coordinator, manager of the St. Peter Area Ambulance/Gold Cross ambulance service, and a part-time police officer. He serves on the North Central EMS Cooperative Board and has also been a member of the Minnesota Ambulance Association Board. Stelter replaces Karla McKenzie as a representative of non-metropolitan regional EMS programs on the EMS Regulatory Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board makes recommendations on improving access, delivery and effectiveness of the state's EMS delivery system and establishes procedures for investigating, hearing and resolving complaints against EMS providers. The board consists of 19 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor. Members may not serve more than one consecutive term on the board.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 FINALISTS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted three finalists recommended to him by the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee for an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 5. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Russell H. Susag. District 5 includes the Hennepin County cities of Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield, and the unorganized territory of Fort Snelling.

Ten people applied for this position. The finalists are Polly Peterson Bowles, John E. Lonsbury, and James N. Lucas.

Bowles, of Edina, is a stay-at-home mother and a community volunteer. Previously, she was an attorney who practiced law with Faegre and Benson. Bowles served on the Metropolitan Council in the early 1990s, during which time she was vice-chair; and was a member of the State Advisory Council on Metropolitan Governance.

Lonsbury, of Edina, is founder and president of Customer-Facing Media Company, and has a professional background in business, marketing and sales consulting. He has been a member of the Edina Planning Commission for 11 years, currently serving as chair; chairs the Edina Comprehensive Plan Task Force; and was previously vice chair of the Edina Human Relations Commission.

Lucas, of Bloomington, is the founder and owner of Benefits Plus, LLC. He is also a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, and previously with Connecticut Mutual. Lucas is a member of the Bloomington Planning Commission as well as the Bloomington Charter Commission, and has held leadership positions with the Bloomington Rotary and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF WATER  
AND SOIL RESOURCES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Paul Brutlag, Louise Smallidge, and LuAnn Tolliver to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. All are reappointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Brutlag, of Wendell, is an attorney with the Fluegel, Helseth, McLaughlin, Anderson & Brutlag law firm in Elbow Lake. Brutlag also raises sugar beets, corn, soybeans, and wheat on a farm in Grant and Otter Tail Counties. Brutlag currently is the vice chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources and is reappointed as a public member.

Smallidge, of Hastings, raises corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and cattle on a farm in southern Washington County. She is an elected member and chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Washington Conservation District. Smallidge is reappointed to a board position as a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Tolliver, of Minnetonka, is an analyst/programmer senior specialist at the Nash Finch Company. She has been a member of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Board since 1991 and currently serves as chair. Tolliver is appointed to a board position for a representative of a watershed district or watershed management organization.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS EILBRACHT AND GAULDEN  
TO MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Ann Eilbracht and Jimmiee Gaulden to the Merit System Council. Both are reappointed to another three-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Eilbracht, of Minneapolis, is the vice president of human resources with University of Minnesota Physicians. She has worked in human resources for University of Minnesota Physicians since 2003, and previously held similar positions with the city of Minneapolis, Robbinsdale School District, and Ramsey County.

Gaulden, of Cottage Grove, is the manager of 3M Talent Management, a position he has held since 2003. He has held a variety of positions in the human resources department since 1990, and has been employed by 3M since 1978.

The Merit System Council hears personnel appeals, sets policy for administration of examinations, reviews classification and compensation plans and proposed rule changes. The council consists of three members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joan Breslin-Larson, and Kenneth Trebelhorn, and the reappointment of Connie Lee Berg, Steven Jacobson, Michael Malver, and Judith Sanders to the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Berg, of Red Lake, is the director of Red Lake Rehabilitation Services and has over 15 years of experience working with tribal vocational rehabilitation programs. She chairs the Red Lake Supportive Housing Board of Commissioners. She is a member of the National Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Inc., and is a member of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council. Berg is reappointed to a three-year term as the representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects. Her term expires January 3, 2011.

Breslin-Larson, of Roseville, is a supervisor of special education policy with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). She is appointed as the representative of the MDE to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. Breslin-Larson replaces Jean Martin on the council.

Jacobson, of Edina, has been employed with the 3M Company since 1976. He currently holds the position of lead computer analyst. Jacobson is a graduate of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Augsburg College. Jacobson is a member of the National Federation for the Blind of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a consumer member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Malver, of Minneapolis is an IT professional and music therapist. He is the current vice president of the American Council of the Blind of Minnesota. Malver holds an applied science degree in computer programming from St. Paul College and a bachelor of arts degree in music therapy from the University of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a recipient of rehabilitation services member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Sanders, of Minneapolis, has experience working for the State Services for the Blind as a job placement specialist and is the current secretary of the board of directors of the National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota.

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She holds a bachelor of arts degree in speech education from the University of Colorado. Sanders is reappointed as a representative of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Trebelhorn, of Rochester, is an IT professional and computer instructor for low vision and blind clients. He is a volunteer for his local National Federation for the Blind chapter and Lions Club International where he works on reconfiguring donated computer systems and distributing them to clients in need. Trebelhorn is appointed as a rehabilitation provider member to fulfill a three-year term that expired January 4, 2010. He replaces Jim Collins on the council.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of 19 members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael Brethorst, Neal Cuthbert, John Monson and Nancy Straw to the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Brethorst, of Barnesville, is the chief operations officer for the City of Barnesville. He is a captain in the Minnesota Army National Guard where he holds the position of senior counter intelligence officer with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Brethorst earned a master of science degree in public, human services, and health administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead; a bachelor of science degree in public administration and community and economic development administration from St. Cloud State University; and an associate of arts degree in business from Fergus Falls Community College. Brethorst is appointed as rural town representative to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Steve Ringquist on the board.

Cuthbert, of Minneapolis, is the vice president of the McKnight Foundation's arts program where he provides leadership, management and oversight for all grant program related activities. McKnight is Minnesota's largest private funder of the arts. Prior to his work at McKnight, Cuthbert was director and publisher of the *Artpaper* and worked as a planner for the Metropolitan Council. Cuthbert is appointed as representative of a private foundation member to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Louis Hohfeld on the board.

Monson, of Cannon Falls, was appointed by President Bush to serve as Farm Services Agency's State Director in Minnesota. He was the youngest presidential appointee in state history. Monson served on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary's Farm Policy Steering Committee throughout his term as state director.

Monson left the USDA in 2006 to join AgStar Financial Services as the vice president of rural finance, where he is responsible for economic business development. Monson is appointed as a business member to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 7, 2013. He replaces Allan Olson on the board.

Straw, of Fergus Falls, is the president and chief executive officer for the West Central Initiative where she is responsible for strategic planning, operations, and fundraising.

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She is a member of the Minnesota Humanities Center, Regional Economic Development Group, and the Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Council on Small Business and Labor Council Foundations. Straw is appointed as a representative of a regional initiative organization to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Sherry Ristau on the board.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization dedicated to the study of the economic, demographic and cultural factors that affect rural Minnesotans and their communities. Based in St. Peter, Minnesota, the Center publishes the *Rural Minnesota Journal*, the *Atlas of Minnesota* and regularly advises policymakers on rural issues through its research reports. All of the center's products and reports can be found on line at [www.ruralmn.org](http://www.ruralmn.org). The Center's Board consists of 17 members, 12 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO RURAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jode Freyholtz, Dr. Jeffrey Hardwig, and Senator Yvonne Prettner-Solon, and the reappointment of Dr. Raymond Christensen, Thomas Crowley, Diane Muckenhirn, Nancy Stratman, and Senator Betsy Wergin to the Rural Health Advisory Committee (RHAC). With the exception of Senator Solon, who is filling an unscheduled vacancy, all are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Freyholtz, of Verndale, works for the Minnesota Consumer Survivor Network as an educator and advocate for persons with mental health issues in rural Minnesota. She is appointed as a consumer member and replaces LaVonne Schlieman on the committee.

Hardwig, of International Falls, works as a staff physician in psychiatry at the Duluth Clinic and as a contract psychiatrist for Falls Medical Center in International Falls. He is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. Hardwig is the president of the Minnesota Psychiatric Society and a member of the American Psychiatric Association. He earned his degree in medicine at the Mayo Medical School in Rochester and his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Hardwig is appointed as the physician member and replaces Dr. Darrell Carter on the committee.

Prettner-Solon, of Duluth, is a clinical psychologist who is serving her third term in the Minnesota State Senate from District 7. She serves on a number of committees and chairs the Senate Capitol Investment Committee. She is appointed as a majority member of the Minnesota State Senate to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Senator Jim Vickerman on the committee.

Christensen, of Duluth, is the assistant dean for rural health at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Duluth. He also works as a family practice physician at Gateway Family Health Clinic in Moose Lake. Christensen is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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He is licensed to practice in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Christensen is reappointed to fill the seat for a representative of a higher education institution providing training for rural health care practitioners.

Crowley, of Kellogg, is the president and CEO of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Wabasha. He joined the organization in 1971 as the director of finance and served as an administrator before being named CEO in 1984. Crowley is responsible for acute and long term care, the administration of the facility, strategic planning, new programs and service development. He holds a master of arts degree in health care administration from St. Mary's College in Winona and a master of business administration from the University of St. Thomas. Crowley is reappointed as hospital representative on the committee.

Stratman, of Willmar, is administrator of Rice Care Center, a long term care facility in Willmar. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and holds a master of science degree in management from Southwest State University in Marshall. Stratman has worked in long term care since 1976 in greater Minnesota and North Dakota. She is reappointed as the representative of nursing homes on the committee.

Muckenhirn, of Hutchinson, is the current chair of the RHAC. She is a nurse practitioner at Hutchinson Medical Center where her practice focuses on women's health. Muckenhirn holds a master of science degree in nursing from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She is a frequent speaker for community classes and continuing education for nurses. Muckenhirn is reappointed as the midlevel practitioner member on the committee.

Wergin, of Princeton, is State Senator for District 16, which includes all of Mille Lacs County and parts of Benton, Morrison, and Sherburne Counties. Prior to her election to the Senate in 2002, Wergin spent six years as a Baldwin Township officer and eight years as a Sherburne County Commissioner. While a County Commissioner, she served on the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Council. Wergin is reappointed as the minority member of the Minnesota State Senate.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JENSEN AND LOHMER TO MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CITIZENS' BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathy Lohmer and the reappointment of Dennis Jensen to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Lohmer, of Lake Elmo, is a private business owner with her husband Greg. She has worked in the investment management industry for over 30 years. She has a son serving in the U.S. military and is an active member of the Blue Star Mothers. Lohmer has been involved in a number of community and philanthropic organizations including a cancer support group at Lakeview Hospital and the Spina Bifida Association. She attended Winona State University and is a certified medical assistant. Lohmer is appointed as a public member to fill a vacant position on the board.

Jensen, of Duluth, is general manager of the Duluth Transit Authority. He also serves as vice president and area manager of First Transit, Inc. Jensen previously served as general manager of the Laredo (Texas) Municipal Transit System and as general manager of Airport Services, Inc. at the Baltimore Washington International Airport. Jensen currently serves as a management trustee of Teamsters Local 346 Health Fund. He previously served as president of the Minnesota Public Transit Association. Jensen received a bachelor degree in fine arts and education from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is reappointed as a public member.

The MPCA Citizens' Board considers and makes decisions on varied and complex pollution problems that affect areas of the state. Decisions are intended to achieve a reasonable degree of purity of the water, air and land resources of the state in order to provide for the maximum enjoyment and use of these resources for the welfare of the people. The Citizens' Board consists of the Commissioner of the MPCA and eight members who are appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DIETRICH TO FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN LINCOLN AND LYON COUNTIES**

**Marshall** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle A. Dietrich to a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy certified by the Supreme Court for chambers in Lincoln and Lyon Counties. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable George I. Harrelson on June 2, 2008.

Dietrich is the Redwood County attorney in Redwood Falls, a position she has held since 1997. She was an assistant Redwood County attorney from 1995 to 1997, and a Ninth Judicial District law clerk in Bemidji and Clearwater from 1994 to 1995. Dietrich earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1994, and her bachelor of arts degree from Central University of Iowa in Pella in 1991.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ANDERSON TO FIFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN WATONWAN COUNTY**

**St. James** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gregory J. Anderson to a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy certified by the Supreme Court for chambers in the city of St. James in Watonwan County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable David E. Christensen on March 4, 2008.

Anderson is an assistant Fifth Judicial District public defender in Mankato, a position he has held since 1994. Previously, he was an assistant Mankato city attorney from 1989 to 1994, and a Fifth Judicial District law clerk in Mankato from 1987 to 1989. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1984.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Kim R. Johnson effective on June 27, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Buffalo in Wright County. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Dan Kammeyer on August 31, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Anoka in Anoka County. The finalists are James A. Cunningham, Jr., Michele A. Davis, James B. Fleming, John E. Hennen, Mark W. Malzahn, and Thomas N. Price.

Cunningham, of Spring Lake Park, is the commissioner of the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services, a position he has held since 2003. He was an assistant Minneapolis city attorney from 1999 to 2003, an assistant district counsel with the Minneapolis Public Schools from 1993 to 1999, an associate attorney with the Rider Bennett law firm in Minneapolis from 1990 through 1992, and a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Charles E. Clevert in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1989 to 1990. Cunningham earned his juris doctorate degree (1989) and his bachelor of arts degree (1986) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Davis, of Ramsey, is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 2000. She was an assistant St. Paul city attorney from 1998 to 2000. Davis earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1998, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1993.

Fleming, of Monticello, is a self-employed attorney and a part-time assistant public defender in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Anoka County, positions he has held since 2007. He was an attorney and partner in the Monticello law firm of Metcalf, Larson, Muth and Fleming from 2001 through 2006, a solo practitioner in Monticello from 1994 to 2001, an associate attorney with the Bernick and Lifson law firm in Golden Valley from 1991 to 1994, an attorney and partner in the Dawson and Fleming law firm in Lincoln, Nebraska from 1988 to 1991, and an associate attorney with the Peterson and Nelson law firm in Lincoln from 1984 to 1988.

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Fleming earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nebraska – Kearney in 1978. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Fleming held a number of positions in law enforcement in Nebraska from 1972 to 1982.

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Price, of Elk River, is an attorney in private practice and a part-time assistant public defender in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender’s office in Wright County, positions he has held since 2006. Previously, he was an assistant Sherburne County attorney from 1978 to 2006, where he held positions as assistant county attorney, first assistant county attorney, and chief deputy county attorney. Price was also an attorney with the MacGibbon-Danforth Law Firm in Elk River from 1980 to 1984, a Wright and Sherburne County misdemeanor prosecutor from 1978 to 1979, and has served as a special appointed prosecutor for Anoka, Benton, Stearns and Wright counties. Price earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1977 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 32 applications for these judicial vacancies.



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Hennen, of Woodbury, is a senior defense attorney with the League of Minnesota Cities. He has been an attorney, defense litigation supervisor, and senior defense attorney with the League since 1984, except from 1985 to 1986 when he was an attorney with the Mardell Law Office in Apple Valley. Hennen earned his juris doctorate degree from Syracuse University College of Law in New York in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1980.

Malzahn, of Elk River, is an attorney with Malzahn and Associates in Anoka, a position he has held since 1983. Malzahn earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1979.

Price, of Elk River, is an attorney in private practice and a part-time assistant public defender in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Wright County, positions he has held since 2006. Previously, he was an assistant Sherburne County attorney from 1978 to 2006, where he held positions as assistant county attorney, first assistant county attorney, and chief deputy county attorney. Price was also an attorney with the MacGibbon-Danforth Law Firm in Elk River from 1980 to 1984, a Wright and Sherburne County misdemeanor prosecutor from 1978 to 1979, and has served as a special appointed prosecutor for Anoka, Benton, Stearns and Wright counties. Price earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1977 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 32 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS KLEMENHAGEN TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Douglas Klemenhagen to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Klemenhagen, of Farmington, owns Farmington Barber and Beauty, and has been a licensed barber in Minnesota for 23 years. In addition to providing barbering services, Klemenhagen also employs six cosmetologists in his business. He earned his barber degree from Moler Barber College in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Freemasons, Minneapolis Shrine Club, and Farmington Eagles. Klemenhagen, who has been a member of the board since 2007, is reappointed as a barber member of the board to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HOSKINS TO BOARD OF ELECTRICITY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of William M. “Willy” Hoskins to the Board of Electricity.

Hoskins, of Caledonia, is a master electrician with Hoskins Electric, Inc. He has been in the electrical industry for over 20 years, 16 of them as a master electrician. Hoskins is a graduate of the electrical program at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. He is a volunteer firefighter and treasurer of the Caledonia Fire Relief Association. Hoskins, who previously served on the Board of Electricity as a representative of journeyman electricians, is appointed as a representative of master electricians to complete a term that expires on December 31, 2010. He replaces Jay Lewis on the board.

The Board of Electricity adopts the most current edition of the National Electrical Code and any amendments thereto, reviews requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations, adopts rules that regulate the licensure or registration of electrical businesses, electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman electricians, Class A installer, Class B installer, power limited technicians, and other persons who perform electrical work, and adopts rules that regulate continuing education for licensed or registered individuals. The board consists of 12 members, including the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOWLES TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Polly Peterson Bowles to an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 5. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Russell H. Susag. District 5 includes the Hennepin County cities of Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield, and the unorganized territory of Fort Snelling.

Bowles, of Edina, is a stay-at-home mother and a community volunteer. She was an attorney who practiced law with the Faegre and Benson law firm in Minneapolis from 1986 to 1992, and with the Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher law firm in Los Angeles, California from 1985 to 1986. Bowles earned her law degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1985, and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1981. She is a graduate of Edina-East High School.

Bowles previously served on the Metropolitan Council from 1991 to 1993, during which time she was vice-chair. She has also served on the State Advisory Council on Metropolitan Governance, Minnesota Compensation Council, Christ Presbyterian Church Steering/Building Committee, Family Hope Services/TreeHouse Board of Directors, Minneapolis Fire Department public relations, has been a Sunday School teacher and was president of the PTA. Bowles, 49, resides in Edina with her husband, Dan, and their four children.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO STATE ARTS BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Brooke Barsness, Michael Charron, and Mary Beth Schubert, and the reappointment of Ellen McInnis to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Barsness, of Fergus Falls, is the director of advancement and the executive director of the Fergus Area College Foundation. She has experience in media relations, fundraising, budget preparation and is a former consultant to a number of arts organizations. Barsness holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from St. Olaf College. She is appointed as a public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Corey Elmer on the board.

Charron, of Winona, is the dean of St. Mary's University School of the Arts. He is a former professor of theater arts and chair of the theater department at Concordia University in St. Paul. Charron is a former board member of the Hill Murray Community Theater and the Woodbury Fine Arts Council. He holds a master of fine arts and theater degree from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree in theater, English and secondary education from St. Mary's College. Charron is appointed as a public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Jane Belau on the board.

Schubert, of Inver Grove Heights, is the vice president of corporate affairs for Comcast, where she is responsible for development and oversight over all communications efforts including media relations, employee communications, and government affairs. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of St. Thomas. She is a member of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra governing board, and is a board member and marketing chair for the Ordway Circle of Stars. She is a recipient of Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's "40 Under Forty" award. Schubert is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Diana Lewis on the Board.

McInnis, of Robinsdale, is director of Minnesota government relations at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. From 1984-88, she served as executive director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. McInnis has served on numerous boards, including the Hennepin County Library Board, the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Hennepin County Board of Equalization, and the Minneapolis Foundation Board. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Minnesota. She is reappointed as public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota State Arts Board attempts to enrich the quality of life in Minnesota by making the arts accessible to all citizens, nurturing creative activities, encouraging the development of innovative forms of artistic expression, and preserving the State's diverse artistic heritage. The



Board provides grants and services to individual artists, arts organizations, schools, colleges and universities, communities, and other organizations that sponsor arts activities. The Board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO CHICANO-LATINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mario Santos Vargas, and the reappointment of Maricruz Hill, Nicholas Juarez, and Edgardo Rodriguez to the Chicano-Latino Affairs Council. All are appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Hill, of Chaska, is a regional project support manager at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis, where she is responsible for leadership and management of 130 retail metropolitan bank branches. Hill is a member of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latino Economic Development Center. She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from InterAmerican University in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Juarez, of West St. Paul, is an asset protection specialist for Target Corporation. In addition to his duties with Target, Juarez works with a number of community organizations and outreach programs. He is an on-call crime victim crisis specialist for the Council on Crime and Justice in Minneapolis and a member of the West St. Paul City Council. Juarez was recognized by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota as one of the “25 on the Rise” Hispanic leaders in Minnesota. Juarez obtained his bachelor of arts degree in legal assistance and political science from Hamline University.

Rodriguez, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a business consultant at the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. He is a certified public accountant with accounting, small business, and corporate finance experience. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Puerto Rico. He is licensed to sell securities and provide financial advice in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and New York. Rodriguez is a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the treasurer of the Chicano-Latino Affairs Council.

Vargas, of St. Paul is a senior marketing outreach consultant with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. He has a number of years of experience with Latino outreach, strategic planning, grant reviewing and working with non-profit organizations. Vargas holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota – Morris, and an executive mini-M.B.A. certification from the University of St. Thomas.

The Chicano-Latino Affairs Council advises the Governor and the state legislature on the issues of importance to Minnesota's Chicano Latino community. The council is made up a 15 member board, 11 members are appointed by the Governor





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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THIRTEEN TO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle Frauenschuh, Patty Holycross, Renee Jensen, Thomas Johnson, Kenneth Moorman, Jennifer Padelford, Annie Pierre, and the reappointment of, Theresa Carufel, Dr. Troy Hanson, Dr. Harriett Copher Haynes, Nicole Lynch, Wendy Rea, and Patricia Siebert to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Carufel, of Minneapolis, is the current chair of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and serves on the Archdiocesan Board for People with Disabilities. She is the director of development and community relations for Tasks Unlimited. In 2004 she was awarded the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota “Volunteer of the Year” award. Carufel is reappointed as a family member of a person with a mental illness to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Frauenschuh, is a licensed marriage and family therapist at Life Development Resources, PA. She also is the founder and co-director of a non-profit, faith based program designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth and families. Frauenschuh holds a master of arts degree in counseling psychology from Bethel University and a bachelor of arts degree in biology and Asian studies from St. Olaf College. Frauenschuh is appointed as a parent member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Kate Onyenoho on the council.

Hanson, of New Prague, is a board certified family physician and medical doctor with Locum Tenens in Buffalo. He is the vice-chair of the Scott County Human Services Resource Council and a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Hanson received his medical degree and is currently working on a master of public health degree from the University of Minnesota. Hanson is reappointed as the family physician member of the council to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Haynes, is a licensed psychologist and registered nurse. She currently serves as the director for the University of Minnesota’s Counseling Service program. Haynes holds a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling psychology, a master of arts degree in public health and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She is reappointed as the psychologist member of the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Holycross, of Cohasset, is the president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Grand Rapids area. She served as the financial aid director for Itasca Community College for 28 years. She holds a master of arts degree in counseling from St. Cloud State University and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Augustana College. Holycross is appointed as a family member of a

person with mental illness to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Debra Appleby on the council.

Jensen, of St. Paul, is the president of Free Agent Association, Inc. She chairs the Ramsey County Mental Health Advisory Council and is a speaker for the Ramsey County National Alliance on Mental Illness. Jensen holds a master of arts degree in management of public and non-profit organizations from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a bachelor of science degree in management from the Carlson School of Management. Jensen is appointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Kristin Flaten on the council.

Johnson, of Roseville, is a client advocate with the Mental Health Association of Minnesota, where he works with clients in the areas of treatment, support, housing, employment and family issues. From 1996-2001 he worked for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Minnesota as a lobbyist to the Minnesota Legislature. Johnson holds a bachelor of science degree in management from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed as the representative of the Mental Health Association of Minnesota to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces William Conley on the council.

Lynch, of Apple Valley, is a family psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner with Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She is currently working on her doctorate of nursing practice degree from the University of Minnesota. She has a master of arts degree as a family psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner from St. Scholastica in Duluth, and a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Augsburg College. Lynch is reappointed as the member representing the discipline of nursing to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Moorman, of Baudette, is a county commissioner for Lake of the Woods County, District Three. He is an American Chemical Society certified chemist with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and physics from Bemidji State University. He has over 30 years of experience with quality control, laboratory management and the pharmaceuticals industry. Moorman is appointed as a rural county commissioner to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Swede Nelson on the council.

Padelford, of West St. Paul, is the west metro regional resource coordinator for the Mental Health Consumer Survivor Network. She has been actively involved in the mental health community for the past 30 years. Padelford is appointed as the representative of the Consumer Survivor Network to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Robin Bode on the council.

Pierre, of Le Sueur, has served on the Le Sueur County's Regional Advisory Council and on the South Central Community Based Initiative's Regional Management Team, where she is the current chair. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in chemical dependency counseling from Lakewood College in White Bear Lake. Pierre is appointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Paula Swanson on the council.

Rea, of Foley, is the current vice chair of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and a coordinator at the St. Cloud Area Resource Center of the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in American studies from St. Cloud

State University. She is reappointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Siebert, of Minneapolis, is an attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She has worked with the center and its precursor, the Mental Health Law Project, since 1983. Siebert recently received the *Pro Bono Publico* Award for the Hennepin County Bar Association in recognition of her many years of service on behalf of her clients. She is reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012, as the representative of the Disability Law Center.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs, and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BJORKMAN, LARKIN, AND STAUBER TO COURT OF APPEALS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Louise Dovre Bjorkman, Michelle A. Larkin, and Lawrence “Larry” B. Stauber, Jr. to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Bjorkman is an attorney and partner in the St. Paul law firm of Larson King, a position she has held since 2005. Previously, she was a Second Judicial District trial court bench judge in Ramsey County from 1998 to 2005, and an attorney and partner with the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan and Arundel in Minneapolis from 1985 to 1998. Bjorkman earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1985, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1982.

“Louise has an extensive background practicing appellate law and is highly respected by appellate lawyers for her advocacy in this area,” Governor Pawlenty said. “In addition, she has seven years of experience on the district court bench in Ramsey County in a wide variety of areas, which will be of great benefit to her as a Court of Appeals Judge.”

Bjorkman is a member of the American Bar Association, where she currently chairs the Public Relations Committee of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, previously chaired its Appellate Advocacy Committee, and is an American Bar Foundation Fellow. She is also a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where she is a council member of the Appellate Practice Section and a member of the Judiciary and Fair Response Committee. Bjorkman also serves on the International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection, Minnesota Women Lawyers Advisory Board, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and the Academy of Court Appointed Masters. Bjorkman is a former vice president and a director of the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley, a member of the Luther College Advisory Board, Council on Crime and Justice Board, Friends of the Roseville Oval Foundation Board, and sings in her church choir.

Bjorkman will fill an at-large vacancy on the Court of Appeals that will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Bruce D. Willis on September 5, 2008. Bjorkman, 48, was born in Minneapolis, raised in Moorhead, and lives in Roseville with her husband, John, and their daughter, Erika.

Larkin is a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Wright County, a position she has held since 2005. Prior to that, she was a senior attorney and trial team supervisor (2001-2005), attorney (1992-2001), and law clerk (1991-1992) in the Hennepin County Public Defender’s office. She also worked for the Minnesota House of Representatives Judiciary Committee in the

1989 and 1990 legislative sessions. Larkin earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988.

“Michelle impressed me with her intellect and strong work ethic when I appointed her to the district court bench nearly three years ago,” Governor Pawlenty said. “She quickly demonstrated an ability to handle the work of a very busy court and will be an immediate asset to the Court of Appeals.”

Larkin chairs the Minnesota Supreme Court’s Juvenile Delinquency Rules Committee, is the Wright County lead judge for the Children’s Justice Initiative, has served on the Supreme Court’s Task Force on Court Appointed Civil Counsel, Juvenile Justice Services Task Force, and the Advisory Committee on the Amendment of the Juvenile Protection Rules. She has served as a judge with the Minnesota State Bar Association Mock Trial Program, is a mentor with the University of St. Thomas Law Mentor Externship Program, is a member of the Wright County Sober School Advisory Committee, and has been a guest speaker at numerous professional conferences as well as at a variety of community and civic organizations.

Larkin will fill an at-large vacancy on the Court of Appeals that occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen on February 19, 2008, when he was sworn-in as an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Larkin, 41, was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, and lives in Big Lake with her husband, Joel, and their son, Porter, 9.

Stauber is a senior attorney and managing partner with the Duluth law firm of Stauber and Lien. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1982. Previously, he was a solo practitioner in Duluth from 1977 to 1982, and was also a part-time public defender in Duluth from 1978 to 2006. He also served as an infantry officer in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974. Stauber earned his juris doctorate degree from Chicago Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois in 1977, and his bachelor of arts as well as bachelor of science degrees from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1970.

“Larry has a combination of civil law as a private practitioner as well criminal law as a part-time public defender for nearly 30 years,” Governor Pawlenty said. “His professional background along with his service to his community and country will make him a well-rounded addition to the Court of Appeals.”

Stauber is a member of the American Bar Association; Minnesota State Bar Association, where he is a member of the Real Estate, Wills and Trusts Committee; Duluth Bar Association, where he serves on the Judicial Administration Committee; Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association; Duluth Trial Lawyers Association; Commission on Judicial Selection; and the Minnesota Board of Professional Responsibility, where he served as a supervising attorney. He is also a volunteer attorney with the Duluth Volunteer Attorney Program, has served as a district court referee, a MnDOT condemnation commissioner, and a Guardian ad Litem.

Stauber’s community activities include serving on the Grand Lake Township Board, of which he is a past chairman; Greater Proctor Scholarship Foundation Board; National Eagle Scout Association, where he is a local Eagle Scout sponsor; and the Scottish Rite Foundation Board.



Stauber will fill a vacancy on the Court of Appeals for a resident of the Eighth Congressional District that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable R. A. “Jim” Randall on April 4, 2008. Stauber, 61, was born in Duluth where he lives with his wife, Cindy. They have two adult daughters, Leah and Erin.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 19 judges, 11 of whom are at-large, and eight of whom are appointed – one each – from the state’s congressional districts.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Mackert and the reappointment of Virginia Katz and Kaimay Terry to the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board of Directors. All are appointed to four year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Mackert, of St. Cloud, is a communications consultant with over 30 years of business experience. She is a former Board member of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of directors of a number of entities including St. Cloud Hospital, Bremer Bank, Catholic Charities, and the United Way of Central Minnesota. Mackert studied journalism and economics at St. Cloud State University and Metro State University.

Terry, of Edina, is the founder and owner of VideoMed, Inc., which produces health education videos for physicians and health care facilities nationwide. She is a previous president of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) and former chair of CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. She also served on the St. Paul Cultural Star Board and the Walker Art Center Community Advisory Council. Terry received a bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin College, a master of arts degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a master of public health degree from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Katz, of Duluth chaired the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board of Directors from 2006 until March of 2008. In 2003, she retired as an associate professor of communication after 37 years on the faculty of the University of Minnesota - Duluth. Katz continues to work as a free lance writer and consultant. She is member of the Duluth Library Board and is a volunteer for St. Mary's Hospital. Katz earned her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center for Arts Education includes the Research, Assessment, and Curriculum Center; the Professional Development Institute, and the Learning Resource Center, all serving teachers and schools across the entire State of Minnesota. It is also home to the Arts High School, serving 11th and 12th grade students who come from throughout Minnesota. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jeffrey Nurick and James O’Neill, and the reappointment of Connie Lee Berg, Victoria Dalle-Molle, Ann Roscoe, Judith Sanders, and Ann Zick to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

Berg, of Red Lake, is reappointed as the member representing American Indian Rehabilitation Projects to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Dalle-Molle, of Rochester, is reappointed as a director of a center for independent living member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Nurick, of Bloomington, is appointed as an advocate member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Mark Eggen on the council.

O’Neil, of Minneapolis, is appointed as a public member to fulfill a three-year term that expires on January 4, 2010. He replaces Lois Johnson on the council.

Roscoe, of Columbia Heights, is appointed as an ex-officio member representing the State Council on Disability to a three year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces David Schwartzkopf on the council.

Sanders, of Minneapolis, is reappointed as a public member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Zick, of Osage, is reappointed as an advocate member to a three-year term that started running in 2007 and expires January 3, 2010.

The Statewide Independent Living Council advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jacob Englund, Allyson Lueneburg, Louise Sundin, and Terri Thomas, and the reappointment of Cheryl Dickson, Clarence Hightower and David Paskach to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) system.

Dickson, of St. Paul, is a current member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees representing the fourth congressional district. She served for 24 years as the president and CEO of the Minnesota Humanities Commission and is a current member of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library Board. Dickson holds a certificate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in management of lifelong education and a certificate in management from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in humanities from Metropolitan State University. Dickson is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

Englund, of Minneapolis, is a student at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, where he is a member of the student senate, Phi Theta Kappa, and Kappa Beta Delta. He is appointed as a two-year student member to a two year term that expires June 30, 2010. Englund replaces Caleb Anderson on the board.

Hightower, of Plymouth, is an at-large member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees. He recently announced that he is leaving his position as president of the Minneapolis Urban League to become executive director of the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. He is a member of the United Way and former chair of the United Way Council of Agency Executives. Hightower holds a master of arts degree in human and community service from George Williams College in Downers Grove, Illinois, and a bachelor of arts degree in education from Southwest State University in Marshall. He is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

Lueneburg, of Winona, is a student at Winona State University, where she is studying biology. She is appointed as a four-year student member to fulfill a two-year term that expires June 30, 2009. She replaces Michael Boulton on the board.

Paskach, of Cottonwood, is a current member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees representing the seventh congressional district and owner of Pasko Investments. Paskach earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, Illinois, and his

bachelor of science degree in accounting from Iowa State University in Ames. He is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

Sundin, of Minneapolis, is a member of the Teacher Union Reform Network and is the former president of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers. She previously served as an English teacher in the Minneapolis Public School District. Sundin received a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas, and a bachelor of arts degree in English, journalism, and language arts from the University of Minnesota. She is involved in a number of community service organizations including serving as a member of the United Way of the Twin Cities board of directors. Sundin is appointed as an at-large member to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014. She replaces Ann Curme Shaw on the board.

Thomas, of Rochester, is a student at Rochester Community and Technical College, where she is the student body vice president and serves as the Southeast Regional representative for the Minnesota State College Student Association. She is appointed as a technical college student to a two-year term that expires June 30, 2010. She replaces Carol Werner on the board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system comprises 32 colleges and universities, including 25 two-year colleges and seven state universities. The system is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The board has policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The board appoints the system's chancellor and presidents of the state colleges and universities.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWENTY TO HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TASK FORCE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Stephen Cawley, Brent Christensen, Thomas Garrison, Dr. Jack Geller, Ph.D., Barbara Jo Gervais, John Gibbs, JoAnne Johnson, Richard King, Tim Lovaasen, Mike O'Connor, Dr. Kim Ross, Ed.D., Vijay Sethi, Richard Sjoberg, Karen Smith, John Stanoch, Chris Swanson, Craig Taylor, Mary Ellen Wells, Peg Werner, and Robyn West to the High-Speed Broadband Task Force. All 20 are appointed to terms that expire on March 2, 2010.

Cawley, of Plymouth, is vice president for information technology and chief information officer with the University of Minnesota. Cawley is appointed as the representative of higher education systems.

Christensen, of Madelia, is the general manager of the Madelia Telephone Company. Christensen is appointed as the representative of telephone companies with 50,000 or fewer subscribers located outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Garrison, of Eagan, is the communications director for the city of Eagan and the founding editor of Minnesota Technology magazine. Garrison is appointed as the representative of metropolitan area Minnesota cities.

Geller, of Mankato, is a professor and head of arts, humanities and social sciences with the University of Minnesota, Crookston, and past president of the Center for Rural Policy and Development. Geller is appointed as the representative of rural residential citizens at-large.

Gervais, of Tofta, is a senior investment associate and associate vice president with RBC Dain Rauscher in Duluth. Gervais is appointed as the representative of rural business citizens at-large.

Gibbs, of Bloomington, is vice president of state government and regulatory affairs with Comcast Corporation in Minnetonka. Gibbs is appointed as the representative of metropolitan area cable communications systems providers.

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King, of Eden Prairie, is executive vice president and chief operations officer for Thomson Reuters North American Legal. King is appointed as the task force's chair as well as the representative of metropolitan area business citizens at-large.

Lovaasen, of Bloomington, is the president of the Minnesota State Council of the Communications Workers of America. Lovaasen is appointed as the representative of the Communications Workers of America.

O'Connor, of Falcon Heights, is a semi-retired entrepreneur who serves on a number of high-speed internet advisory boards. He co-founded gofast.net and was the founding president of the Minnesota Internet Services Trade Association. O'Connor is appointed as the representative of metropolitan area residential citizens at-large.

Ross, of Houston, is the district superintendent of the Houston Public Schools. Ross is appointed as the representative of K-12 institutions.

Sethi, of Moorhead, is the Clay County administrator. Sethi is appointed as the representative of rural area Minnesota counties.

Sjoberg, of Thief River Falls, is president and CEO of Sjoberg's, Inc., a cable television business that operates in 33 Minnesota towns and townships in Northwestern Minnesota. Sjoberg is appointed as the representative of rural area cable communications systems providers.

Smith, of St. Paul, is the public relations manager for the great plains region of Verizon Wireless. Smith is appointed as the representative of wireless Internet service providers.

Stanoch, of St. Louis Park, is the president of Minnesota operations with Qwest Communications. Stanoch is appointed as a representative of telephone companies.

Swanson, of Two Harbors, is a co-founder and partner with Wi-Fi Guys, LLC, and a member of the Two Harbors City Council. Swanson is appointed as the representative of non-metropolitan area Minnesota cities.

Taylor, of Inver Grove Heights, is director of information systems and technology with HealthPartners in Bloomington. Taylor is appointed as the representative of health care institutions located in the metropolitan area.

Wells, of Hutchinson, is president and CEO of Hutchinson Area Health Care. Wells is appointed as the representative of health care institutions located in rural areas.

Werner, of Fergus Falls, is the director of Viking Library System, a regional public library system that serves six west-Central Minnesota counties. Werner is appointed as the representative of regional public libraries.

West, of Blaine, is a member of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, serving as a county commissioner in District 3. West is appointed as the representative of metropolitan area Minnesota counties.

The High-Speed Broadband Task Force was created by the 2008 Legislature to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the creation of a state high-speed broadband goal and a plan to achieve it. The task force consists of 26 members, including 20 appointed by the Governor.

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# NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
June 30, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWENTY TO HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TASK FORCE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Stephen Cawley, Brent Christensen, Thomas Garrison, Dr. Jack Geller, Ph.D., Barbara Jo Gervais, John Gibbs, JoAnne Johnson, Richard King, Tim Lovaasen, Mike O’Connor, Dr. Kim Ross, Ed.D., Vijay Sethi, Richard Sjoberg, Karen Smith, John Stanoch, Chris Swanson, Craig Taylor, Mary Ellen Wells, Peg Werner, and Robyn West to the High-Speed Broadband Task Force. All 19 are appointed to terms that expire on March 2, 2010.

Cawley, of Plymouth, is vice president for information technology and chief information officer with the University of Minnesota. Cawley is appointed as the representative of higher education systems.

Christensen, of Madelia, is the general manager of the Madelia Telephone Company. Christensen is appointed as the representative of telephone companies with 50,000 or fewer subscribers located outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
June 6, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CHRISTINE LONG AND WILLIAM GOEDE TO GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Long and the reappointment of William B. Goede to the Gambling Control Board. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on June 30, 2012.

Long, of Owatonna, is an assistant Steele County Attorney in Owatonna. She is active in a number of professional associations, including the Steele County Bar Association, of which she is a past president. She is also active in her community, where she serves on a number of committees, and is an active volunteer in the Owatonna public schools, and in her church. Long earned her law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Long replaces Tamara Garcia on the Gambling Control Board.

Goede, of Plainview, recently retired as a field operations supervisor with Sprint Telecommunications. He is a Vietnam-era veteran of the United States Army. Goede is a life member and past state commander of American Legion, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, past president of the Plainview Lions Club, and is a past volunteer firefighter and fire chief with the Plainview Fire Department. Goede has been a member of the Gambling Control Board since 2004.

The Gambling Control Board issues, suspends and revokes licenses of organizations, bingo halls, 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. The Gambling Control Board consists of seven members, including five appointed by the Governor.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 9, 2008

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted an upcoming Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of the Honorable Michelle A. Larkin, who has been appointed to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, effective on July 14, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

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130 State Capitol  
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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 23, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 11, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BETSY WERGIN TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

*~ Governor designates Boyd to succeed Koppendrayer as PUC Chair ~*

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Betsy L. Wergin to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Wergin replaces LeRoy Koppendrayer as a member of the Commission to complete a six-year term that expires on January 4, 2010. The Governor has also designated current PUC member Dr. David Boyd to replace Koppendrayer as chair of the PUC.

“Betsy has a tremendous combination of small business and public policy experience as well as extensive community involvement,” Governor Pawlenty said. “This perspective will be a great benefit to her on the PUC.”

Wergin has been the owner and operator of a variety of small businesses, and has also held finance and accounting positions for multiple businesses over the course of her career. She is currently a state Senator, serving Senate District 16, a position she has held since 2003. Previously, she was a Sherburne County Commissioner from 1995 through 2002 and the Baldwin Township Clerk from 1989 to 1995.

Wergin is a member of Lions International; American Legion Auxiliary; Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary; Elim Homes Corporation Board of Directors; Princeton, Big Lake, Becker and Zimmerman Chambers of Commerce; and is active in her church. She has previously been a member of the Rotary as well as a foster parent for over 100 foster children, primarily teenaged girls.

Wergin, 56, was born in Mille Lacs County, and lives in Princeton with her husband, Richard. They have two adult children and one grandchild.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.

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July 11, 2008

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 15, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHWAB TO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN FREEBORN COUNTY**

**Albert Lea** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steven R. Schwab to a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Albert Lea in Freeborn County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable James E. Broberg on April 29, 2008.

Schwab is the Albert Lea City Attorney, a position he has held since 1989. He was a corporate attorney with Farm Credit Service of Mankato from 1986 through 1988, and an associate attorney as well as an assistant Brown County attorney with the Berens, Rodenberg and O'Connor Law Firm in New Ulm from 1982 to 1986. Schwab earned his juris doctorate degree from St. Louis University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982, and his bachelor of science degree from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1979.

“Steve brings a broad legal background and a demonstrated willingness to take on an additional workload to the bench,” Governor Pawlenty said. “He will be an immediate asset to the judicial system in the disposition of the court’s large caseload.”

Schwab is a member and past president of the Freeborn County Bar Association, a member and past president of the Minnesota City Attorney’s Association, and a member and former chair of the 10<sup>th</sup> District Ethics Committee. He is also a member and past president of the Albert Lea Rotary, a member and past president of the Albert Lea Exchange Club, a member of the Albert Lea Family Y Board of Directors, a board member of Group Support Services, and a mock trial coach for Albert Lea High School.

Schwab, 51, was born in New Ulm, and lives in Albert Lea with his three children, Gracie, 23, Eric, 20, and Katie, 16.

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July 15, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOSTRACK TO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN WINONA COUNTY**

**Winona** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Nancy Bostrack to a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Winona in Winona County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Margaret Shaw Johnson on May 13, 2008.

Bostrack is an assistant Winona County Attorney, a position she has held since 1992. She was also an adjunct professor at Winona State University from 1996 to 2003. Bostrack earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and her bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1988.

“Nancy is highly respected in the judicial system for her legal knowledge, courtroom ability, and integrity,” Governor Pawlenty said. “As a judge, she will make sure that every case that comes before her is handled fairly and that people are treated with respect.”

Bostrack is a member of the Minnesota State and Winona County Bar Associations, Winona Family YMCA, volunteers with Bluffview Montessori School and is active with the Pleasant Valley Evangelical Free Church. She was a member of the Winona County Developmental Achievement Center Board, has been a speaker at a number of police and reserve officer training classes as well as Winona State University classes, and has received the “Outstanding Woman in Business” award in 2003 from Women in Business, as well as the greater recognition award in 2007 from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Bostrack was born in Chicago, and lives in Winona with her husband, Paul, and their two children, Jacob and Zachary, both 5.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 18, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO BOARD ON AGING**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joseph Grant, Larry Juhl and Tracy Keibler, and the reappointment of RD Brown, Sharon Bring, Kenneth Moritz and Donald Tomsche to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Brown, of St. Paul, recently retired as the vice president of child and family support services with the Children's Home Society and Family Services. His community activities include having served on the St. Paul Mayor's Committee on Aging. Brown is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Bring, of Strandquist, is a grain farmer and county commissioner in Marshall County. She is the past chair of the Lutheran Social Services Senior Nutrition Program. Bring is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Grant, of Duluth, manages elder care at the Duluth Clinic where he is responsible for human resource management, financial management, and clinical operations. Grant's health care grant review experience includes work for the Healthier Minnesota Community Clinic Fund in St. Paul and the Office of Rural Health Policy in Washington, DC. Grant holds a master of arts degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota –Duluth and bachelor of arts degrees in economics and political science from the University of Minnesota. He is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Betty Gysland on the board.

Juhl, of New London has a number of years of experience in the long term care field. He is the former chairman of the board for Care Providers of Minnesota. From 1991 to 2000 he served as the mayor of New London. He is a U.S. Army trained medic and is educated in nursing home administration. Juhl is appointed to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Julie Storm on the board.

Keibler, of Eden Prairie, is a private business owner. She holds a mini-MBA from the University of St. Thomas in non-profit administration and a bachelor of arts in Japanese language and literature from the University of Iowa. Keibler is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Margaret Moss on the board.

Mortiz, of Minneapolis, is a retired vice president of Cargill, Inc. He is past president of senior resources and is a board member of the National Retiree Volunteer Corporation. He is a retired member of the U.S. Army. Moritz is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Tomsche, of Little Canada, retired in 1997 as deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections and has served as the state advocacy chair for Minnesota AARP. He is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board on Aging develops, coordinates, evaluates and administers federal and state funds for programs for the aging; makes grants to 14 area agencies on aging and non-profit agencies; and serves as an advocate for older persons. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 22, 2008

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## **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

Saint Paul, MN – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two upcoming First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy occurred with the death of the Honorable Jean A. Davies on March 25, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Le Center in Le Sueur County.

The second vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable William F. Thuet on June 30, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Shakopee in Scott County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the First Judicial District may request an application for either or both positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for either or both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 12, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 3, 2008

**Contact:** Brian McClung  
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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF NURSING**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jacqueline Dickie, Lynne Linden, James Peterson, and Maria Raines, and the reappointment of Kathleen Haberman to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Dickie, of Apple Valley, is the pharmacy utilization nurse coordinator for PreferredOne in Golden Valley. She is appointed as a licensed practical nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Linda Mattson on the board.

Linden, of Burnsville, is a nurse manager for Fairview Ridges Hospital where she manages the overall operations of the inpatient pediatric unit. She has over 30 years of experience in the field of nursing. Linden earned her master of arts degree in nursing and organizational leadership from Bethel University and bachelor of science degree in nursing from Metropolitan State University. She is appointed as a registered nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012 and replaces Sandra Johnson on the board.

Peterson, of Medina, is an attorney with expertise in both criminal and civil law. He is a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations. Peterson is a retired lieutenant colonel with a number of years of service to the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate General officer. He earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota and attended Judge Advocate General's School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Peterson is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces James Nadorne on the board.

Raines, of Lakeville, is a clinical nurse specialist for the ICU/Telemetry, orthopedic and medical-surgical nursing units at Woodwinds Hospital in Woodbury. She earned her master of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and bachelor of science degree in nursing from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. She holds a national certification as a clinical nurse specialist in adult health from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Raines is appointed as an advanced practice registered nurse to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Mary Beth O'Neil on the board.

Haberman, of Heron Lake, is a registered nurse with over 32 years of experience in the field of nursing. She works for Worthington Regional Hospital as their education manager. Prior to working for Worthington Regional Hospital, Haberman was the dean of nursing and allied health at Minnesota West Community & Technical College. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota and a master of science degree in nursing education from South Dakota State University. Haberman is reappointed as a registered nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing and disciplining nurses and approving nurse education programs. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
July 30, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS URDAHL TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has designated Dean Urdahl as Minnesota’s official state representative to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Urdahl, of Grove City, retired in 2006 as an American History teacher with the New London-Spicer School district, where he taught since 1971. He is serving his third term as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from House District 18B, which includes much of Meeker County and part of Wright County. Urdahl holds a bachelor of science degree from St. Cloud State University in Social Studies.

An avid reader, writer, and U.S. Civil War buff, Urdahl wrote *Uprising*, a historical fiction about the U.S. – Dakota conflict set in Minnesota in 1862, during which time Lincoln was President. Urdahl replaces David Sturrock as Minnesota’s official representative on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission was created by the U.S. Congress to plan observances and events to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s birth on February 12, 2009. The Commission will emphasize the contributions of Abraham Lincoln’s thoughts, ideas, and actions throughout the period leading up to the bicentennial of his birth. Each state has the opportunity to designate a resident of that state to serve as the official state representative to the Commission.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
August 6, 2008

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

**Saint Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Pamela G. Alexander on June 6, 2008. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable E. Anne McKinsey on October 3, 2008.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
August 14, 2008

**Contact:** Brian McClung  
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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BUNGER AND HORTON TO MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Bunger and Carinda Horton to the Minnesota Humanities Center Board of Directors. Both are appointed to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Bunger, of Milaca, is a consultant and principal founder of HBH Associates, LLC. He is a member of the Center for Rural Policy and Development and the Milaca School Board. His past community service includes terms on the Milaca City Council and Planning Commission. In addition to being a graduate of the Blandin Community Leadership Program, Bunger received a master of business administration degree from the University of St. Thomas and earned his bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College.

Horton, of Duluth, is the vice president of Horton's Gym, Inc. and works as an executive assistant at RBC Dain Rauscher. She is a retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, where she served in Operation Desert Storm. Horton earned her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in communications from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She is a member of the Junior League of Duluth, VFW, American Legion, and is involved in a number of community theater and sports activities.

The Minnesota Humanities Center is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities Center fulfills its mission through humanities-based programs including professional development opportunities, early literacy workshops, and bilingual and heritage language programming. The Minnesota Humanities Center is governed by a 30-member board of directors, including six members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHWARTZ TO PUBLIC DEFENSE BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David M. Schwartz to the State Board of Public Defense.

Schwartz, of Hugo, is a community faculty member of Metropolitan State University's School of Law Enforcement, and an instructor of professional training in safety and compliance with Customized Safety training. He has over 34 years of law enforcement experience, where he served as the chief of the Forest Lake Police Department for 24 years, preceded by 10 years as a Forest Lake police officer. Schwartz has served as a member of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association Scholarship and Legislative Committee, treasurer of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Education Foundation Board of Directors, past president of the Washington County Chiefs of Police Association, past president of the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Association, and a member of the Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers.

Schwartz is a past president of the Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau Board of Directors, past president of the Family Violence Network Board of Directors, chair of the Forest Lake Community Education Advisory Committee, chair of the Minnesota Police Explorers Scholarship Committee, chair of operations of the Forest Lake Centennial Steering Committee, and a member of the Forest Lake Safety Camp Board of Directors. Schwartz replaces Michael McGinn on the State Board of Public Defense as a public member to a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOGCESS TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Laurie Boggess to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Boggess, of Minnetonka, is a cosmetologist with Salon Marquee in Wayzata, a position she has held since 2001. She has been a cosmetologist for 32 years and has been a salon manager for 10 years. Boggess is a member and past president of the Minnesota Salon and Spa Professional Association (MNSSPA) Board of Directors, and has been an educator with the association for 20 years. In 2006 Boggess received MNSSPA's Vera Slater Award in recognition of her accomplishments. Boggess replaces Donna Ruhland on the Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners Board as a cosmetologist member. She is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Wright County. The vacancy is as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Michelle A. Larkin on July 14, 2008 to be sworn in as a Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Buffalo in Wright County.

Four current finalists for a previously-announced Wright County vacancy will also be considered for this position. They are Michele A. Davis, James B. Fleming, John E. Hennen, and Thomas N. Price. In addition, the Governor will also consider Mark W. Malzahn Cynthia Spence Matt, and Geoffrey W. Tenney for this position.

Davis, of Ramsey, is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 2000. She was an assistant St. Paul city attorney from 1998 to 2000. Davis earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1998, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1993.

Fleming, of Monticello, is a self-employed attorney and a part-time assistant public defender in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Anoka County, positions he has held since 2007. He was an attorney and partner in the Monticello law firm of Metcalf, Larson, Muth and Fleming from 2001 through 2006, a solo practitioner in Monticello from 1994 to 2001, an associate attorney with the Bernick and Lifson law firm in Golden Valley from 1991 to 1994, an attorney and partner in the Dawson and Fleming law firm in Lincoln, Nebraska from 1988 to 1991, and an associate attorney with the Peterson and Nelson law firm in Lincoln from 1984 to 1988. Fleming earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nebraska – Kearney in 1978. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Fleming held a number of positions in law enforcement in Nebraska from 1972 to 1982.

Hennen, of Woodbury, is a senior defense attorney with the League of Minnesota Cities. He has been an attorney, defense litigation supervisor, and senior defense attorney with the League since 1984, except from 1985 to 1986 when he was an attorney with the Mardell Law Office in Apple Valley.

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Hennen earned his juris doctorate degree from Syracuse University College of Law in New York in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1980.

Malzahn, of Elk River, is an attorney with Malzahn and Associates in Anoka, a position he has held since 1983. Malzahn earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1979.

Matt, of Buffalo, is a shareholder and the managing attorney with the Johnson, Larson, Peterson and Matt law firm in Buffalo. She has been the managing attorney since 2002, and previously was an associate attorney with the firm from 1998 to 2002. She was also a law clerk to Tenth Judicial District Judge Bruce R. Douglas in Wright County from 1996 to 1998. Matt earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1996, and her bachelor of science degree summa cum laude from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1993.

Price, of Elk River, is an attorney in private practice and a part-time assistant public defender in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Wright County, positions he has held since 2006. Previously, he was an assistant Sherburne County attorney from 1978 to 2006, where he held positions as assistant county attorney, first assistant county attorney, and chief deputy county attorney. Price was also an attorney with the MacGibbon-Danforth Law Firm in Elk River from 1980 to 1984, a Wright and Sherburne County misdemeanor prosecutor from 1978 to 1979, and has served as a special appointed prosecutor for Anoka, Benton, Stearns and Wright counties. Price earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1977 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

Tenney, of Buffalo, is a self-employed attorney in Buffalo, a position he has held since 1998. He has also been the Buffalo city prosecutor since 2005. Tenney was a part-time Tenth Judicial District assistant Public Defender from 1999 through 2004, a Tribal prosecutor with the Spirit Lake Tribe in Fort Totten, North Dakota and an interim Tribal prosecutor with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in Fort Yates, North Dakota from 1996 to 1998, and a law clerk to First Judicial District Judge Thomas G. McCarthy in Sibley County in 1996. Tenney earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks in 1996, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1993.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 26 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES BILL GLAHN AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENERGY SECURITY AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bill Glahn as the new Director of the Minnesota Office of Energy Security and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Commerce. Glahn, who succeeds Edward Garvey, will begin work on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

“Bill Glahn brings a tremendous amount of experience and expertise in energy supply, markets and regulatory structure,” Governor Pawlenty said. “He will ensure that our administration’s commitment to a clean and renewable energy future will be implemented in ways that keep energy costs affordable and supplies reliable.”

Glahn is currently the principal and founder of Piedmont Consulting, an energy management consulting firm working on behalf of local governments, large energy users, universities and consumer advocates. Previously, Glahn served as Vice President and Controller for the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency. In these roles, he has frequently provided expert testimony to public utility commissions in Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

“Governor Pawlenty has put Minnesota on the map with an energy policy that promotes renewables and energy security,” said Glahn. “I am honored to join his energy policy team and look forward to continuing our nation leading role.”

Glahn received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Virginia in 1989 and his Masters of Business Administration from UVA in 1995.

The Minnesota Office of Energy Security was created within the Minnesota Department of Commerce by Governor Pawlenty’s executive order in January of 2008. The office coordinates energy and climate issues throughout the administration, allowing the public easier access to energy information and technical assistance.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his appointments to the Green Jobs Task Force. This task force was created by the 2008 Legislature to develop and present to the Governor and Legislature a statewide action plan to optimize the growth of the green economy. The Governor's appointees are William A. Blazar, Paul Eger, Bill Glahn, Bob Isaacson, David Leckey, Laurie Martinson, Dr. Gail O'Kane, Ph.D., Teresa Spaeth, Suzanne Spellacy, and Dr. Deborah Swackhamer, Ph.D.

Blazar is the senior vice president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Blazar is appointed to a position for a representative of a statewide organization dedicated to commerce.

Eger is an assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Eger is appointed as the MPCA representative.

Glahn is the new deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and director of the Minnesota Office of Energy Security. Glahn is appointed as the Office of Energy Security representative.

Isaacson is the director of the Communications, Analysis and Research Division of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Isaacson is appointed as the DEED representative.

Leckey is executive vice president and a member of the board of directors of Dane Technologies in Brooklyn Park. Dane Technologies designs, develops and manufactures innovative power assist solutions used throughout healthcare, industrial and retail markets. Leckey is appointed to a position for a representative of the manufacturing industry.

Martinson is the deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Martinson is appointed as the DNR representative.

O'Kane is the education-industry partnership manager for emerging technologies with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. O'Kane is appointed as the MnSCU representative.

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Spaeth is the executive director of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI) in Bemidji. Spaeth is appointed as the AURI representative.

Spellacy is vice president and assistant general counsel with Taylor Corporation in North Mankato and a member of the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (MJSPB). Spellacy is appointed as the MJSPB representative.

Swackhamer is the interim director of the University of Minnesota (U of M) Institute on the Environment and co-director of the U of M Water Resources Center. Swackhamer is appointed as the U of M representative.

The Green Jobs Task Force consists of 24 members, including 10 appointed by the Governor. The task force is required to report to the Governor and Legislature by January 15, 2009. This task force expires on June 30, 2009.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS TASK FORCE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his appointments to the Transportation Strategic Management and Operations Advisory Task Force. This task force was created by the 2008 Legislature to provide an assessment that identifies strategies and makes recommendations to improve efficiency in state transportation construction and maintenance projects and management of state transportation infrastructure. The Governor's appointees are Dr. Jeanne Boeh, Ph.D., Jeffery Gale, Laura M. King, Larry Lair, Dr. Svetlana Madzar, Ph.D., Clay Parker, and Darwin Voltin.

Boeh is an associate professor of economics and chair of the Economics Department at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Boeh is appointed to a position for a representative of a postsecondary academic institution who has expertise in applied economics, organizational efficiency, or business management.

Gale is an executive vice president with FPD Power Development in Minneapolis, where he is responsible for the development and engineering of energy-related projects throughout North America. Gale is appointed to a position for a representative from the private sector outside the construction industry who has expertise in management or corporate efficiency.

King is vice chancellor and chief financial officer with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), where she oversees a 1.8 billion dollar budget. King is appointed to a position for a representative of a postsecondary academic institution who has expertise in applied economics, organizational efficiency, or business management.

Lair is vice president and general manager of 3M's Traffic Safety Systems Division in St. Paul. Lair is appointed to a position for a representative of the construction industry who has expertise in transportation construction projects.

Madzar is a senior lecturer in the Strategic Management and Organization Department at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. Madzar is appointed to a position for a representative of a postsecondary academic institution who has expertise in applied economics, organizational efficiency, or business management.

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Parker is president of Edwards CMD, an 80 million dollar high-tech manufacturing, project management, and services business. Parker is appointed to a position for a representative from the private sector outside the construction industry who has expertise in management or corporate efficiency.

Voltin is a partner with McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, a leading national CPA firm focused on meeting the audit and accounting needs of mid-sized companies. Voltin is appointed to a position for a representative from the private sector outside the construction industry who has expertise in management or corporate efficiency.

The Transportation Strategic Management and Operations Advisory Task Force consists of 15 members, including seven appointed by the Governor. The task force is required to report to the Governor and Legislature by December 15, 2008. This task force expires on May 31, 2009.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WEBER  
TO IRON RANGE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Diane Weber to the Iron Range Higher Education Committee.

Weber, of Grand Rapids, recently retired as the CFO of UPM Kymmene North America. A CPA, she had previously been the Controller of Blandin Paper Company in Grand Rapids, executive director of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation, a tax accountant with McGladrey Pullen in Hibbing as well as an accounting instructor at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids. Weber serves on the boards of the Grand Itasca Hospital Foundation as well as the United Way of 1000 Lakes, has chaired the Itasca Technology Exchange Board of Directors, and served as a board member of the Minnesota Taxpayers Association. Weber is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

The Iron Range Higher Education Committee was created by the Legislature to advise the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources on providing higher education programs in the taconite assistance area. The committee consists of eight members, including one appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY IN LE SUEUR COUNTY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Le Sueur County. The vacancy occurred with the death of the Honorable Jean A. Davies on March 25, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Carver County to the city of Le Center in Le Sueur County. The finalists are Michael Baxter, Allen P. Eskens, and Jody A. Kieser Kisting.

Baxter, of Rosemount, is an attorney and shareholder with the Baxter Engen, Ltd. law firm in Burnsville, a position he has held since 2003. He was a solo practitioner in Apple Valley from 2000 to 2003, an associate attorney with the Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi law firm in Minneapolis from 1991 to 2000, and an associate attorney with the Robbin & Thompson law firm in Wayzata in 1991. Baxter earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and his bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1987.

Eskens, of Cleveland, is an attorney and senior partner with the Eskens, Gibson and Behm law firm in Mankato. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2001, and was previously an attorney and partner with the Rockow Eskens Law Firm in Mankato from 1995 through 2000, an attorney and partner with the Brandt and Eskens Law Firm in St. Peter from 1993 to 1995, and a Fifth Judicial District law clerk in Nicollet County in 1992. Eskens earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1989.

Kisting, of Savage, is an assistant Scott County Attorney, a position she has held since 2003. She was a staff attorney with the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault/Sexual Violence Justice Institute from 2002 to 2003, an assistant Rice County Attorney from 1998 to 2002, a special assistant Dakota County Attorney from 1997 to 1998, and a First Judicial District law clerk in Dakota County from 1996 to 1997. Kisting earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1996, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1991.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 25 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY IN SCOTT COUNTY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Scott County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable William F. Thuet on June 30, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court transferred the chambers of this judgeship from Dakota County to the city of Shakopee in Scott County. The finalists are Mark E. Greene, Caroline H. Lennon, and Charles J. Noel.

Greene, of Chanhassen, is an attorney with the Bernick, Lifson, Greenstein, Greene and Liszt law firm in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2008. Prior to its merger with Bernick and Lifson, he was an attorney with the Standke, Greene and Greenstein, Ltd. law firm in Chanhassen from 1979 through 2007, where he had served as managing shareholder. He is also an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and has been an adjunct professor in the legal studies department at Hamline University in St. Paul, as well as a mediator and arbitrator in Hennepin County. Greene earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

Lennon, of Mendota Heights, is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1990. She has also been appointed as a special assistant county attorney in Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, and Scott counties on individual cases. Lennon was a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney's office from 1988 through 1989. Lennon earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

Noel, of Mendota Heights, is an attorney and president of Charles J. Noel and Associates in Eagan, a position he has held since 1997. He was an attorney, shareholder and partner with the Pustorino, Pederson, Tilton and Parrington law firm in Edina from 1989 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the Hanson, Noel and Lulic law firm and its predecessors in Minneapolis from 1977 to 1989. Noel earned his juris doctorate degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois in 1977, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1972.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 30 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KELLY  
TO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John D. Kelly to the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Kelly, of Twig, is a partner with the Duluth law firm of Hanft Fride and has over 30 years of experience as an attorney. He is a member and past president of the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners, a member of the Minnesota and Wisconsin State Bar Associations, International Association of Defense Counsel, American Board of Trial Advocates, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has frequently been listed as one of the “Best Lawyers in America” in an annual review by his peers, a “Super Lawyer” by *Minnesota Law and Politics*, and received a “Minnesota Attorney of the Year” award in 2003 by *Minnesota Lawyer*.

Kelly earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota, and his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Kelly replaces Larry Stauber, who resigned to accept an appointment to the Court of Appeals. Kelly will serve as a Sixth Judicial District attorney member on the Commission on Judicial Selection to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court.

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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SIXTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancy is as a result of the Minnesota Supreme Court’s conversion of a vacant court referee position into a district court judgeship.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Sixth Judicial District may request an application for this position by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us) or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 1, 2008.**

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine at-large members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BEHM TO BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gordon Behm to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Behm, of Atwater, is a member of the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District Board of Directors and the Kandiyohi Economic Development Commission Operations Board. He is a member of the newly formed Lake County Wind Energy, LLC. Behm recently retired from farming after 40 years in the industry and has experience in the energy production and banking business. He is appointed as a watershed district representative member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Ken Robinson on the board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO GOVERNOR'S CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his appointments to the Governor's Clean Energy Technology Collaborative. The Governor created this 15-member collaborative by executive order (Executive Order 08-04) to identify the most promising research and development relating to clean energy technology that may be beneficial to Minnesota and identify the primary issues related to effective current or future implementation of the technologies.

The Governor's appointees are Dr. Ulrich Bonne, Ph.D., Louis Cristan, Dr. Jane H. Davidson, Ph.D., John Drown, Dr. Donald R. Fosnacht, Ph.D., Dr. Camille M. George, Ph.D., Duane A. Goetsch, John Goodman, Dan S. Henry, Ralph D. Imholte, Paul Plahn, Dr. Lanny D. Schmidt, Ph.D., Dr. Claudia Schmidt-Dannert, Ph.D., Dr. Vincent J. Winstead, Ph.D., and Dr. Luca Zullo, Ph.D. In addition, the director of the Office of Energy Security, and the commissioners of the Departments of Agriculture, Employment and Economic Development, and the Pollution Control Agency are ex-officio members of the collaborative.

Bonne, of Hopkins, is the chief technology officer and consultant with MinneFuel, LLC, in Hopkins, a biomass conversion-to-fuel or -fertilizer start-up. Previously, he had a 42-year career with Honeywell Labs, Inc., in Plymouth, where he was a group leader, principal scientist and senior fellow. Bonne holds doctorate and master of science degrees in chemical physics from the University of Göttingen, Germany, and a bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Freiburg, Germany.

Cristan, of Grant, is the business director with 3M's Energy and Advanced Materials Division, where he has global responsibilities for 3M's energy businesses, which includes the newly-formed renewable business, and 3M's oil and gas business. He previously oversaw 3M's composite conductor program from commercialization to global launch. Cristan holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University.

Davidson, of Edina, is a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota and the director of the Solar Energy Laboratory, where her areas of research include solar systems for residential buildings, efficiency in building envelopes, and solar thermo-chemical cycles to produce fuels. She currently serves on the National Research Council's America's Energy Future Renewable Electricity Panel. Davidson holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Duke

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University in Durham, North Carolina, and a bachelors, as well as her masters degrees in engineering science and mechanics from the University of Tennessee.

Drown, of Marshall, is a partner and owner of Solar Skies, LLC, a solar thermal collectors and mounting hardware business. He previously was an executive-in-residence at Southwest State University in Marshall after a 30-year career with the Schwan Food Company in Marshall, culminating as president and chief operating officer of Schwan's Food Service.

Fosnacht, of Hermantown, is the director of the Center for Applied Research and Technology Development at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Natural Resources Research Institute. He is also president of Steel Profitability Consulting, Inc. Fosnacht holds a Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering from the University of Missouri – Rolla, a bachelors, as well as his masters degrees in mineral engineering from Columbia University in New York City, and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and pre-engineering from MacMurray College in Jacksonville Illinois.

George, of St. Paul, is an associate professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Engineering in St. Paul, where she teaches undergraduate thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid mechanics, senior design, Energy and the Environment – an engineering course for non-majors, and developed a new course on fuel cell technology. George holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota, a masters, as well as her bachelors degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Goetsch, of Elk River, is president and CEO of Gradient Technology, and is the principal investigator for the development of its high-pressure gasification systems for biomass. He has 30 years of experience in industrial energy-related research experience, including 13 years of industrial applied research and development in petroleum and chemical processing. Goetsch holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. His Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota is pending completing of his dissertation.

Goodman, of Chaska, is senior vice president and chief technology and innovation officer with Entegris, and previously was president of its Fuel Cells division. He is a past president of the U.S. Fuel Cell Council, was the first chairman of the National Science Foundation's Fuel Cell Research and Development Center Industrial Advisory Board at the University of South Carolina, and served on the University of Minnesota's Institute for Renewable Energy and the Environment External Advisory Board. Goodman holds an MBA and a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering and mechanics from the University of Minnesota.

Henry, of Lakeville, is chief technical officer with Hearth and Home Technologies, and previously held positions as vice president of advanced technologies and vice president of research and development with the company's Colville, Washington facility. He chairs the Pellet Fuel Institute's Fuel Standards Committee, and the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association's Government Affairs Committee.

Imholte, of Minneapolis, is president and CEO of Bepex International, LLC, a solids processing technology company. He began his career at Bepex Corporation in 1973 as a laboratory technician. Imholte holds a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota.

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Plahn, of Lino Lakes, is the director of advanced product development with Cummins Power Generation Inc. in Fridley, where his current activities include managing the development of fuel cell systems. He has 40 years of professional engineering experience in the development engines, alternators and electrical power generation systems. Plahn holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Schmidt, of Minneapolis, is a regents professor in the University of Minnesota Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science. Applications of his research have included direct conversion of alkanes and renewable fuels into chemicals, the production of hydrogen and syngas, and biomass reforming for fuel cells and for chemicals and fuels production. He has been a professor at the U of M for over 43 years, and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Schmidt holds a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago, and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.

Schmidt-Dannert, of Shoreview, is an associate professor in the University of Minnesota Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics, where her research interests are in metabolic engineering of microorganisms for bioenergy and biomedical applications. Schmidt-Dannert earned her doctorate as well as her and master of science degrees in biochemistry and biotechnology from the Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany, and has done post-doctoral work in molecular biotechnology at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, and the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. She also earned her bachelor of science degree in biology from the Technical University of Braunschweig.

Winstead, of Elysian, is an assistant professor in the Minnesota State University, Mankato Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Technology. Previously, he was a controls engineer in the scientific research laboratory at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan, where he worked in hybrid vehicle development, fuel cell development, and camless valvetrain development. Winstead holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor of science degree in electrical and computer engineering from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Zullo, of Tonka Bay, is principal chemical engineer at Cargill Incorporated, and the technical director with Cargill Environmental Finance, where he has led the technical development of renewable energy and emission reduction projects in the agricultural sector. His areas of interest since joining Cargill have been in the use of renewable fuels, the optimization of corn to ethanol plants, and the investigation of second generation biofuels which do not involve the use of food feedstock for their production. Zullo holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine in London, England.

Ex-officio members of the Collaborative are Office of Energy Security Director William Glahn, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson, Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Dan McElroy, and Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Brad Moore.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. The vacancies are as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Pamela G. Alexander on June 6, 2008, and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable E. Anne McKinsey on October 3, 2008. The finalists are Michelle A. Hatcher, Karen A. Janisch, Joseph R. Klein, and Thomas M. Sipkins.

Hatcher, of Brooklyn Park, is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney, a position she held from 2001 to 2004 and again since 2005. From May 2004 to March 2005, she was an associate attorney at the Rider Bennett law firm in Minneapolis. She was also an assistant Scott County Attorney in Shakopee from 1999 to 2000, and a law clerk to Fourth Judicial District Judge Mary E. Steenson Dufresne from 1998 to 1999. Hatcher earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in May 1998, and her bachelor of arts degree in criminology from the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario in 1994.

Janisch, of Minneapolis, is general counsel to the Governor, a position she has held since 2003. Previously, she was an associate attorney (1993 through 1998) and partner (1999 to 2003) with the Rider Bennett, Egan and Arundel law firm in Minneapolis, and a judicial law clerk to Idaho State Supreme Court Justice Byron J. Johnson from 1992 to 1993. Janisch earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree in government cum laude from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph in 1987.

Klein, of Minnetonka, is an attorney with Corrine L. Evenson and Associates in Roseville, where he serves as house counsel for Progressive Group of Insurance Companies. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2006. Previously, he was a contract attorney with Universal Underwriters Group in Edina from 2005 to 2006, an attorney with Zurich North American Insurance from 2004 to 2005, a quality assurance supervisor with Medical Evaluations, Inc. in Minneapolis from 2000 to 2003, and an attorney and shareholder with the Moss and Barnett law firm in Minneapolis from 1987 to 2000. Klein earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1986, his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982, and his associate of arts degree from Rochester Community College in 1979.

Sipkins, of Edina, is an attorney and partner with the Minneapolis law firm of Maslon, Edelman, Borman, and Brand, a position he has held since 2004. Previously, he was an attorney and shareholder with Halleland Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins and Johnson in Minneapolis from 1996 to 2004, an attorney and shareholder with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman and Doty in Minneapolis from 1986 to 1996, an attorney and partner with Peterson, Popovich, Knutson and Flynn in St. Paul from 1977 to 1986, a city of St. Paul staff attorney from 1975 to 1977, and a staff attorney with the United States Renegotiation Board in Washington D.C. from 1973 to 1975. Sipkins earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973, and his bachelor of arts degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts in 1969.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 40 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCANLON TO  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John J. Scanlon to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

Scanlon, of St. Paul, is an assistant general counsel with 3M Company. He has been an attorney with 3M for 19 years. Previously he was an attorney with the Dorsey and Whitney law firm in Minneapolis and a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson. Scanlon earned his juris doctorate degree from Notre Dame Law School and his bachelor of arts degree with honors from the University of Notre Dame.

Scanlon has been active with 3M Community Affairs, where he served on its Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and United Way Committee. He is also active in his church, St. Pascal Baylon Church, where he chairs the Pastoral Council. He has served on the School Advisory Committee, the School Long Range Planning Committee, and the Parish Long Range Planning Task Force. He is also a member and speaker in the Autism Society of Minnesota's "Discovery Series", and previously served on the Merrick Community Services Board of Directors as well as its Foundation's Board of Directors. Scanlon replaces Scott Heintzeman on the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board administers programs for campaign finance disclosure for state candidates, economic interest disclosure for state and local officials, lobbyist registration and disclosure, and public subsidy of state candidates and political party committees. The board consists of six members appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom may support the same political party.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO FOOD SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE TASK FORCE**

Saint Paul -- Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Bruce Cords, Sarah Geisert, Curt Fernandez, Kristin Harner, Dr. Phillip Minerch, Bill Newman, Jody Portu, Dr. Joseph Scimeca and David Wiemer to the Minnesota Food Safety and Defense Task Force. All members are appointed to terms that expire June 30, 2012.

Cords, of Eagan, is the vice president of global technology alliances and environment and food safety and public health for ECOLAB Inc. in St. Paul. Cords received his Ph. D. in food science from the University of Minnesota and is a nationally recognized authority on food borne disease. He is appointed to the position on the task force for a Minnesota-based manufacturer of microbial detection equipment and remediation products.

Geisert, of Minnetonka, is a senior director for General Mills where she leads the global product safety and regulatory affairs department. She holds bachelor and masters of science degrees in food science. She is appointed as an at-large member.

Fernandez, of St. Bonifacius, works for the City of Minneapolis as a manager of environmental health. His department is responsible for health programs including food safety, inspections and regulatory services. Fernandez earned his bachelor of science in degree in biological science. He is appointed to the position on the task force for a representative of a local food inspection agency.

Harner, of Northfield, is the public relations director for the Minnesota Farm Bureau. She holds a bachelor of science degree in animal science and is a member of the Ag Safety Program Planning Committee. Harner is appointed as the statewide farm organization representative member of the task force.

Minerch, of Austin, is the vice president of research and development for Hormel Foods, where he has worked for 31 years. Minerch holds a master of science degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He is appointed as an at-large member.

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Newman, of Bloomington, is the vice president of quality assurance and regulatory affairs for Land O' Lakes, Inc. in Arden Hills. He is appointed as an at-large member.

Portu, of Edina, is a registered nurse and a member of the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network. She is appointed as a consumer group representative member of the task force.

Scimeca, of St. Paul, is the director of corporate and regulatory affairs at Cargill, and has 20 years of experience in the food safety industry. Scimeca holds a Ph.D. in toxicology. He is appointed as a food professional member of the task force.

Wiemer, of Minnetonka, is the director of supply chain food safety for Supervalu, Inc. where he has worked for the past twenty-seven years. He is appointed as a food professional member of the task force.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force also includes a representative from each of the following agencies: the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, The Minnesota Department of Health, the US Food and Drug Administration, the US Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, the Minnesota Grocers Association and the University of Minnesota.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force was created by the 2007 legislature and advises the Department of Agriculture and legislature on food issues and food safety. The 15 member task force includes nine members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THIRTEEN TO COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**

Saint Paul -- Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Judith Friesen, Laurie Hassett, Erwin Rud, and John Schumacher; and the reappointment of Edward Butterfass, Sylvia Carty, Mark Hughes, Joanne Olson, Kenneth Rodgers, David Sams, Barbara Stensland, David Schwartzkopf and Joani Werner to the Council on Disability.

Friesen, of Madelia, is a county assessor for Brown County. She is a resident of Region Nine and is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 5, 2009. Friesen replaces Kay Fritz on the council.

Hassett, of Red Wing, works for Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. She is a resident of Region 10. Hassett is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that ends January 4, 2010 and replaces Sheila Wieser on the council.

Rud, of Fosston, is a resident of Region One. Rud is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces John Tschida on the council.

Schumacher, of New Prague, is an executive chef and the owner of the historic Hotel Broz in New Prague. He is a resident of Region 11. Schumacher is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces G. Robin Hoy on the council.

Butterfass, of Watkins, is a retired dairy farmer. He is a resident of Region Six and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Carty, of St. Paul, is a community volunteer. She is a resident of Region 11 and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Hughes, of Shoreview, is the vice president of Hughes Construction in St. Paul and works for Hubbard Broadcasting. He is a resident of Region 11 and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Olson, of Duluth, is a retired nurse and educator. She is a resident of Region Three and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

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Rodgers, of Minneapolis, is a registered nurse and is currently attending the Humphrey Institute for public affairs. He is a resident of Region 11 and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Sams, of Redwood Falls, is a resident of Region Eight and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Stensland, of Bemidji, is an area director with Lutheran Social Services. She is a resident of Region Two and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Schwartzkopf, of Rochester, is a retired IBM executive and the current chair of the Minnesota Council on Disability. He is a resident of Region 10 and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Werner, of Arden Hills, works for the Social Security Administration. She is a resident of Region 11 and is reappointed to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

The Council on Disability advises the Governor and Legislature on issues, policies, and programs related to persons with disabilities. The Council also promotes coordinated interagency efforts and provides information and referrals to persons with disabilities. The Council is made up of 21 public members, representing Minnesota's economic development districts, who are appointed by the Governor.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF  
TEACHING**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jim Bartholomew and Janet Schutz to the Minnesota Board of Teaching. Both are public members and are reappointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Bartholomew, of Edina, is the education policy director at the Minnesota Business Partnership. His professional experience includes; serving as the director of government relations for the Minnesota Department of Education, serving as a member of the State Board of Education, the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation and the Board of the Minnesota Council of Economic Education. Bartholomew and his wife Julia have two children in public school.

Schutz, of Medina, is the current chair of the Wayzata Public Schools Education Foundation. She served as a member of the Board of Education for Wayzata Public Schools from 1997 until 2003, including serving as the Board's Chair from 2000 to 2001. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts from 2000 until 2003. Schutz served as a member of Governor Pawlenty's Education Finance Reform Task Force. She and her husband have three adult children who have all graduated from public school.

The Board of Teaching provides leadership for improvements in teacher education programs and assures that the state has well-qualified, professional teachers. The board determines the standards and practices that will serve the state's teachers and teacher preparation institutions. The board consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor

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# NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 3 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of Mary Hill Smith on December 31, 2008. District 3 includes the Hennepin County cities of Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Hopkins, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Wayzata, and Woodland.

The Secretary of State's office published this vacancy today, Monday, October 6, 2008. Residents of District 3 who are interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Governor's office.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Mike Burton, Minnetonka  
Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council  
Song Lo Fawcett, St. Paul  
Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council  
Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council  
Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Mayor of Waconia  
Maureen Shaver, Deephaven

The public hearing will be on Monday, November 10, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Hopkins City Council Chambers of Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street South in Hopkins. Applicants will receive details on the format of the public hearing prior to the hearing.

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Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Director of Judicial, Board and Commission Appointments, at 651-296-0019 or [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us).

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BAXTER TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN LE SUEUR COUNTY**

**Le Center** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of M. Michael Baxter to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Le Sueur County. The vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the Honorable Jean A. Davies. The Minnesota Supreme Court transferred the chambers of Judge Davies’ position to the city of Le Center in Le Sueur County.

Baxter is an attorney and shareholder with the Baxter Engen, Ltd. law firm in Burnsville, a position he has held since 2003. He has also been an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul since 1995. Previously, Baxter was a solo practitioner in Apple Valley from 2000 to 2003, an associate attorney with the Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi law firm in Minneapolis from 1991 to 2000, and an associate attorney with the Robbin & Thompson law firm in Wayzata in 1991. Baxter earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991. Prior to his career in law, Baxter was general sales manager with United Products Corporation from 1987 to 1989, and a sales representative and regional manager for Genstar Roofing Products Company from 1976 to 1987. Baxter earned his bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1987.

“Mike has a rare combination of a diverse practice in law, experience in the business world, and a wide array of civic activities,” Governor Pawlenty said. “His professional background and demonstrated commitment to the community will be a great fit for this judgeship.”

Baxter is a member of the First Judicial District and Dakota County Bar Associations, is a volunteer attorney in family law matters with Legal Assistance of Dakota County, has served as a Ramsey County volunteer Guardian ad Litem, presented continuing legal education classes on the role of Guardian ad Litem, and served on a Hennepin County Juvenile Court Guardian ad Litem attorney panel. His community activities include serving on the Rosemount City Council, the Regional Foreign Trade Zone Commission, the Dakota County Communications Center Executive Board, and chairing the Rosemount Port Authority. He has also chaired the St. Joseph’s Board of Education, Independent School District (ISD) #196 Budget Advisory Committee, Rosemount Downtown Development Commission, Rosemount St. Joseph’s Facility Task Force, and the Rosemount High School Senior Party Committee. He has also been a member of the Rosemount High School Site Council and the ISD 196 Levy Planning Task Force.

Baxter, 59, was born in Chilton, Wisconsin, and currently lives in Rosemount with his wife, Paula Barnes. They have three adult children, Michael, Matthew, and Erin.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LENNON TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN SCOTT COUNTY**

**Shakopee** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Caroline “Carrie” H. Lennon to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Scott County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable William F. Thuet. The Minnesota Supreme Court transferred the chambers of Judge Thuet’s position to the city of Shakopee in Scott County.

Lennon is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1990. She has also been appointed as a special assistant county attorney in Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, and Scott counties on individual cases. Lennon was a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney’s office from 1988 through 1989. Lennon earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

“Carrie is highly regarded for her extensive background in criminal law and her handling of many of the office’s more difficult cases,” Governor Pawlenty said. “In addition, her ability to handle a high volume of cases will be a great benefit to her as she takes the bench in a growing county with a growing caseload.”

Lennon is involved in numerous training programs, including Hennepin County District Court jury selection, Hennepin County probation officers, and Minneapolis Police Department in-service training on child abuse. She has also been a speaker and consultant with the American Prosecutor’s Research Institute, a presenter for the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association, a member of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team (SCANT), and a member of the Hennepin County Vulnerable Adult Law Enforcement Team. Her community activities include serving as a group facilitator and confirmation mentor for Augustana Lutheran Church, a parent volunteer for Heritage Middle School, and a Sibley High School basketball booster. She was also a parent volunteer for Somerset Elementary School, served on the Independent School District #197 Curriculum Advisory Board, and as a coach and parent volunteer for Mendota Heights Athletic Association.

Lennon, 45, was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and lives in Mendota Heights with her husband, Michael. They have two sons, R. J., and Jack.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO  
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Richard Loveland and Judy Smith Thill to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education. Both members are reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Loveland, of Moorhead, is a professional firefighter, emergency medical technician, and hazardous materials team member with the Moorhead Fire Department. He is also a fire training instructor and coordinator at Moorhead State Community and Technical College. He is a member of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association executive board and is vice president of its northern district. Loveland, who has been a member of the board since 2007, is reappointed to a position for a professional firefighter representing the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters.

Smith Thill, of Eagan, is the chief of the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department. She was an on-call firefighter with the Eagan Fire Department for 19 years, where she served as its training officer and as its health and safety officer. Smith Thill is a member of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, where she serves on the education committee, and has chaired the safety and health committee; is a member of the Minnesota State Fire Department Association, where she is a Region 1 representative, and member of its training committee; and is active with Minnesota State Fire Schools. Smith Thill, who has been a member of the board since 2006, is reappointed to a position for a career firefighter representing the Minnesota State Fire Department Association.

The Board of Firefighter Training and Education reviews fire service training needs, establishes standards for educational programs, and establishes qualifications for fire service training instructors. The Board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Sixth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. The vacancy is as a result of the Minnesota Supreme Court’s conversion of a vacant court referee position into a district court judgeship. The finalists are Michael J. Cuzzo, John E. DeSanto, and Thomas H. Pertler.

Cuzzo, of Duluth, has been an attorney and partner with the Duluth law firm of Cuzzo and Envall since 1999. He was an attorney with the Sieben, Grose and Von Holtum law firm in Duluth from 1994 to 1999, an attorney and partner with the Duluth law firm of Petersen, Sage, Cuzzo and Graves from 1987 to 1994, and an attorney with the firm’s predecessor, Gruesen, Petersen and Sage from 1983 to 1987. Cuzzo earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1983, and his bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in 1980.

DeSanto, of Duluth, is an attorney in private practice in Duluth. He was an assistant St. Louis County Attorney in Duluth from 1973 to March 2008 and served as chief prosecutor in charge of the criminal division from 1976 to 2007. He was also a faculty member at the Bemidji State University Honorable James E. Preece Trial Advocacy School from 1982 to 2001. DeSanto earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1968.

Pertler, of Cloquet, is the Carlton County Attorney, a position he has held since 2005. He is also an adjunct instructor at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Carlton. Pertler was an assistant Carlton County Attorney from 1995 to 2005, an associate attorney with the Anoka law firm of Randall, Dehn and Goodrich from 1991 to 1995, and an associate attorney with the Taylor Law Firm in Minneapolis from 1990 to 1991. Pertler earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1986.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 10 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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October 22, 2008

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS LIKE TO AGRICULTURAL  
CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD**

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jeffrey Like to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Like was born and raised on a family farm in Murray County near Slayton, Minnesota. He received an associate degree in agricultural business from Willmar Technical College. From 1980 to 1981, he served as an agronomy manager in Adams, Wisconsin. In 1981, Like returned to Murray County to accept the position of agronomy division manager for the Chandler Cooperative. He has held this position for the past 27 years. Like and his wife, Stacy, reside in Slayton. They are the parents of three children. Like is reappointed as a representative of agricultural chemical retailers to a four year term that expires January 2, 2012.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO OMBUDSMAN  
COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Andrew Baker, and the reappointment of William Conley, James Dahlquist, Diane Greig, Dr. Ronald Groat, Dr. Robert Haight, Christine Black-Hughes, Dr. Jennifer Olson, and Rachel Wobschall, to the Ombudsman Committee for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Baker, of Minneapolis, is the chief medical examiner for the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. He is a board certified forensic pathologist and an American Academy of Forensic Sciences fellow. Baker is on the board of the National Association of Medical Examiners and serves as treasurer of the Minnesota Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association. He is appointed as a medical doctor to a term that expires January 4, 2010. Baker replaces Kathy Berg on the committee.

Conley, of St. Paul, is a consultant for the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. He has over 25 years of experience in the mental health field and has been instrumental in developing a number of community-based health systems for adults and children. Conley is reappointed as a representative of an advocacy organization to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Dahlquist, of Minneapolis, is an attorney practicing in the areas of mental health and chemical dependency advocacy. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in social work from Metro State University and his juris doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Dahlquist is reappointed as a public member to a term that expires January 2, 2012.

Greig, of Bloomington, is a registered nurse and currently serves as health coordinator and special projects coordinator for AXIS Healthcare, Inc. She earned her master of science degree in public health nursing from the University of Minnesota. Greg is reappointed as a health care provider to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

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Groat, of Edina is a private practice psychiatrist who is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. He earned his medical degree and completed his psychiatric residency at the University of Minnesota. Groat is reappointed as a psychiatrist to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Haight, of Hastings, is a licensed pharmacist who serves as the pharmacy clinical specialist in psychiatry at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis. He earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Haight is reappointed as a health care provider to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Black-Hughes, of Eagle Lake, is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) and an associate professor in the Department of Social Work at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She earned her master of arts degree in social work from Ohio State University. Hughes is reappointed as a LICSW member to a term that expires January 4, 2010.

Olson, of Minnetonka, is an internist specializing in geriatric medicine at the Park Nicollet Clinic in St. Louis Park. She is board certified in internal and geriatric medicine. She earned her medical doctor degree from the University of Minnesota. Olson is reappointed as a physician member to a term that expires January 2, 2012.

Wobschall, of St. Paul is the executive director of constituent relations at the University of St. Thomas. From 1987 to 1999, she served as executive director of the Governor's Advisory Council on Technology for Persons with Disabilities. Wobschall earned her bachelor of arts degree in political science and her master of arts degree in international management from the University of St. Thomas. She is reappointed as a public member to a term that expires January 3, 2011. Wobschall is also appointed as chair of the committee for the 2009-2010 term.

The Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities promotes the highest attainable standards of treatment, competence, efficiency for persons receiving services or treatment for mental illness, mental retardation, chemical dependency, or emotional disturbance. The Governor appoints a 15 member Ombudsman Committee for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to advise the Ombudsman. From this group, a Medical Review Subcommittee is appointed to review deaths and serious injuries. Baker, Greig, Groat, Haight and Olson are appointed to the subcommittee.



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November 3, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ROSEN TO RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of State Senator Julie Rosen to the Rural Health Advisory Committee (RHAC).

Rosen, of Fairmont, has represented Senate District 24 in the Minnesota State Senate since 2003. As a first-term senator, Rosen earned the distinction of being a leading authority on methamphetamine and other drug-related issues. She continues to work passionately fighting drug use among children and young adults. Along with her work on drug and public safety issues, Rosen is a strong voice for rural job creation and economic development. Rosen is a graduate of Colorado State University with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy. She worked as a marketing executive with both Elanco and American Hoechst prior to being elected to the state senate. Rosen serves on a number of committees including; Capitol Investment, Health and Human Services, Public Safety and Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications. Rosen is appointed as the minority member of the Minnesota State Senate to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces former Senator Betsy Wergin on the committee.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CUNNINGHAM TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP IN ANOKA COUNTY**

**Anoka** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of James A. Cunningham, Jr. to a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Anoka in Anoka County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Dan Kammeyer on August 31, 2008.

Cunningham is the commissioner of the Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services, a position he has held since 2003. He was an assistant Minneapolis city attorney from 1999 to 2003, an assistant district counsel with the Minneapolis Public Schools from 1993 to 1999, an associate attorney with the Rider Bennett law firm in Minneapolis from 1990 through 1992, and a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Charles E. Clevert in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1989 to 1990. Cunningham earned his juris doctorate degree (1989) and his bachelor of arts degree (1986) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

“James has demonstrated tremendous mediation and leadership skills while serving as the commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services and throughout his legal career,” Governor Pawlenty said. “Those skills and others will serve him well as a judge.”

Cunningham is an adjunct professor in the Hamline University Graduate School of Education, has been an instructor at the Hamline University School of Law, and an adjunct professor at St. Mary’s University in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Association of Labor Relation Agencies, and the Association for Conflict Resolution. He is also chair of the Fremont Community Health Services Board, and chair of the Center for Communication and Development/KMOJ Radio Board.

Cunningham, 45, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and lives in Spring Lake Park, with his wife, Karon, and their three sons. He also has a daughter from a previous relationship.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DAVIS AND TENNEY TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS IN WRIGHT COUNTY**

**Buffalo** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michele A. Davis and Geoffrey W. Tenney to two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies in the city of Buffalo in Wright County. The vacancies occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Kim R. Johnson, and the resignation of the Honorable Michelle A. Larkin, who was sworn in as a judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Davis is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 2000. She was an assistant St. Paul city attorney from 1998 to 2000. Davis earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1998, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1993.

“Michele has extensive court and jury trial experience and has tried some of the county’s most difficult and challenging cases,” Governor Pawlenty said. “She has the reputation of being very smart, well-prepared, and respectful of everyone in the process.”

Davis is a member of the American, Minnesota State, and Anoka County Bar Associations; the National District Attorneys Association; 21<sup>st</sup> District Ethics Committee; and Anoka County Fire Investigation Team. She has been a presenter at numerous continuing legal education seminars, and has conducted a variety of training programs for law enforcement.

Davis, 37, was born in Fridley, and lives in Ramsey with her husband, Edward Siemek.

Tenney is a self-employed attorney in Buffalo, a position he has held since 1998. He has also been the Buffalo city prosecutor since 2005. Tenney was a part-time Tenth Judicial District assistant Public Defender from 1999 through 2004, a Tribal prosecutor with the Spirit Lake Tribe in Fort Totten, North Dakota and an interim Tribal prosecutor with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in Fort Yates, North Dakota from 1996 to 1998, and a law clerk to First Judicial District Judge Thomas G. McCarthy in Sibley County in 1996. Tenney earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks in 1996, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. John’s University in Collegeville in 1993.

“Geoff very well-suited for a judgeship in Buffalo. He lives in Buffalo, his law practice is in Buffalo, and he is active in the Buffalo community,” Governor Pawlenty said. “In his interactions with others within as well as outside the legal community, Geoff has conducted himself in a respectful manner, which will serve him well as a judge.”

Tenney is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and the 18<sup>th</sup> District Bar Association, where he served as president. He is a volunteer firefighter with the Buffalo Fire Department, a volunteer and sponsor with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, mock trial judge, and is active with Buffalo’s National Night Out. He has also been a sponsor and supporter of the Wright County Community Health Foundation, a committee member with Buffalo Days Parade, and a speaker in Parenting Through Divorce classes in Wright County.

Tenney, 37, was born in Minneapolis and lives in Buffalo.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MAGNUSON TO  
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jon M. Magnuson to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board).

Magnuson, of Alexandria, is a peace officer education instructor with the Law Enforcement Program at Alexandria Technical College, a position he has held since 2000. Previously, he was a full-time law enforcement instructor at the Law Enforcement Training Center at Normandale Community College in Bloomington after 10 years as a police officer with the White Bear Lake Police Department. Magnuson earned his associate of science degree in law enforcement from Lakewood Community College in White Bear Lake, and holds a vocational education teaching license.

Magnuson is a past vice president of the Fraternal Order of Police Minnesota Lodge 10, and an advisor for the Alexandria Technical College Law Enforcement Club. Magnuson replaces Scott Harr on the POST Board as a representative of former peace officers currently employed in a peace officer education program to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of James Cox, Wayne Enger, Scott Rall and Bob Schroeder to the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council.

Cox, from Cologne, is the owner of Midwest Thermo Equipment Inc. XXX.  
Cox, is appointed to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Enger, of Perham, is the Otter Tail County Director of the Farm Service Agency and recent past president of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. He is a former member of Minnesota Bow Hunters Inc., Ducks Unlimited and Future Farmers of America. He served as a Governor's appointee to the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund Advisory Task Force and has a number of years of experience as an advanced hunter education instructor. Enger is appointed to a term that expires January 7, 2013.

Rall, of Worthington, is an outdoor writer for the Worthington Daily Globe and works in the finance industry. He is a member of a number of outdoor organizations including the Southwest Minnesota Fishing Club and Nobles County Pheasants Forever. XXX  
Rall is appointed to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Schroeder, of Minneapolis, was the deputy chief of staff to Governor Pawlenty from 2003 to 2008. He former served the state of Minnesota as the deputy Secretary of State and assistant commissioner at the Department of Administration. Schroeder has a bachelor of arts degree in botany from Drew University in New Jersey, a master of science degree in forestry from Duke University in North Carolina. Schroeder practiced forestry for over ten years and is the former chair of the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and former chair of the Environmental Quality Board. Schroeder is appointed to a term that expires January 7, 2013.

A constitutional amendment establishing the outdoor heritage fund passed November 4, 2008. The Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council was created to manage and make recommendations to the legislature on appropriations of money from the outdoor heritage fund. The council will consist of 12 members including four public members appointed by the Governor.



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Cox, of Cologne, is the owner of Midwest Thermo Equipment Inc. He is a lifetime member of several outdoors, habitat and conservation organizations. Specifically, Cox has been actively involved in his local chapter of the Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA) and from 2003-2006 Cox was the president of the MWA statewide organization. As president of MWA, Cox was instrumental in turning the organization around from earlier financial and organizational problems. Cox is also an active member of Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and serves on the board of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust. Cox is appointed to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

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Rall, of Worthington, is an active member of organizations carrying out habitat and natural resource protection in southwest Minnesota. He is a lifetime member of Pheasants Forever and currently serves as the president of the Nobles County chapter of P.F. Rall has served as the president of the Southwest Minnesota Fishing Club. He is a member of the National Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited. Rall writes a weekly outdoors column in the Worthington Daily Globe and spends much of his free time as a Labrador dog trainer. Rall is appointed to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 FINALISTS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted three finalists recommended to him by the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee for an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 3. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of Mary Hill Smith effective December 31, 2008. District 3 includes the Hennepin County cities of Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Hopkins, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Wayzata, and Woodland. Eleven people applied for this position. The finalists are William J. Guidera, Robert J. McFarlin, Jr., and Nancy Tyra-Lukens.

Guidera, of Orono, is a vice president with News Corporation, where he leads the company's state public policy initiatives. Previously he was an attorney and policy counsel with Microsoft Corporation and a legislative assistant in former Governor Arne Carlson's Washington, D.C. office. Guidera is a member of the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board, Minnesota Zoological Board of Directors, and is active in his church and his children's school. Guidera earned his law degree from George Mason University Law School in Arlington, Virginia, and his bachelor of arts degree from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

McFarlin, of Minnetonka, is vice president of corporate, community, and public affairs at Weber Shandwick in Bloomington. Previously he held a number of positions with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), including acting Commissioner, assistant commissioner for policy and public affairs, and director of public affairs and chief of staff. McFarlin has volunteered with the International Special Olympics, St. Paul Winter Carnival, Minnetonka youth baseball and basketball, and the East Tonka Little League Board of Directors. McFarlin earned his masters and bachelor of science degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Tyra-Lukens, of Eden Prairie, is an active volunteer in her community, currently serving on the Suburban Transit Association, Southwest Metro Transit Commission, Southwest Corridor LRT Policy Advisory Committee, American Cancer Society Midwest Division Board of Directors, Eden Prairie Foundation Board of Directors, and Eden Prairie Reads. She was mayor of Eden Prairie from 2002 through 2006, and a member of the Eden Prairie City Council from 1994 to 2002 and was active in many related organizations during that time.

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Tyra-Lukens earned her MBA from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, her master of science degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and her bachelor of arts degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ROSEN TO  
RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
December 1, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 16 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of Brian McDaniel on January 1, 2009. District 16 includes the Dakota County cities of Apple Valley; Coates; the portion of Eagan lying south of a line commencing at the intersection of Cliff Road with the western boundary of Eagan, easterly along Cliff Road to its intersection with Robert Trail South and 110<sup>th</sup> Street West, then easterly along 110<sup>th</sup> Street West to the eastern border of Eagan; Farmington; Hampton; Hastings; Lakeville; Miesville; New Trier; Randolph; Rosemount; and Vermillion; and the Dakota County Townships of Castle Rock, Douglas, Empire, Eureka, Greenvale, Hampton, Marshan, Nininger, Randolph, Ravenna, Sciota, Vermillion, and Waterford.

The Secretary of State's office published this vacancy today, Monday, December 1, 2008. Residents of District 16 who are interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Governor's office.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Mike Burton, Minnetonka  
Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council  
Song Lo Fawcett, St. Paul  
Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council  
Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council  
Mark Schiffman, Waconia  
Maureen Shaver, Deephaven

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The public hearing will be on Monday, January 12, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Apple Valley City Council Chambers of Apple Valley City Hall, 7100 West 147<sup>th</sup> Street in Apple Valley. Applicants will receive details on the format of the public hearing prior to the hearing.

Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Director of Judicial, Board and Commission Appointments, at 651-296-0019 or [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
December 11, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Saint Paul - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Joerger, Ph.D., and the reappointment of Peggy Ann Anderholm, Cynthia L. Leshner (chair), Jon H. Thompson, and Inez L. Wildwood to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC). All five are appointed to three-year terms that expire on June 30, 2011.

Anderholm, of Roosevelt, is the manager of education and workforce development with Marvin Windows and Doors in Warroad, a position she has held for 10 years. She has over 20 years in organizational development and employee training and previously was a high school teacher for six years. Anderholm is a member of the American Society of Training and Development, International Society for Performance Improvement, Society for Human Resources Management, and serves as a GWDC business representative on the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board of Directors. Anderholm holds a bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Wisconsin – Stout, and has done graduate study programs in adult learning and vocational education. Anderholm, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2002, is reappointed as a representative of business.

Joerger, of Woodbury, is the system director for agriculture and business programs in the Office of the Chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) in St. Paul. He is also an educational consultant for domestic and international projects. Previously he was an associate professor of agricultural education with the University of Minnesota (U of M) and held a joint appointment in the U of M's College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Sciences and its College of Education and Human Development. He also held faculty positions at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and Utah State University, was a co-owner, sales representative and sales manager with A.O. Smith Harvestore agribusiness dealership. Joerger earned his doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota, his masters degree from the University of St. Thomas, and his bachelor of science degree from North Dakota State University. Joerger replaces Leah Schwachtgen on the GWDC as a representative of agricultural education.

Leshner, of New Brighton, recently retired as president and CEO of Northern States Power Company – Minnesota, an Xcel Energy company. During her career at Xcel Energy, she was also the company's vice president, chief administrative officer, chief human resources officer, president of NSP Gas, and vice president of NSP human resources.

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Lesher served as president of the 2008 Republican National Convention Host Committee, is a member of the New Brighton Economic Development Commission, serves on the boards of directors of Alliant Techsystems, Twin Cities Area Red Cross, and the St. Paul Foundation, and is a University of Minnesota regent emeritus. Lesher was inducted into the Women's Economic Roundtable in 2003, was named among the Twin Cities' most innovative women by *CityBusiness* magazine, received the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's* "Lifetime Career Achievement Award", and was selected by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce as the "2008 Woman of the Year". Lesher completed the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management Master of Excellence Program, holds a master's degree from St. Cloud State University, and a bachelor's degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Lesher, who has chaired the GWDC since 2004, is reappointed as chair.

Thompson, of Elk River, is president and CEO of Opportunity Partners, Inc., a non-profit provider of vocational and residential supports to people with developmental disabilities, brain injury, and welfare-to-work. He has over 30 years of experience in leadership positions with long-term and mental health care administration. Thompson holds a master of business administration, master of arts in special education, and bachelor of arts degrees from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He is a licensed nursing home administrator in Minnesota, is a certified administrator and fellow with the American College of Health Care Administrators, a certified public accountant with an active certificate, and a qualified mental retardation professional. Thompson, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2006 and chairs its Public Relations Committee, is reappointed as a representative of community-based organizations.

Wildwood, of Duluth, is the workforce planning and talent development manager in the human resources division of Minnesota Power/Allete in Duluth, a position she has held for 10 years. Previously she was the director of employee assistance services with Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth, and has over 30 years of experience in personnel and counseling services. Wildwood has a master of science and education degree as well as a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin. She is a licensed psychologist in Minnesota and holds certifications in corporate crisis management. Wildwood chairs the MnSCU/Minnesota Department of Education "Shifting Gears-Fast Trak" program, is a member of the Northland Red Cross Board of Directors, serves as a GWDC business representative on the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board of Directors, and chaired the Duluth Workforce Council. Wildwood, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2003 and chairs its Business and Community Connections Committee, is reappointed as a representative of business.

The Governor's Workforce Development Council coordinates the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system and Minnesota youth services programs. The council consists of 32 members, including 28 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS VEKICH  
TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Michael Vekich to the Board of Accountancy.

Vekich, of St. Louis Park, is CEO of Vekich Associates in Minneapolis; as well as chairman, president and chief operating officer of Skyline Exhibits in Eagan. He has been a certified public accountant (CPA) since 1974, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants. He was the founder and is an honorary member of the Accounting Aid Society, and has been named a “Super CPA” by his peers. Vekich earned his bachelor of arts degree in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota.

Vekich is also chair of the Governor’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tax Reform Commission; vice chair of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority Commission; and founding board member, chair of the audit and compliance committees of Tradition Capital Bank. He has also chaired the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees, Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco Board of Directors, was acting director of the Minnesota State Lottery, a member of the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee, vice chair and chief financial officer of Grazzini Brothers and Company Board of Directors, lead director and chair of the audit and governance committees of Ciprico, vice chair of the Higher Education Services Council, vice chair of the Salvation Army Board of Directors, and a former president and member of the Christian Management Association Board of Directors.

Vekich, who was a CPA member of the Board of Accountancy from 1984 to 1992 and again since 2005, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Board of Accountancy examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BUDD TO PUBLIC DEFENSE BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Laura Stock Budd to the State Board of Public Defense.

Budd, of Duluth, is a retired small business owner, former nurse, and former nursing instructor at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. Budd earned her master of education degree with a health emphasis from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati.

Budd has also been active in the Duluth community, having served on a number of committees of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Depot Foundation, a YMCA Trustee, Human Development Center Board of Trustees, Duluth Marshall High School Board of Trustees, United Way, and the Duluth-Superior Symphony Association Board, where she served as president and is an honorary life member.

Budd, who has been a member of the State Board of Public Defense since 1993 and is currently board chair, is reappointed as a public member to another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS NELSON TO  
CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Carla Nelson to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Nelson, of Rochester, is vice president of Olmsted Financial Group in Rochester. Previously, she was an elementary and middle school teacher with the Rochester Public Schools and was also a special education teacher in Iowa. Nelson holds a master of education degree in educational leadership from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor of science degree in education from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Nelson served in the Minnesota House of Representatives, is president of Friends of Maywood, vice president of Rochester Network for Reentry, is a member of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Rotary, Rochester Music Guild, and the Independent School District 535 Superintendent's ad hoc Budget Resolution Committee. Nelson, who has been a member of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board since 2005, is reappointed as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board is responsible for the 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. The board consists of 12 members, including four appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas Anderson, Michele Isham, Tom Lehman, and Jeri Werner to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People.

Anderson, of Roseville, is an experienced real estate broker with RE/Max Opportunities. He is extensively involved in the deaf community through education, business and non-profit organizations and routinely conducts home selling seminars in American Sign Language. Anderson is appointed as an at-large member to a three-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Trudy Suggs on the commission.

Isham, of Sartell, has 16 years of experience with the Benton Stearns Education District. She currently works as a deaf and hard of hearing teacher. Isham is a member of the East Central Region Advisory Committee with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. She is appointed to the council as the east-central representative to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2012. Isham replaces Beth Schultz on the commission.

Lehman, of St. Paul, is the owner of Lehman Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in business planning, marketing, and product strategies for interactive technology services. He earned a bachelor of arts degree and masters of arts degree in urban geography and demography from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Lehman is appointed as an at-large member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Cuong Nguyen on the commission.

Werner, of Duluth, is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for rehabilitation services with the Department of Employment and Economic Development in Duluth. She is a member of the Northeast Regional Advisory Committee with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Werner earned her bachelor of science degree in deafness rehabilitation services from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, and a master of arts degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Werner is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Jack Bender on the commission.

The Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People serves as the principal state agency advocating on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans and working to ensure they have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others. The commission is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS LARSON  
TO DULUTH SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY**

Saint Paul - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Cal Larson to the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth.

Larson, of Fergus Falls, served as a member of the Minnesota Senate from 1987 through 2006, and previously was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1967 through 1974. He represented Minnesota on the Great Lakes Commission for 12 years, has also served on the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission, Minnesota State Capitol 2005 Commission, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, was chair of the Concordia College Board of Regents, and was president of the Fergus Falls Rotary Club. He earned his bachelors degree from Concordia College Moorhead, and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. Larson, who has been a member of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority since 2003, is reappointed to a six-year term that expires on January 5, 2015.

The Seaway Port Authority of Duluth promotes international and domestic waterborne commerce in the port district, owns port and industrial properties, acquires and constructs port facilities. The authority consists of seven members, including two appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS OLSEN  
TO STATE RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Sally Olsen to the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Board of Directors.

Olsen, of Edina, served as a judge of the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals from 1992 until her retirement in 1998. She was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1979 to 1992, and a member of the St. Louis Park School Board from 1970 to 1979. Olsen earned her law degree from Hamline University School of Law and her bachelor of arts degree from Metropolitan State University.

In addition to serving on the MSRS Board, Olsen is first vice-president of the Minnesota Retired State Employees Association Board of Directors, vice president of the Grandview Square III Homeowners' Association, a member of the Woman's Club of St. Louis Park Executive Board, and has served on a number of boards and community organizations during the past 40 years. Olsen, who has served as a public member knowledgeable in pension matters on the MSRS Board since 2001, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors establishes rules and regulations for the administration of the State Retirement System, approves the agency budget, and handles covered employee appeals. The board of directors consists of 11 members, including three appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS BOYD TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. David C. Boyd, Ph.D., to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Boyd, of Lakeville, has been a commissioner on the PUC since July 2007, and chair of the PUC since July 2008. Previously, he was a professor of chemistry and chair of the Chemistry Department at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where he taught from 1989 to 2007. Boyd earned his doctorate degree in inorganic chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and biology from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1982.

Boyd is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where he serves on the Electricity Committee, Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration, and Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal; Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition, where he is a member of the Executive Committee; American Chemical Society, where he is a member of the Minnesota Section and the Division of Inorganic Chemistry, and has been a member of a number of other professional associations. He is also active in his community, where he is a member of Ducks Unlimited, has served in various capacities with the Boy Scout and Cub Scouts, Lakeville youth association sports coach, and Helping Paws of Minnesota.

Boyd is appointed to a full six-year term on the PUC that expires on January 5, 2015.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PERRYMAN  
TO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bernadette Ann Perryman to the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Perryman, of Clear Lake, is the CEO and president of C & L Distributing, an Anheuser-Busch distributorship in Sauk Rapids, a position she has held since 1999. She has held a variety of positions with Anheuser-Busch in the Midwest for over 30 years. Perryman is president of the St. Cloud Technical College Foundation Board, a member of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, an executive board member of the Central Minnesota United Way, and an executive board member of the National Beer Wholesalers Association in Washington, D.C. Perryman earned her bachelor of science degree in marketing from Quincy College in Quincy, Illinois. Perryman replaces Dave Kleis, who resigned earlier this year, as an at-large non-attorney member on the Commission on Judicial Selection to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TEN TO ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sarah Caruso, Dr. Andy Chen, Ph.D., Stephanie Corradi, Tom Holton, Julie Leslie, Dr. Joseph Nathan, Ph. D., Dr. Arthur Reynolds, Ph. D., Maureen Seiwert, Sandra Simar, and Julie Sjordal to the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care.

Caruso, of Hopkins, is the president of the Minnesota Children’s Museum. She holds a master of business administration degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Caruso is appointed as a parent member to a term the ends January 7, 2013. Caruso is also appointed as chair of the council for a 2009-2010 term.

Chen, of Woodbury, is a mechanical engineer who has worked for 3M since 1993. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Minnesota, a master of science degree from Michigan State University, and a doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota. Chen is appointed as a parent of a child under the age of six to a term that ends January 3, 2011.

Corradi, of Bemidji, is a licensed home childcare provider. She is an active community volunteer with teaching experience. She is appointed as a parent of a child under the age of six to a term that ends January 7, 2013.

Holton, of Bloomington, is the executive director of community education for Bloomington-Richfield Schools. He earned his master of science degree in community education from the University of St. Thomas. Holton is appointed as a public member to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Leslie, of West St. Paul, is a licensed educator and the director of Augustana Preschool. She earned her masters degree in education from the University of St. Thomas and holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Augsburg College. Leslie is appointed as a parent member to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

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Nathan, of St. Paul, directs the Center for School Change and the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. He earned his master of arts and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota. Nathan is appointed as a public member to a term that expires January 7, 2013.

Reynolds, of Minneapolis, is a professor in the area of child development at the University of Minnesota. He holds a doctorate degree in public policy analysis from the University of Illinois in Chicago and a master of arts degree in psychology from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Reynolds is appointed as the representative of higher education to a term that expires January 7, 2013.

Seiwert, of St. Louis Park, the executive director of early childhood education for the Minneapolis Public School system. She holds a masters degree in education, work, community, and family education from the University of Minnesota. Seiwert is appointed as the representative of a local education agency to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Simar, of Rochester, is the Head Start director at Child Care Resource and Referral in Rochester. She holds a master of arts degree in education policy and administration from the University of Minnesota. Simar is appointed as the representative of a state head start agency to a term that expires January 3, 2011.

Sjordal, of Minnetonka, is the managing director of programs for St. David's Child Development and Family Services in Minnetonka. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota. Sjordal is appointed as the representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services to a term that expires January 7, 2013.

In addition to appointed members, federal law requires designees from the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Human Services and the State Director of Head Start Collaboration. Karen Klinzing, Assistant Commissioner, will represent the Department of Education, Chuck Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, will represent the Department of Human Services; and Mary Vanderwert, State Director of Head State Collaboration, will serve on the council.

Governor Pawlenty created the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care by Executive Order 08-14. Federal law authorizes the creation and assigns responsibilities to the advisory council. The council consists of 18 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.





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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO  
BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kurt Deile and the reappointment of Francis R. “Frank” Plant to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Deile, of Rogers, is an assistant public defender in the Hennepin County Public Defender’s office in Minneapolis. He has also been an assistant Anoka County Attorney, a deputy district attorney in San Bernardino, California, and an equal employment opportunity assistant with the United States Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. Deile earned his law degree from Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C., and his bachelor of arts degree from Moorhead State University. Deile chairs the city of Rogers Park Board, is an ethics investigator with the 21<sup>st</sup> District Ethics Committee, and a judge and attorney scorer for College and High School Mock Trail Competitions. Deile replaces Judith Shank as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Plant, of Fridley, is a barber with Silver Shears Barber Shop in New Brighton. He previously owned and operated a barber and beauty shop for over 16 years, and has 38 years of experience as a full-time licensed barber in Minnesota. He is a graduate of the barber program from the St. Paul Barber School, has participated in haircutting seminars and competitions, and has completed a number of continuing education courses in vocational education and small business development. Plant, who has been a member of the Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners Board since 2006 and is currently the board chair, is reappointed as a barber member to a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS CATTOOR TO  
PETROFUND BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Gregory B. Cattoor as chair of the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petrofund Board).

Cattoor, of Marshall, is vice president of Cattoor Oil Company, Inc., in Marshall, and past president of the Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association. Cattoor is a member of the boards of the Bremer Financial Trust Company, and the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Foundation, a former member of the Marshall City Council, past chairman of the Marshall Planning Commission, past president of the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Southwest State University Foundation in Marshall, and served on the Marshall Economic Development Authority. Cattoor, who has served as a member of the Petrofund Board since 1993 and chair of the board since 1994, is reappointed chair and a representative of the petroleum industry for a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board administers compensation from the petroleum tank release clean-up fund for cleanup of leaks and spills from storage tanks. The board consists of five members, including three appointed by the Governor; one representative of the petroleum industry, one representative of the insurance industry and one public member.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS McFARLIN TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert J. McFarlin to an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 3. The vacancy will occur with the resignation of Mary Hill Smith effective December 31, 2008. McFarlin’s effective date will be on January 2, 2009.

McFarlin is vice president of corporate, community, and public affairs at Weber Shandwick in Bloomington. He has 27 years of experience in government and public relations, including a number of positions with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), where he was acting Commissioner, assistant commissioner for policy and public affairs, and director of public affairs and chief of staff. McFarlin has served on the boards of the Minnesota Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Standing Committee on Quality and Public Affairs Committee, Minnesota State Board of Investment Advisory Council, and was an instructor with the Indiana University Highway and Transportation Management Institute. McFarlin earned his masters and bachelor of science degrees from the University of Minnesota.

McFarlin has volunteered with the International Special Olympics, St. Paul Winter Carnival, Minnetonka youth baseball and basketball, East Tonka Little League Board of Directors, and Tonka Babe Ruth Board of Directors. McFarlin, 51, lives in Minnetonka with his wife, Kimberly, and their three children.

Metropolitan Council District 3 includes the Hennepin County cities of Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Hopkins, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Wayzata, and Woodland. Eleven people applied for this position.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS NEATON TO BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Holly Neaton, D.V.M., to the Board of Animal Health.

Neaton, of Watertown, has been the attending veterinarian for the Beckman Coulter Immunodiagnosics Animal Facility in Maple Plain since 1997. From 1979 to 1997, she was a veterinarian and partner in the Watertown Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice with an emphasis on dairy, equine, and small ruminants.

Neaton received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, and returned there as an assistant professor from 1985 to 1992. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterinary Medicine Association (MVMA). She was MVMA's President in 1997 and received MVMA's "Veterinarian of the Year" Award in 2001.

Neaton is reappointed as a veterinarian member to the board for a four year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of Animal Health oversees numerous voluntary and mandatory programs that focus on controlling and eradicating animal diseases in Minnesota. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Alan Ek, Dale Erickson, Rob Harper, and Joel Koemptgen, and the reappointment of Bruce Cox, Dave Epperly, Kathleen Preece, and John Rajala, as members of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

Cox, of Bagley, is the Clearwater County Land Commissioner. He is vice chair of the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners. Cox is reappointed to the council position for a county land commissioner to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Epperly, of Farmington, is the Minnesota State Forester. He also serves as director of the DNR Division of Forestry. Prior to joining the DNR, Epperly served as the St. Louis County Land Commissioner. He also previously served as director of Douglas County (Wisconsin) Resources. Epperly received a bachelor of science degree in forest management/surveying from Michigan Technological University. He is reappointed to the council as a representative of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Ek, of Shoreview, is a professor and head of the Department of Forest Resources, College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Sciences at the University of Minnesota. He received his bachelors of science and master of science degrees in forestry from the University of Minnesota, and a doctorate degree in forest measurements from Oregon State University. Ek was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant for lecturing and research in environmental sciences in 1997. Ek is appointed to the research/higher education position on the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Robert Stine on the council.

Erickson, of Birchdale, operates his family's logging business. He is a former member of the Governor's Advisory Task Force on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry, and has served two terms as president of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association. Erickson is appointed as the representative of commercial logging contractors to complete a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Richard Walsh on the council.

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Harper, of Cass Lake, is the forest supervisor for the Chippewa National Forest and has over 17 years of experience with the U.S. Forest Service. Harper has worked as a district ranger, a water rights hydrologist, a firefighter and a smokejumper. He graduated from Lake Superior State College with a degree in geology and earned his master of science degree in geology from Indiana University. He is appointed as the U.S. Forest Service member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Jim Sanders on the council.

Koemptgen, of Duluth, is the president and CEO of Great Woods North, a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to responsible forest development. Koemptgen has served on the Minnesota Nature Conservancy Board and presently serves on the Board of Minnesota Audubon. He is appointed as the representative of an environmental organization to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Paige Winebarger on the council.

Preece, of Bemidji, is the owner of 10 acres and manages 200 acres of forest land. She is the editor and publisher of BetterFORESTS magazine. Preece is reappointed to the council position for an owner of non-industrial private forest land to a four-year term which ends January 2, 2012.

Rajala, of Deer River, is the vice president of Rajala Lumber Company. Rajala Companies is vertically integrated, overseeing its products from the forest floor through early secondary manufacturing. Rajala Companies manages 25,000 acres of timberland and saws up to 30 million board feet of lumber annually, nearly all of it locally grown. Among his industry involvement, Rajala is President of the Minnesota Wood Campaign, and a board member of Itasca County's Jobs 20/20 initiative. He has served as a member of the Composite Materials Standards Committee of the National Wood Window and Door Association, the Natural Resources Research Institute's Forest Products Advisory Committee, and the Itasca Development Corporation. Rajala is reappointed as the representative of secondary wood manufacturers to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Stacey Jassey and the reappointment of Dr. Kay Hanson to the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

Hanson, of Brooklyn Park, is the pharmacy regulatory affairs manager for Target, where she oversees strategies and program development in the areas of education, industry relations, government affairs, and state compliance. Hanson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and has been a licensed pharmacist since 1979. She is reappointed as a pharmacist member of the board to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012.

Jassey, of Maple Grove, has over 20 years of experience in the pharmacy profession. She is the community clinical pharmacist for Walgreens where she also serves as one of the nationwide interpreters for Spanish speaking Walgreens patients. She is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. Jassey received her bachelor of science and her doctor of pharmacy degrees from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. She is appointed as a pharmacist member to a four-year term that expires January, 2012, and replaces Betty Johnson on the board.

The Board of Pharmacy is responsible for licensing and disciplining pharmacists. The board also inspects and licenses all pharmacies, drug wholesalers, and drug manufacturers. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIXTEEN TO MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Hennessey, Shawn Holmes, Loraine Jensen, Steve Kuntz, Robbie Reedy, and Ordean Rosaasen, and the reappointment of Anne Barnwell, Roberta Blomster, Brian Gustafson, Tom Holtgrewe, Derek Nord, Linda Obright, Jeff Pearson, Connie Roy, Stacey Vogele, and Susan Wehrenberg to the Minnesota Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Barnwell, of Minneapolis, works with People Incorporated where she specializes in providing services to people with epilepsy. She is reappointed as a consumer member to fulfill a three-year term that ends January 5, 2009.

Blomster, of Vadnais Heights, is actively involved in the Special Olympics, including being honored as 1998 Special Olympics Minnesota Female Athlete of the Year. She is reappointed to a position for a self-advocate to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Gustafson, of Minneapolis, is a senior director of portfolio management for Carlson Investment Group. He earned his masters of business administration degree from the University of Minnesota in 1993. Gustafson is reappointed to a position for an immediate relative of an adult with developmental disabilities and will serve a three-year term that ends January 3, 2011.

Hennessey, of Little Canada, has worked in the early childhood field for over 26 years and currently is the program development director at Family Academy Charter School. She is appointed as a parent member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. Hennessey replaces Virginia Smith on the council.

Holmes, of Lino Lakes, is an early childhood intervention planner in the Minnesota Children with Special Needs section of the Minnesota Department of Health. She works collaboratively with the Minnesota Departments of Health, Human Services and local committees to identify children with special needs and provide coordinated services. She is appointed as the representative from the Minnesota Department of Health to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Sarah Thorson on the council.

Holtgrewe, of Moorhead, is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner. He received his bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Holtgrewe is appointed as a parent member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Kathryn Jacobson on the council.



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Jensen, of St. Paul, is a licensed teacher and the manager of the home and community living services, disabilities division, of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She is a 2001 Bush Leadership Fellow and holds a masters degree in public affairs and non-profit management from the University of Minnesota, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Jensen is appointed as the representative of the Minnesota Department of Human Services to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Peg Booth on the council.

Kuntz, of St. Paul, is a recruiter for the State of Minnesota and has over 20 years of experience in assisting public and private employers in meeting their employment needs. He is appointed as the representative of the Minnesota Department of Economic Development to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 5, 2009. He replaces Jerry Wood on the council.

Nord, of Minneapolis, is a graduate research assistant at the Institute for Community Integration at the University of Minnesota. He also serves as an employment specialist for the Consumer Directed Community Supports Waiver program which is administered through the State of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a public member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Obright, of Minneapolis, is an office assistant for Fidelity Bank and an advocate for people with disabilities. She is reappointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Pearson, of Plymouth, is the regional vice president for First Student, Inc., a company that provides transportation bus service to the metro area. He is reappointed as a parent of a child with developmental disabilities member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Reedy, of Duluth, is a graduate of Partners in Policy Making. He is appointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. Reedy replaces Nina Mae Moss on the council.

Rosaasen, of Willmar, is appointed as a self-advocate member to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Jeff Skwarek on the council.

Roy, of Cloquet, is a graduate of Partners in Policy Making. She serves as a member of the Northern Light Interagency Council and the Minnesota Disability Law Center Advisory Committee. Roy is reappointed as a parent of a child with developmental disabilities to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Vogele, of Cottage Grove, is a staff attorney for the Minnesota Justice Foundation in Minneapolis. She is appointed to a position for a parent of a child with developmental disabilities and will serve a term which ends January 4, 2010.

Wehrenberg, of Center City, is the program director for the Chisago Lakes Achievement Center. She is reappointed to a position for a representative of private non-profit organizations and will serve a term which ends January 4, 2010.

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (MGCDD) assists persons with developmental disabilities to achieve increased independence, productivity, self determination, integration and inclusion into the community. The MGCDD is made up of 21 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO COUNCIL ON FAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Imam Hamdy El-Sawaf, Rev. Larry Forsberg, Dr. Wilhelmina Holder, Debra Jacoway, Rev. Christopher Morton, Jon Pratt, Rev. Gary Reiersen, and Mala Thao, and the reappointment of G. Paul Beaumaster, Rev. Windell Calvert, Rev. Richard Coleman, Nancy Haapoja, Susan Hilgart, Kimberly Ketola, and Andrew Parker to the Governor’s Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives. All are appointed to two-year terms that expire January 4, 2010.

Beaumaster, of Faribault, has been Rice County attorney since 1999. He started the first CASE (Communities Against Senior Exploitation) Program in Minnesota to prevent elder abuse by partnering with churches, senior centers and other community organization to educate and warn seniors of potential crime. He is a member of several organizations including the Faribault Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota County Attorney’s Association and is an assembly member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He serves as a volunteer to Meals-On-Wheels, American Red Cross, and the Minnesota State Bar Association Mock Trial program.

Calvert, of Rochester, is church health director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. He leads a team of church consultants and produces training experiences for mission leaders. His 20 years of pastoral experience includes ministry as senior pastor, mission pastor and church planter for churches in Minnesota and Texas. His professional experience includes public relations, fundraising and executive services for the Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota, Ability Building Center, Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Coleman, of Eagan, serves as chief operating officer for The Kingdom Oil Christian Foundation. In 1979, he was ordained an Itinerant Elder through the African Methodist Episcopal Church and has pastored congregations in Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan. He has served a number of organizations including as board member to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; representative to Minnesota Council of Churches, board member to United Way of Minneapolis, Hennepin County American Cancer Society, the African American Adoption Agency, Greater Minnesota Association of Evangelicals, Co-chair of the Luis Palau 2004 Twin Cities Festival, Commissioner of Hennepin County African American Men's Project and member of a number of other faith and community organizations.

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Forsberg, of Stillwater, is field director for Prison Fellowship of Minnesota. His responsibility is to expand ministries within the Minnesota prison system and develop reentry programs for ex-prisoners. Prior to coming to Prison Fellowship, he served in the pastoral ministry for 30 years. He has served in the pastorate in Minnesota, California, Iowa, and Illinois. His last senior pastorate was in Stillwater at Oakridge Community church from 1988 to 2004. He is the founder of True Sports Baseball, a Christ-centered youth evangelism outreach.

Haapoja, of Redwood Falls, is the Redwood Falls Youth for Christ campus life director, a position she has held since 1989 where she provides spiritual life guidance for junior and senior high school, and college age students. She is a charter board member of Redwood Falls Crisis Pregnancy Center and has been vice president of the Redwood Ministerial Association since 1994.

Hilgart, of Brainerd, is manager for the Brainerd WorkForce Center and team leader for Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Provider, Inc., a Minnesota WorkForce Center partner. Previously she worked as a human resources professional from 1991 to 2005 in the public and private sector. She currently serves as chair of the City of Brainerd Police and Fire Civil Service Commission and as a member of the children's ministry to the Lakewood Evangelical Free Church.

Holder, of Plymouth, is executive director of Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment (WISE), Inc., a non-profit, multicultural organization that provides direct services and leadership development opportunities to empower immigrant women and girls to succeed. She also serves as a consultant for Development and Evaluation for the African and American Friendship Association for Cooperation and Development (AAFACD), Inc. Her previous work includes a targeted focus on HIV/AIDS prevention while serving as a director with Breaking Free, Inc., Turning Point, Inc, and Whisper, Inc. She holds many professional memberships and affiliations including the New American Collaborative, the University of Minnesota Cancer Center, the Global Health Ministries, the MN Public Health Association, Red Cross Association, and Bush Medical Fellows.

Jacoway, of Minneapolis, is a principal planning analyst for Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, a position she has held since 2006. She has served in other capacities within Hennepin County since 1997, including as a liaison for faith and community based organizations to provide resource and referral services to both county staff and the Hennepin County community. In 2006 she was designated as liaison for Hennepin County to the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives, and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to help establish a closer connection between county, state and federal resources. Prior to joining Hennepin County, she served as a director with the Employment Action Center and a workshop facilitator at Resource, Inc. She currently serves on the board of Here's Life Inner City, is active with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and previously served on the boards of the Council on Black Minnesotans, MADDADs, Women Planting Seeds and Alive Ministries.

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Ketola, of Maplewood, hosts a daily talk show on KTIS-AM Faith Radio network in the Upper Midwest since 2005. She has 30 years of broadcast experience including hosting programs on KS95, and WCCO Radio and TV. She serves as chair of the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives, board member at Union Gospel Mission, a volunteer with Charis Prison Ministry and missionary evangelism to corrections jail outreach. She contributes articles to Minnesota Christian Chronicle and has been published in the Star Tribune, Pioneer Press, and Minnesota Women's Press. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-MN awarded Ketola their 2003 Annual Media Award.

Morton, of St. Anthony, is director of organizational development for the Minnesota Council on Churches. His previous experience includes positions of executive director for Minnesota Food Association, national director for Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations for Hazelden Foundation, and director for Minnesota FoodShare. During his career, Morton has served as minister at churches in Minnesota, Indiana and Kentucky. He is a consultant to non-profits providing services with a focus on capacity building, resource development, and strategic planning. He serves as board chair for the Minnesota Environmental Fund and the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition served on the board of the Minnesota Future's Fund, on the Development Committee for the Church World Service/CROP, and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Parker, of Minnetonka, was founder of Smith Parker, PLLP. Before establishing the law firm of Parker Rosen, Parker was co-founder of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He currently serves on the board of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation.

Pratt, of Minneapolis, is executive director of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN), an association of 1950 Minnesota organizations, that sponsors research, training, lobbying and negotiated discounts to strengthen the state's nonprofit sector. Before coming to the council in 1987, he worked as attorney/lobbyist for the (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, as regional director for the Youth Project, and as director for a coalition formed by nonprofits to reform corporate and foundation philanthropy. He currently serves on the public policy committee of Independent Sector, Washington, D.C., a national leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs. Pratt is a contributing editor of the Nonprofit Quarterly; a national journal based in Boston, and has been recognized several times by The NonProfit Times as one of the 50 most influential nonprofit leaders in the United States.

Reierson, of St. Louis Park, is president of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). He currently serves as adjunct instructor at the School of Theology Seminary, St. John's University, and previously was adjunct professor of theology at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and a teaching specialist at the University of Minnesota. He has served as a pastor of several United Church of Christ congregations in the Twin Cities. GMCC has received many state and national awards under his leadership, and he has received many individual awards and recognition for his publications and contributions. He chairs the board of directors of the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research and is a member of the boards of numerous other nonprofit organizations in Minnesota, as well of Franklin Bank, Minneapolis.

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El-Sawaf, of Minneapolis, is a psychotherapist and serves as consultant to the U.S. courts and legal system. He is the founder and president of the Al-Wafaa Center for Human Services. He is the co-founder the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of Minnesota, Al-Birr Social Services and Counseling, Islamic University of Minnesota, and Muslim Council of Minnesota (MCM). Hamdy has served as professor for the Islamic American University in Southfield, MI, the Islamic University of Minnesota and adjunct professor at Luther Seminary. He is the vice president of the East Side Neighborhood Services, an advisory board member for the Center for Religious Inquiry, member of the Down Town Clergy Council, Twin Cities Interfaith Network, and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

Thao, of St. Paul, is the associate director of development at Washburn Center for Children. Prior to 2007 she was employed by the Asian American/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP), the Women's Foundation of Minnesota (WFM), served as a consultant to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and was the co-founder of the Hmong Women's Giving Circle (HWGC). She serves on the board of the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) and is a member of AAPIP, HWGC, and Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP).

The Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives make recommendations on how to level the playing field for faith and community organizations and increase access to public and private funding opportunities. The council includes leaders who represent the diversity of the State of Minnesota geographically, ethnically, by gender and faith. It is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES TO VETERANS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bradley Bennett, James Birchem, Dr. Kenneth Hughes, Julia Eszlinger-Jensen, Tom Mullon, Kathryn Roberts, Ronald Sanford, H. Michael Tripple, and Diane Windham to the newly formed Veterans Health Care Advisory Council.

The Veterans Health Care Advisory Council was recently created by executive order as a result of a recommendation of the Governor's Veteran's Long Term Care Advisory Commission. The council will provide the Department of Veterans' Affairs with advice and recommendations on the current and anticipated future needs of veterans. Birchem, Mullon and Roberts served as members of the commission.

Bennett, of Duluth, is an advisory member of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis, is the recipient of two Purple Heart awards from serving in Vietnam and hosts a morning radio show, *Straight Talk in the Morning*, for KDAL radio. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Birchem, of Little Falls, is a member of the American Legion and president and CEO of Eldercare of Minnesota which owns four nursing homes and eight assisted living facilities. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Hughes, of St. Paul, a licensed general physician with experience in orthopedic injuries, elder care, psychiatric aid, and nursing home care. He is a recipient of both the Bronze Star with Valor and Purple Heart awards from the U.S. Army. He is appointed as the clinician member of the council to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Eszlinger-Jensen, of St. Paul, is a retired colonel with the U.S. Air Force and has extensive experience in both the military and health care field. She is a licensed registered nurse and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and Minnesota Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. She is the former commander and chief nurse at the 109<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the Minnesota Air National Guard, and later Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. She is appointed to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

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Mullon, of Eagan, is a member of the American Legion and was formerly the director of the Federal Veterans Administration Medical Center and administrator of the Minneapolis Veterans Home. He has 42-years of experience in the health care industry and is an active member of several veterans organizations. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Roberts, of Shoreview, will serve as chair of the council. She is president and CEO of Ecumen which employs over 4,000 staff and operates independent and assisted living housing, care centers, home health care and a wide variety of community-based services in 90 communities in the mid-west. Prior to joining Ecumen, Roberts held a number of leadership positions in state government as well as in not-for-profit organizations. She holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Minnesota. Roberts is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Sanford, of Edina, is chief operating officer of Elim Care, Inc. in Eden Prairie. Elim Care is a faith-based, non-profit corporation serving older adults in Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa. He has over 20 years of leadership experience in the long-term care and older adult services field. Sanford is appointed to a two-year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Tripple, of St. Paul, has over 30 years experience with health care facilities including nursing homes, home health care agencies, and assisted living facilities. He is familiar with state and federal licensure and certification regulations and worked for a number of years as the division director for the licensure and certifications programs section for the Minnesota Department of Health. He holds a juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Tripple is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Windham, of Woodbury, is a management analyst for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. She holds a master of arts degree in clinical psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology in Bloomington and serves as guardian for a resident of the Minneapolis Veterans Home. She is appointed as the public member of the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The council is a nine member advisory group appointed by the Governor, with a mission of providing the Commissioner at the Department of Veterans Affairs with information and professional expertise on any and all aspects of the delivery of quality long term care to veterans. The council will develop a strategic plan for Minnesota veterans homes, provide recommendations to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and advise on clinical performance and quality improvements. The council will also study current issues and trends in the long term care industry.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of James Birchem, Christine Rice, and Ann Tagtmeyer to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators. All are reappointed to four year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Birchem, of Little Falls, is the president and CEO of ElderCare of Little Falls. In this capacity, he is the owner/operator of eight nursing homes and 16 assisted living communities located in greater Minnesota. Birchem has been a licensed nursing home administrator since 1983. He is a retired member of the Minnesota National Guard and is a member of the Governor's Veterans Health Care Advisory Council. Birchem received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting and a master of business degree from St. Cloud State University. He is reappointed to a board position for a manager, operator, or owner of a proprietary nursing home.

Tagtmeyer, of Mendota Heights, is a parent, volunteer and part-time fitness instructor. Tagtmeyer previously served as an officer in the U.S. Army. She received a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from the University of Virginia. Tagtmeyer serves as the chairperson of the board's education committee and is reappointed to a board position for a public member.

Rice, of Lake Elmo, served as deputy commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health from 1995 to 1997. She served for a number of years on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco (ClearWay Minnesota) and from 1994-2003, she served on the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota. She is a former member of the Commission on Judicial Selection and is a current member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees and Minnesota Smoke Free Coalition. Rice received a bachelor of arts degree in speech/communication from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. She is reappointed as a public member of the board.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators licenses nursing home administrators. In addition, the board investigates complaints and has the authority to revoke or suspend an administrator's license. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor, as well as ex-officio members from the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Human Services.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DASCHNER AND FIDLER TO  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Daschner and the reappointment of Dr. Howard Fidler to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Daschner, of Waseca, is the owner of Waseca Family Chiropractic Center, where he has practiced for the past six years. He graduated magna cum laude from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic in 1995 and practiced in Faribault for six years before opening his own practice. He is a member of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association and serves as the chairman of the Quality Improvement Committee for the Clinical Resource Group, a chiropractic network serving South County Health Alliance, in outstate Minnesota. Daschner has been active in community civic projects serving as a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Rice County and the Faribault Sertoma Club. Daschner is appointed as a doctor of chiropractic medicine member and replaces Dr. Gary Pennebaker on the board.

Fidler, of St. Louis Park, has practiced chiropractic medicine in Minnesota for over ten years. He currently practices at Davis Chiropractic in St. Louis Park. Fidler is a graduate of the Cleveland College of Chiropractic in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1999, he was named Young Practitioner of the Year by the Minnesota Chiropractic Association. He serves as a member of Congressman Jim Ramstad's and Senator Norm Coleman's Health Care Advisory Committees, where he provides counsel regarding health care issues and legislation relating to access to chiropractic care. Fidler is reappointed as a doctor of chiropractic medicine member of the board.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners is responsible for licensing and disciplining doctors of chiropractic medicine. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES CLEARWAY MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christopher Georgacas and Mark Mishek to the Board of Directors of ClearWay Minnesota.

Georgacas, of Mahtomedi, is president and CEO of Goff & Howard, Inc., a public affairs/public relations firm in Saint Paul. His previous experience includes service on the Twin Cities board of the American Heart Association, and work on behalf of the Minnesota Smoke-Free Coalition. Georgacas is the former vice chair of the Metropolitan Council. He currently serves on the boards of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and the St. Paul Police Foundation. Georgacas is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires September 28, 2010. He replaces Mary Choate on the board.

Mishek, of St. Paul, has served as the president of United Hospital since 2003. United is a 425 bed acute care hospital that is part of Allina Hospitals and Clinics. Prior to his position as president, Mishek served as general counsel and executive vice president for law and public affairs for Allina Hospitals and Clinics. Mishek received his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate degree with honors from the University of Minnesota. He serves as board chair of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. Mishek is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires September 28, 2009. He replaces Darcy Miner on the board.

ClearWay Minnesota is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the human and economic harms of tobacco use in Minnesota. ClearWay Minnesota, formerly the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco, was created in 1998 by the Ramsey County District Court as a part of the \$6.1 billion tobacco settlement. ClearWay Minnesota funds research, community outreach, and smoking cessation activities. The board consists of 19 members including two appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Anne Robertson, Terance Smith, Greg Toutges, and Cindy Ulven, and the reappointment of Kimberly Peck, Sean Roy, Ardis Sandstrom, and Stephanie Morris to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Robertson, of Minneapolis, is an attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She received her juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and her bachelor of arts degree in international relations summa cum laude from the University of California-Davis. She is appointed to a three-year term as the client assistance program representative and replaces Justin Page in the council. Robertson's term expires January 3, 2011.

Smith, of Forest Lake, is the owner and operator of Tek-Smith Furniture Service, LLC. He served as a Forest Lake city council member from 1998-2002 and as the Mayor of Forest Lake from 2004-2006. Smith is a current board member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC), and is appointed to serve as the GWDC representative on the council. He is appointed to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Rod Haworth.

Toutges, of Moorhead, is the coordinator of disability services at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). He also serves as a career specialist and instructor of life planning classes at MSUM. Toutges holds a master of science degree in counseling from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and a bachelor of science degree in recreation and community education from Minnesota State University Mankato. Toutges is appointed to fulfill a three-year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces Michele Kyler on the council. Toutges will represent former recipients of vocational rehabilitation services.

Ulven, of Hawley, is the owner of her own engraving and signage business located in Hawley. She is a former member of vocational rehabilitation services and is appointed as a business member to the council. Ulven will fulfill a three year term that expires January 5, 2009. She replaces Scott Dehn on the council.

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Peck, of St. Paul, is a licensed social worker and the director of rehabilitation services at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, where she administers Minnesota's public vocational rehabilitation program. She has over 30 years of social work and employment experience. Peck received her master of science degree in industrial and organizational psychology from Capella University. She is reappointed as the vocational services director member of the council to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Roy, of Bloomington, is the director of transition and workforce partnership for PACER Center, Inc., in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, Association for Persons in Supported Employment, and the Minneapolis WIA Youth Council. Roy holds a master of science degree in Sociology from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a bachelor of arts degree in human services from the University of Minnesota, Morris. He is reappointed as the representative of PACER to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Sandstrom, of Motley, is the executive director of the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. She received a bachelor of science degree in applied psychology and a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling from St. Cloud State University. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC) and a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW). She is reappointed as a former recipient of rehabilitation services representative to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Morris, of Vadnais Heights, is the development director of Merrick, Inc., a non-profit corporation that is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services as a day training and habilitation provider. She holds a master of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor of science degree in applied psychology from St. Cloud State University. Morris is reappointed as a disability advocate member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

The State Rehabilitation Council is created under state law and the Federal Rehabilitation Act. The council assists the Rehabilitation Services Program of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development in making decisions about the state's Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program. Vocational Rehabilitation serves thousands of persons with severe disabilities throughout the state, helping them reach their vocational goals. The council is made up of 19 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SUNDIN AND SULLIVAN TO  
BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Louise Sundin and Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Ph.D., to the Board of School Administrators. Both are reappointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Sundin, of Minneapolis, is a member of the Teacher Union Reform Network and is the former president of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers. She previously served as an English teacher in the Minneapolis Public School District. Sundin received a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas, and a bachelor of arts degree in English, journalism, and language arts from the University of Minnesota. She is involved in a number of community service organizations including serving as a member of the United Way of the Twin Cities board of directors. Sundin is reappointed to the board as a public member.

Sullivan, of Burnsville, has been the director of special education for Intermediate School District 917 since 1984. He is licensed as a director of special education, school superintendent and secondary school principal. Sullivan is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, Minnesota Administrators for Special Education, and the American Association of School Administrators. Sullivan received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Minnesota. He received a master of science degree in special education and bachelor of science degree in social studies from St. Cloud State University. Sullivan is reappointed as the special education director member.

The Board of School Administrators is responsible for the licensing of school administrators; the approval of higher education programs and continuing education courses for school administrators; and the enforcement of the code of ethics for school administrators. The board is made up of 10 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Black-Hughes, Ph.D., Jacqueline Johnson, and Angie Stratig, and the reappointment of David Hallman and Mary Casey Ladd to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Black-Hughes, of Mankato, is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) and associate professor in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Minnesota State University-Mankato where she became a member of the social work faculty in 1994. She received her Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, a masters of social work degree from Ohio State University and a bachelor of social work degree from Wright State University. Hughes' practice experience is in the areas of adult, child and family mental health, and women's issues. She has also worked with community based alcohol and drug addiction programs. She has served on the Ohio Counselor and Social Work Board. She is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012 as an educator member. She replaces Anthony Bibus on the board.

Johnson, of Rochester, is the program director for the College of Medicine, Mayo School of Health Sciences, where she is responsible for recruitment, selection and management to the Medical Social Services Student Programs. She is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) with a master of science degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Johnson earned her bachelor of science degree in social science from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. Johnson is appointed as a hospital member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 4, 2010. She replaces Anoma Mullegama on the board.

Stratig, of Minneapolis, is a licensed independent clinical social worker who works for the American Indian Family Center. She holds a master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the College of St. Benedict-St. Joseph. Stratig has a wealth of experience with children's mental health issues, including serving on the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative for the past seven years. She is appointed as a member representing a private agency to fulfill a four year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Roy Garza on the board.

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Hallman, of Moorhead, is a foster care licensing specialist with Clay County Social Services in Moorhead and serves as the current chair of the Minnesota Board of Social Work. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota-Moorhead with a bachelor of science degree in social work (LSW). Hallman is a retired member of the U.S. Army and member of the Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is reappointed as a member of a county agency, to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Ladd, of Minneapolis, has over 34 years of experience as a social worker in clinical practice settings. She is a clinical administrator at Family and Children's Service, who is responsible for clinical oversight and management over a mental health clinic that provides individual, couples, group and family therapy services. Ladd holds a master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor of arts degree in social work from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. She is reappointed as a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO  
COUNCIL ON ASIAN-PACIFIC MINNESOTANS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Venora Hung, Tran Nhon, Tricia Perez, Mechelle Severson, Wilfred Tun Baw, and the reappointment of Bee Lee, Jodie Tanaka, and Mukhtar Thakur to the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.

Hung, of Golden Valley, attends the University of Minnesota School of Law and is a member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. She is a member of a number of professional associations including the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Hung holds a bachelor of science degree in finance and management information systems from the Carlson School of Management. She is appointed as a Chinese member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Yi Li You on the council.

Nhon, of Maplewood, is a management consultant serving clients in the area of minority economic development. He is the former executive director of the Minnesota Minority Supplier Development Council, and has served as a member of a number of career and business development councils. Nhon earned his masters of business arts degree from the University of Alberta, Canada and his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Western Ontario. Nhon is appointed as a Vietnamese member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces John Doan on the council.

Perez, of Edina, is a business development and public affairs assistant with UCare Minnesota. She holds an associate degree in liberal arts from Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and currently attends Metropolitan State University. Perez is a member of Athletes Committed to Educating Students, and participates in the D.A.R.E program. She is appointed as a member from Guam to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 4, 2010. Perez replaces Shahid Islam on the council.

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Severson, of Rochester, is an independent diversity consultant who provides informational presentations in areas including; cultural awareness, poverty, communications and race. She coordinates summer education programs for the city of Rochester and is certified in alternative dispute resolution. Severson is the founder of Prejudice Reduction Workshops for students and teachers in K-12 education and serves on the Rochester Diversity Council. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota. Severson is appointed to a four-year term as a Filipina member. She replaces Alberto Poliarco on the council.

Tun Baw, of St. Paul, is a former educator from Burma who came to the United States as a refugee in 1998. He works as a project manager for the Karen Support Project at Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota. Tun Baw is appointed as a Burmese member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 5, 2009. He replaces Tin Win on the council.

Lee, of St. Paul, is a program manager for the English language learners department of the St. Paul public schools. In addition to his duties with the St. Paul public schools, Lee is a former instructor of Hmong language and culture at the University of Minnesota. He is actively involved in the Hmong community and plays the drums in a local Hmong band. Lee has a master of arts degree in teaching and learning from St. Mary's University. Lee is reappointed as the Hmong member to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Tanaka, of Shorewood, is the CEO of Tempo Creative Consultants, a marketing, communications, advertising, and design firm in the Twin Cities. She has been involved in the communications industry for over 20 years and has been recognized as a leader in the business community by the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. She is the current chair of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans. Tanaka is reappointed as the Japanese member of the board to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Thakur, of Woodbury, is a civil engineer and director of the Office of Technical Support with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Prior to his 20 years with the State of Minnesota, Thakur worked globally in Tanzania, Great Britain, and the Middle East. He is the creator and executive producer of two PBS programs that air in the Twin Cities and speaks five languages. Thakur is reappointed as the Asian Indian member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans advises the Governor and the legislature on issues encountered by Asian-Pacific people in Minnesota. The council is made up of 23 members, 19 are appointed by the Governor to represent the Asian-Pacific community.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO  
COUNCIL ON BLACK MINNESOTANS**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Maurice Davis, Adrianna Smith and Veronica Wirekoa-Fobena, and the reappointment of George Ogbonna and Maryland “Lucky” Rosenbloom to the Council on Black Minnesotans. All are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Davis, of St. Peter, is a process engineer for the 3M Company in New Ulm. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama and is skilled in a number of computer applications. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers and the American Chemical Society. Davis replaces Kevin Lindsey on the council.

Smith, of Minneapolis, works for Target Corporation as a business process consultant in the human resources operations – business intelligence division. Smith is also an adjunct instructor for the Dunwoody College of Technology and works as a mentor for young women with Southside Community Health Services. She holds a master of science degree in computer science from Clark Atlanta University and a bachelor of science degree in computer information systems from Miles College in Birmingham, Alabama. Smith replaces Vernell Williams on the council.

Wireko-Fobena, of Blaine, is a certified public accountant and internal auditor for KPMG, LLP. KPMG is a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services that operates in 145 countries. She is currently working on a master of business administration degree at the University of St. Thomas. She is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, and Institute of Internal Auditors. She fills a vacant position on the council.

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Ogbonna, of Andover, works for the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. In his position as assistant to the division head, he is responsible for assessing the human resources needs of the division and matching staff to faculty support needs. He was a 2006 policy fellow at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute and a member of the Committee on Immigration & Higher Education in Minnesota. Ogbonna earned his masters of business administration and management information systems degree from Metro State University, his masters degree in public policy administration from the Humphrey Institute, and his bachelor of arts degree in finance from Augsburg College. Ogbonna is reappointed as a West African representative.

Rosenbloom, of St. Paul, is a social studies teacher at a number of Minnesota charter schools. He is a trial and litigation paralegal. In his career, he has worked for the Minneapolis Urban League establishing a free legal clinic, and for Ramsey County Corrections as a detention staff member. Rosenbloom hosts a weekly radio show and serves as a columnist for the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder. He received a bachelor of arts degree in human services and counseling psychology from Metro State University in St. Paul, and a paralegal degree from Inver Hills Community College.

The Council on Black Minnesotans advises the Governor and legislature on issues of particular importance to black Minnesotans. The Council is made up of 17 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS KRAMER TO BOARD OF  
MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Walter Kramer to the Board of the Minnesota State Academies.

Kramer, of Duluth, is a 1964 graduate of the Minnesota State Academy of the Blind (MSAB). He received a bachelor of arts degree in speech from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and continued on to a career in public relations. Kramer worked for Minnesota Power in Duluth for over 25 years as a public relations staff member.

Kramer represented MSAB alumni on the MSAB Site Council and was first appointed to the board in 2003. He is reappointed as a public member with business experience to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of the Minnesota State Academies governs the Minnesota Academy for the Blind and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, both located in Faribault, Minnesota. The board is made up of nine members, six appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GIBSON TO LEGISLATIVE-  
CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Nancy Gibson to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Gibson, of St. Louis Park, is the co-founder of the International Wolf Center in Ely. She was the Minnesota Waterfowl Association Conservationist of the Year for 2002, chaired the Minnesota Citizen Advisory Committee of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the past 14 years, and was a co-leader of the constitutional campaign to re-dedicate lottery funds for 25 years to the Trust Fund beginning in 2000. Gibson makes regular appearances on TV and radio addressing environmental issues. Gibson is the current vice chair of the LCCMR and is reappointed as a citizen member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources makes funding recommendations to the legislature from the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund for special environment and natural resource projects. Funding recommendations are typically for new, innovative, or accelerated projects designed to help sustain, enhance, and utilize Minnesota's natural resources. The LCCMR has 17 members, five citizens appointed by the Governor, one citizen appointed by the House, one citizen appointed by the Senate, and ten legislators.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS IVES AND VINZANT TO  
HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Mary Ives and Raymond VinZant to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority. Both are reappointed as public members to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Ives, of Grand Rapids, owns and manages motel and restaurant properties in Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. She also owns and manages manufactured housing communities for single-family homeowners in north central Minnesota. Ives previously served seven years as a school board member in Benton County and four years as an Itasca County Commissioner. Ives currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

VinZant, of St. Paul, is a plumbing instructor at Anoka Technical College, and member of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), and Minnesota Society of Housing Inspectors. He also owns VinZant Construction and writes nationally for Roto-Rooter Services', "Ask the Plummer Expert". He is a U.S. Navy veteran.

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority assists Minnesota nonprofit institutions of higher education by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. These funds are used to finance construction projects, renovate existing buildings, or purchase equipment. The authority's board is made up of 10 members, including eight appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Mackert and the reappointment of Virginia Katz and Kaimay Terry to the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board of Directors. All are appointed to four year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Mackert, of St. Cloud, is a communications consultant with over 30 years of business experience. She is a former Board member of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of directors of a number of entities including St. Cloud Hospital, Bremer Bank, Catholic Charities, and the United Way of Central Minnesota. Mackert studied journalism and economics at St. Cloud State University and Metro State University.

Terry, of Edina, is the founder and owner of VideoMed, Inc., which produces health education videos for physicians and health care facilities nationwide. She is a previous president of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) and former chair of CAAM Chinese Dance Theater. She also served on the St. Paul Cultural Star Board and the Walker Art Center Community Advisory Council. Terry received a bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin College, a master of arts degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a master of public health degree from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Katz, of Duluth chaired the Perpich Center for Arts Education Board of Directors from 2006 until March of 2008. In 2003, she retired as an associate professor of communication after 37 years on the faculty of the University of Minnesota - Duluth. Katz continues to work as a free lance writer and consultant. She is member of the Duluth Library Board and is a volunteer for St. Mary's Hospital. Katz earned her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located in Golden Valley. The Perpich Center for Arts Education includes the Research, Assessment, and Curriculum Center; the Professional Development Institute, and the Learning Resource Center, all serving teachers and schools across the entire State of Minnesota. It is also home to the Arts High School, serving 11th and 12th grade students who come from throughout Minnesota. The Center is governed by a board of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JENSEN AND LOHMER TO  
MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CITIZENS' BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathy Lohmer and the reappointment of Dennis Jensen to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Lohmer, of Lake Elmo, is a private business owner with her husband Greg. She has worked in the investment management industry for over 30 years. She has a son serving our county in the US military and is an active member of the Blue Star Mothers. Lohmer has been involved in a number of community and philanthropic organizations including a cancer support group at Lakeview Hospital and the Spina Bifida Association. She attended Winona State University and is a certified medical assistant. Lohmer is appointed as a public member to fill a vacant position on the board.

Jensen, of Duluth, is general manager of the Duluth Transit Authority. He also serves as vice president and area manager of First Transit, Inc. Jensen previously served as general manager of the Laredo (Texas) Municipal Transit System and as general manager of Airport Services, Inc. at the Baltimore Washington International Airport. Jensen currently serves as a management trustee of Teamsters Local 346 Health Fund. He previously served as president of the Minnesota Public Transit Association. Jensen received a bachelor degree in fine arts and education from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He is reappointed as a public member.

The MPCA Citizens' Board considers and makes decisions on varied and complex pollution problems that affect areas of the state. Decisions are intended to achieve a reasonable degree of purity of the water, air and land resources of the state in order to provide for the maximum enjoyment and use of these resources for the welfare of the people. The Citizens' Board consists of the Commissioner of the MPCA and eight members who are appointed by the Governor.





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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO STATE ARTS BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Brooke Barsness, Michael Charron, and Mary Beth Schubert, and the reappointment of Ellen McInnis to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Barsness, of Fergus Falls, is the director of advancement and the executive director of the Fergus Area College Foundation. She has experience in media relations, fundraising, budget preparation and is a former consultant to a number of arts organizations. Barsness holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from St. Olaf College. She is appointed as a public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Corey Elmer on the board.

Charron, of Winona, is the dean of St. Mary's University School of the Arts. He is a former professor of theater arts and chair of the theater department at Concordia University in St. Paul. Charron is a former board member of the Hill Murray Community Theater and the Woodbury Fine Arts Council. He holds a master of fine arts and theater degree from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor of arts degree in theater, English and secondary education from St. Mary's College. Charron is appointed as a public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Jane Belau on the board.

Schubert, of Inver Grove Heights, is the vice president of corporate affairs for Comcast, where she is responsible for development and oversight over all communications efforts including media relations, employee communications, and community investment. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of St. Thomas. She is a member of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra governing board, and is a board member and marketing chair for the Ordway Circle of Stars. She is a recipient of Twin Cities Business Journal's "40 under Forty!" award. Schubert is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Diana Lewis on the board.

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McInnis, of Robinsdale, is director of Minnesota government relations at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. From 1984-88, she served as executive director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts. McInnis has served on numerous boards, including the Hennepin County Library Board, the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the Hennepin County Board of Equalization, and the Minneapolis Foundation Board. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Minnesota. She is reappointed as public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota State Arts Board attempts to enrich the quality of life in Minnesota by making the arts accessible to all citizens, nurturing creative activities, encouraging the development of innovative forms of artistic expression, and preserving the State's diverse artistic heritage. The Board provides grants and services to individual artists, arts organizations, schools, colleges and universities, communities, and other organizations that sponsor arts activities. The Board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THIRTEEN TO  
STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle Frauenshuh, Patty Holycross, Renee Jensen, Thomas Johnson, Kenneth Moorman, Jennifer Padelford, Annie Pierre, and the reappointment of, Theresa Carufel, Dr. Troy Hanson, Dr. Harriett Copher Haynes, Nicole Lynch, Wendy Rea, and Patricia Siebert to the State Advisory Council on Mental Health.

Carufel, of Minneapolis, is the current chair of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and serves on the Archdiocesan Board for People with Disabilities. She is the director of development and community relations for Tasks Unlimited. In 2004 she was awarded the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota “Volunteer of the Year” award. Carufel is reappointed as a family member of a person with a mental illness to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Frauenshuh, is a licensed marriage and family therapist at Life Development Resources, PA. She also is the founder and co-director of a non-profit, faith based program designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth and families. Frauenshuh holds a master of arts degree in counseling psychology from Bethel University and a bachelor of arts degree in biology and Asian studies from St. Olaf College. Frauenshuh is appointed as a parent member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Kate Onyenoho on the council.

Hanson, of New Prague, is a board certified family physician and medical doctor with Locum Tenens in Buffalo. He is the vice-chair of the Scott County Human Services Resource Council and a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Hanson received his medical degree and is currently working on a master of public health degree from the University of Minnesota. Hanson is reappointed as the family physician member of the council to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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Haynes, is a licensed psychologist and registered nurse. She currently serves as the director for the University of Minnesota's Counseling Service program. Haynes holds a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling psychology, a master of arts degree in public health and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She is reappointed as the psychologist member of the council to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Holycross, of Cohasset, is the president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Grand Rapids area. She served as the financial aid director for Itasca Community College for 28 years. She holds a master of arts degree in counseling from St. Cloud State University and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Augustana College. Holycross is appointed as a family member of a person with mental illness to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Debra Appleby on the council.

Jensen, of St. Paul, is the president of Free Agent Association, Inc. She chairs the Ramsey County Mental Health Advisory Council and is a speaker for the Ramsey County National Alliance on Mental Illness. Jensen holds a master of arts degree in management of public and non-profit organizations from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a bachelor of science degree in management from the Carlson School of Management. Jensen is appointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Kristin Flaten on the council.

Johnson, of Roseville, is a client advocate with the Mental Health Association of Minnesota, where he works with clients in the areas of treatment, support, housing, employment and family issues. From 1996-2001 he worked for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Minnesota as a lobbyist to the Minnesota Legislature. Johnson holds a bachelor of science degree in management from St. Cloud State University. He is appointed as the representative of the Mental Health Association of Minnesota to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces William Conley on the council.

Lynch, of Apple Valley, is a family psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner with Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She is currently working on her doctorate of nursing practice degree from the University of Minnesota. She has a master of arts degree as a family psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner from St. Scholastica in Duluth, and a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Augsburg College. Lynch is reappointed as the member representing the discipline of nursing to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

Moorman, of Baudette, is a county commissioner for Lake of the Woods County, District Three. He is an American Chemical Society certified chemist with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and physics from Bemidji State University. He has over 30 years of experience with quality control, laboratory management and the pharmaceuticals industry. Moorman is appointed as a rural county commissioner to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Swede Nelson on the council.

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Padelford, of West St. Paul, is the west metro regional resource coordinator for the Mental Health Consumer Survivor Network. She has been actively involved in the mental health community for the past 30 years. Padelford is appointed as the representative of the Consumer Survivor Network to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Robin Bode on the council.

Pierre, of Le Sueur, has served on the Le Sueur County's Regional Advisory Council and on the South Central Community Based Initiative's Regional Management Team, where she is the current chair. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in chemical dependency counseling from Lakewood College in White Bear Lake. Pierre is appointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Paula Swanson on the council.

Rea, of Foley, is the current vice chair of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and a coordinator at the St. Cloud Area Resource Center of the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in American studies from St. Cloud State University. She is reappointed as a consumer member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Siebert, of Minneapolis, is an attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center. She has worked with the center and its precursor, the Mental Health Law Project, since 1983. Siebert recently received the *Pro Bono Publico* Award for the Hennepin County Bar Association in recognition of her many years of service on behalf of her clients. She is reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012, as the representative of the Disability Law Center.

The State Advisory Council on Mental Health advises the Governor, legislature, and state agency heads about policy, programs, and services affecting people with mental illness. The Council is made up of 30 members appointed by the Governor.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jeffrey Nurick and James O’Neill, and the reappointment of Connie Lee Berg, Victoria Dalle-Molle, Ann Roscoe, Judith Sanders, and Ann Zick to the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

Berg, of Red Lake, is reappointed as the member representing American Indian Rehabilitation Projects to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Dalle-Molle, of Rochester, is reappointed as a director of a center for independent living member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Nurick, of Bloomington, is appointed as an advocate member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Mark Eggen on the council.

O’Neil, of Minneapolis, is appointed as a public member to fulfill a three-year term that expires on January 4, 2010. He replaces Lois Johnson on the council.

Roscoe, of Columbia Heights, is appointed as an ex-officio member representing the State Council on Disability to a three year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces David Schwartzkopf on the council.

Sanders, of Minneapolis, is reappointed as a public member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Zick, of Osage, is reappointed as an advocate member to a three-year term that started running in 2007 and expires January 3, 2010.

The Statewide Independent Living Council advises state agencies on issues related to independent living for persons with disabilities. The Council consists of 21 members, including 16 appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FLATEN AND WRIGHT TO  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mark Flaten and Sara Wright, Ph.D. to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Flaten, of Golden Valley, is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice. He serves as an adjunct instructor in the marriage and family therapy program at St. Mary's University of Minnesota and is a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Flaten holds a master of science degree in marital and family therapy from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a master of divinity degree in pastoral ministry from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota. Flaten is appointed as a therapist member of the board.

Wright, of Roseville, is a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed psychologist, and clinical director of marriage and family therapy programs at St. Mary's University of Minnesota. She is a state and national leader in the marriage and family therapy field, having served as president of the Minnesota Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and as secretary of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She has been the recipient of the Rosemary Dummer Award for outstanding contributions to marriage and family life in Minnesota. Wright earned her doctorate degree in family social science from the University of Minnesota, and her masters and bachelor degrees from the University of Texas-Austin. Wright is appointed as the higher education member of the board.

The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining marriage and family therapists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO  
CHICANO-LATINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mario Santos Vargas, and the reappointment of Maricruz Hill, Nicholas Juarez, and Edgardo Rodriguez to the Chicano-Latino Affairs Council. All are appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Hill, of Chaska, is a regional project support manager at U.S. Bank in Minneapolis, where she is responsible for leadership and management of 130 retail metropolitan bank branches. Hill is a member of the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latino Economic Development Center. She received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from InterAmerican University in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Juarez, of West St. Paul, is an asset protection specialist for Target Corporation. In addition to his duties with Target, Juarez works with a number of community organizations and outreach programs. He is an on-call crime victim crisis specialist for the Council on Crime and Justice in Minneapolis and a member of the West St. Paul City Council. Juarez was recognized by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota as one of the “25 on the Rise” Hispanic leaders in Minnesota. Juarez obtained his bachelor of arts degree in legal assistance and political science from Hamline University.

Rodriguez, of Minneapolis, currently serves as a business consultant at the Metropolitan Economic Development Association. He is a certified public accountant with accounting, small business, and corporate finance experience. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Puerto Rico. He is licensed to sell securities and provide financial advice in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and New York. Rodriguez is a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the treasurer of the Chicano-Latino Affairs Council.

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Vargas, of St. Paul is a senior marketing outreach consultant with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. He has a number of years of experience with Latino outreach, strategic planning, grant reviewing and working with non-profit organizations. Vargas holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota – Morris, and an executive mini-M.B.A. certification from the University of St. Thomas.

The Chicano-Latino Affairs Council advises the Governor and the state legislature on the issues of importance to Minnesota's Chicano Latino community. The council is made up a 15 member board, 11 members are appointed by the Governor

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN  
TO MnSCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jacob Englund, Allyson Lueneburg, Louise Sundin, and Terri Thomas, and the reappointment of Cheryl Dickson, Clarence Hightower, David Paskach to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) system.

Dickson, of St. Paul, is a current member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees representing the fourth congressional district. She served for 24 years as the president and CEO of the Minnesota Humanities Commission and is a current member of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library Board. Dickson holds a certificate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in management of lifelong education and a certificate in management from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in humanities from Metropolitan State University. Dickson is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

Englund, of Minneapolis, is a student at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, where he is a member of the student senate, Phi Theta Kappa, and Kappa Beta Delta. He is appointed as a two-year student member to a two year term that expires June 30, 2010. Englund replaces Caleb Anderson on the board.

Hightower, of Plymouth, is an at-large member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees. He recently left his position as president of the Minneapolis Urban League to become the executive director of the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. He is a member of the United Way and former chair of the United Way Council of Agency Executives. Hightower holds a master of arts degree in human and community service from George Williams College in Downers Grove, Illinois, and a bachelor of arts degree in education from Southwest State University in Marshall. He is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

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Lueneburg, of Winona, is a student at Winona State University, where she is studying biology. She is appointed as a four-year student member to fulfill a two-year term that expires June 30, 2009. She replaces Michael Boulton on the board.

Paskach, of Cottonwood, is a current member of the MnSCU Board of Trustees representing the seventh congressional district and owner of Pasko Investments. Paskach earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign, Illinois, and his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Iowa State University in Ames. He is reappointed to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014.

Sundin, of Minneapolis, is a member of the Teacher Union Reform Network and is the former president of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers. She previously served as an English teacher in the Minneapolis Public School District. Sundin received a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas, and a bachelor of arts degree in English, journalism, and language arts from the University of Minnesota. She is involved in a number of community service organizations including serving as a member of the United Way of the Twin Cities board of directors. Sundin is appointed as an at-large member to a six-year term that expires June 30, 2014. She replaces Ann Curme Shaw on the board.

Thomas, of Rochester, is a student at Rochester Community and Technical College, where she is the student body vice president and serves as the Southeast Regional representative for the Minnesota State College Student Association. She is appointed as a technical college student to a two-year term that expires June 30, 2010. She replaces Carol Werner on the board.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system comprises 32 colleges and universities, including 25 two-year colleges and seven state universities. The system is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The board has policy responsibility for system planning, academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The board appoints the system's chancellor and presidents of the state colleges and universities.



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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael Brethorst, Neal Cuthbert, John Monson and Nancy Straw to the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

Brethorst, of Barnesville, is the chief operations officer for the City of Barnesville. He is a captain in the Minnesota Army National Guard where he holds the position of senior counter intelligence officer with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Brethorst earned a master of science degree in public, human services, and health administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead; a bachelor of science degree in public administration and community and economic development administration from St. Cloud State University; and an associate of arts degree in business from Fergus Falls Community College. Brethorst is appointed as rural town representative to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Steve Ringquist on the board.

Cuthbert, of Minneapolis, is the vice president of the McKnight Foundation's arts program where he provides leadership, management and oversight for all grant program related activities. McKnight is Minnesota's largest private funder of the arts. Prior to his work at McKnight, Cuthbert was director and publisher of the *Artpaper* and worked as a planner for the Metropolitan Council. Cuthbert is appointed as representative of a private foundation member to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Louis Hohfeld on the board.

Monson, of Cannon Falls, was appointed by President Bush to serve as Farm Services Agency's State Director in Minnesota. He was the youngest presidential appointee in state history. Monson served on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary's Farm Policy Steering Committee throughout his term as state director. Monson left the USDA in 2006 to join AgStar Financial Services as the vice president of rural finance, where he is responsible for economic business development. Monson is appointed as a business member to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 7, 2013. He replaces Allan Olson on the board.

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Straw, of Fergus Falls, is the president and chief executive officer for the West Central Initiative where she is responsible for strategic planning, operations, and fundraising. She is a member of the Minnesota Humanities Center, Regional Economic Development Group, and the Federal Reserve Bank Advisory Council on Small Business and Labor Council Foundations. Straw is appointed as a representative of a regional initiative organization to fulfill a six-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Sherry Ristau on the board.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization dedicated to the study of the economic, demographic and cultural factors that affect rural Minnesotans and their communities. Based in St. Peter, Minnesota, the Center publishes the *Rural Minnesota Journal*, the *Atlas of Minnesota* and regularly advises policymakers on rural issues through its research reports. All of the center's products and reports can be found on line at [www.ruralmn.org](http://www.ruralmn.org). The Center's Board consists of 17 members 12 appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joan Breslin-Larson, and Kenneth Trebelhorn, and the reappointment of Connie Lee Berg, Steven Jacobson, Michael Malver, and Judith Sanders to the State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind.

Berg, of Red Lake, is the director of Red Lake Rehabilitation Services and has over 15 years of experience working with tribal vocational rehabilitation programs. She chairs the Red Lake Supportive Housing Board of Commissioners. She is a member of the National Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Inc., and is a member of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council. Berg is reappointed to a three-year term as the representative of American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects. Her term expires January 3, 2011.

Breslin-Larson, of Roseville, is a supervisor of special education policy with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). She is appointed as the representative of the MDE to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011. Breslin-Larson replaces Jean Martin on the council.

Jacobson, of Edina, has been employed with the 3M Company since 1976. He currently holds the position of lead computer analyst. Jacobson is a graduate of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind and received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Augsburg College. Jacobson is a member of the National Federation for the Blind of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a consumer member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Malver, of Minneapolis is an IT professional and music therapist. He is the current vice president of the American Council of the Blind of Minnesota. Malver holds an applied science degree in computer programming from St. Paul College and a bachelor of arts degree in music therapy from the University of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a recipient of rehabilitation services member to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

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Sanders, of Minneapolis, has experience working for the State Services for the Blind as a job placement specialist and is the current secretary of the board of directors of the National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in speech education from the University of Colorado. Sanders is reappointed as a representative of the Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council to a three-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Trebelhorn, of Rochester, is an IT professional and computer instructor for low vision and blind clients. He is a volunteer for his local National Federation for the Blind chapter and Lions Club International where he works on reconfiguring donated computer systems and distributing them to clients in need. Trebelhorn is appointed as a rehabilitation provider member to fulfill a three-year term that expired January 4, 2010. He replaces Jim Collins on the council.

The Rehabilitation Council for the Blind gives advice and recommendations to State Services for the Blind and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development concerning products and services for the blind. The Council consists of 19 members appointed by the Governor, as well as an ex-officio member from the State Services for the Blind.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO  
RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jode Freyholtz, Dr. Jeffrey Hardwig, and Senator Yvonne Prettner-Solon, and the reappointment of Dr. Raymond Christensen, Thomas Crowley, Diane Muckenhirn, Nancy Stratman, and Senator Betsy Wergin to the Rural Health Advisory Committee (RHAC). With the exception of Senator Solon, who is filling an unscheduled vacancy, all are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 2, 2012.

Freyholtz, of Verndale, works for the Minnesota Consumer Survivor Network as an educator and advocate for persons with mental health issues in rural Minnesota. She is appointed as a consumer member and replaces LaVonne Schlieman on the committee.

Hardwig, of International Falls, works as a staff physician in psychiatry at the Duluth Clinic and as a contract psychiatrist for Falls Medical Center in International Falls. He is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. Hardwig is the president of the Minnesota Psychiatric Society and a member of the American Psychiatric Association. He earned his degree in medicine at the Mayo Medical School in Rochester and his bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Hardwig is appointed as the physician member and replaces Dr. Darrell Carter on the committee.

Prettner-Solon, of Duluth, is a clinical psychologist who is serving her third term in the Minnesota State Senate from District 7. She serves on a number of committees and chairs the Senate Capitol Investment Committee. She is appointed as a majority member of the Minnesota State Senate to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. She replaces Senator Jim Vickerman on the committee.

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Christensen, of Duluth, is the assistant dean for rural health at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Duluth. He also works as a family practice physician at Gateway Family Health Clinic in Moose Lake. Christensen is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is licensed to practice in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. Christensen is reappointed to fill the seat for a representative of a higher education institution providing training for rural health care practitioners.

Crowley, of Kellogg, is the president and CEO of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Wabasha. He joined the organization in 1971 as the director of finance and served as an administrator before being named CEO in 1984. Crowley is responsible for acute and long term care, the administration of the facility, strategic planning, new programs and service development. He holds a master of arts degree in health care administration from St. Mary's College in Winona and a master of business administration from the University of St. Thomas. Crowley is reappointed as hospital representative on the committee.

Stratman, of Willmar, is administrator of Rice Care Center, a long term care facility in Willmar. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and holds a master of science degree in management from Southwest State University in Marshall. Stratman has worked in long term care since 1976 in greater Minnesota and North Dakota. She is reappointed as the representative of nursing homes on the committee.

Muckenhirn, of Hutchinson, is the current chair of the RHAC. She is a nurse practitioner at Hutchinson Medical Center where her practice focuses on women's health. Muckenhirn holds a master of science degree in nursing from Minnesota State University-Mankato. She is a frequent speaker for community classes and continuing education for nurses. Muckenhirn is reappointed as the midlevel practitioner member on the committee.

Wergin, of Princeton, is State Senator for District 16, which includes all of Mille Lacs County and parts of Benton, Morrison, and Sherburne Counties. Prior to her election to the Senate in 2002, Wergin spent six years as a Baldwin Township officer and eight years as a Sherburne County Commissioner. While a County Commissioner, she served on the Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Council. Wergin is reappointed as the minority member of the Minnesota State Senate.

The Rural Health Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Health and other state agencies on rural health issues. It consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO  
BOARD ON AGING**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joseph Grant, Larry Juhl and Tracy Keibler, and the reappointment of RD Brown, Sharon Bring, Kenneth Moritz and Donald Tomsche to the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Brown, of St. Paul, recently retired as the vice president of child and family support services with the Children's Home Society and Family Services. His community activities include having served on the St. Paul Mayor's Committee on Aging. Brown is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Bring, of Strandquist, is a grain farmer and county commissioner in Marshall County. She is the past chair of the Lutheran Social Services Senior Nutrition Program. Bring is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Grant, of Duluth, manages elder care at the Duluth Clinic where he is responsible for human resource management, financial management, and clinical operations. Grants's health care grant review experience includes work for the Healthier Minnesota Community Clinic Fund in St. Paul and the Office of Rural Health Policy in Washington, DC. Grant holds a master of arts degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota –Duluth and bachelor of arts degrees in economics and political science from the University of Minnesota. He is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. He replaces Betty Gysland on the board.

Juhl, of New London has a number of years of experience in the long term care field. He is the former chairman of the board for Care Providers of Minnesota. From 1991 to 2000 he served as the mayor of New London. He is a U.S. Army trained medic and is educated in nursing home administration. Juhl is appointed to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Julie Storm on the board.

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Keibler, of Eden Prairie, is a private business owner. She holds a mini-MBA from the University of St. Thomas in non-profit administration and a bachelor of arts in Japanese language and literature from the University of Iowa. Keibler is appointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Margaret Moss on the board.

Mortiz, of Minneapolis, is a retired vice president of Cargill, Inc. He is past president of senior resources and is a board member of the National Retiree Volunteer Corporation. He is a retired member of the U.S. Army. Moritz is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Tomsche, of Little Canada, retired in 1997 as deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections and has served as the state advocacy chair for Minnesota AARP. He is reappointed to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board on Aging develops, coordinates, evaluates and administers federal and state funds for programs for the aging; makes grants to 14 area agencies on aging and non-profit agencies; and serves as an advocate for older persons. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FOUR TO  
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. Douglas Frisk, Duane Reynolds, Walter Roberts Jr., and Dr. Nicholas Ruiz to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy. All are reappointed to a four year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Frisk, of New Brighton, is an adjunct professor at Hamline and Bethel Universities. He was a health education teacher in the South Washington County Schools for 35 years where he was awarded Teacher of the Year as well as being recognized as a Minnesota Teacher of Excellence. Frisk received his Ph. D. and master of arts degree in school health education from the University of Minnesota and his bachelor of arts degree in health and physical education studies from Augsburg College. Frisk is reappointed as a public member of the board.

Reynolds, of New Hope, is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC). He currently is the associate executive director at the Vinland Center in Loretto, Minnesota. He has served as the director of chemical dependency as well as the allied mental health manager at Unity Hospital in Minneapolis. Reynolds did graduate work at the University of St. Thomas and obtained his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota. He is reappointed as a LADC member of the board.

Roberts, of North Mankato, is a professor of counselor education at Minnesota State University—Mankato. He is a licensed school counselor in Minnesota and a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in Minnesota and Arkansas. Roberts holds master and doctor of education degrees from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. He is reappointed as a LPC member of the board.

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Ruiz, of Inver Grove Heights, is a licensed professional counselor and licensed psychologist in private practice in Inver Grove Heights. He received a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota. Ruiz is a professor of counselor education at Winona State University. Ruiz is the president of the Minnesota Association for Counseling and Development and serves as the current chair of the Board of Behavior Health and Therapy. He is reappointed a LPC member of the board.

The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors. The board is made up of 13 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO  
BOARD OF NURSING**

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jacqueline Dickie, Lynne Linden, James Peterson, and Maria Raines, and the reappointment of Kathleen Haberman to the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Dickie, of Apple Valley, is the pharmacy utilization nurse coordinator for PreferredOne in Golden Valley. She is appointed as a licensed practical nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Linda Mattson on the board.

Linden, of Burnsville, is a nurse manager for Fairview Ridges Hospital where she manages the overall operations of the inpatient pediatric unit. She has over 30 years of experience in the field of nursing. Linden earned her master of arts degree in nursing and organizational leadership from Bethel University and bachelor of science degree in nursing from Metropolitan State University. She is appointed as a registered nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012 and replaces Sandra Johnson on the board.

Peterson, of Medina, is an attorney with expertise in both criminal and civil law. He is a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations. Peterson is a retired lieutenant colonel with a number of years of service to the U.S. Army as a Judge Advocate General officer. He earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota and attended Judge Advocate General's School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Peterson is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces James Nadorne on the board.

Raines, of Lakeville, is a clinical nurse specialist for the ICU/Telemetry, orthopedic and medical-surgical nursing units at Woodwinds Hospital in Woodbury. She earned her master of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and bachelor of science degree in nursing from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. She holds a national certification as a clinical nurse specialist in adult health from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Raines is appointed as an advanced practice registered nurse to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012. She replaces Mary Beth O'Neil on the board.

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Haberman, of Heron Lake, is a registered nurse with over 32 years of experience in the field of nursing. She works for Worthington Regional Hospital as their education manager. Prior to working for Worthington Regional Hospital, Haberman was the dean of nursing and allied health at Minnesota West Community & Technical College. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota and a master of science degree in nursing education from South Dakota State University. Haberman is reappointed as a registered nurse member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Minnesota Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing and disciplining nurses and approving nurse education programs. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BUNGER AND HORTON TO MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Bunger and Carinda Horton to the Minnesota Humanities Center Board of Directors. Both are appointed to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Bunger, of Milaca, is a consultant and principal founder of HBH Associates, LLC. He is a member of the Center for Rural Policy and Development and the Milaca School Board. His past community service includes terms on the Milaca City Council and Planning Commission. In addition to being a graduate of the Blandin Community Leadership Program, Bunger received a master of business administration degree from the University of St. Thomas and earned his bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College.

Horton, of Duluth, is the vice president of Horton's Gym, Inc. and works as an executive assistant at RBC Dain Rauscher. She is a retired member of the Minnesota National Guard, where she served in Operation Desert Storm. Horton earned her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in communications from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She is a member of the Junior League of Duluth, VFW, American Legion, and is involved in a number of community theater and sports activities.

The Minnesota Humanities Center is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities Center fulfills its mission through humanities-based programs including professional development opportunities, early literacy workshops, and bilingual and heritage language programming. The Minnesota Humanities Center is governed by a 30-member board of directors, including six appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MORTIMORE TO FOOD SAFETY  
AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE**

Saint Paul -- Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sara Mortimore to the Minnesota Food Safety and Defense Task Force.

Mortimore, of Shorewood, is the vice president of quality assurance and regulatory affairs for Land O'Lakes Inc. She is an expert on quality, food safety and food management with over 25 years of experience in the industry. Mortimore has worked with General Mills, Inc. where she was responsible for international quality operations, and Pillsbury Europe, where she was responsible for European operations and manufacturing.

Mortimore is a member of the editorial board of *Food Control*, and is a member of the board of trustees for the Royal Institute of Public Health in London. She is a published author of a number of papers and has contributed several chapters to books on food safety and management. Mortimore earned her master of science degree from Leicester University in the United Kingdom. She is appointed as an at-large member to fulfill a four-year term that expires June 30, 2012 and replaces Bill Newman on the task force.

The Food Safety and Defense Task Force advises the Department of Agriculture and legislature on food issues and food safety. The 15 member task force includes nine members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO BOARD OF  
PSYCHOLOGY**

Saint Paul -- Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Chris Bonnell and Jeffrey Brown, and the reappointment of Joseph Lee, and Jean Wolf to the Minnesota Board of Psychology.

Bonnell, of Buffalo, is a senior contract administrator for the Capella Education Company. He has a wealth of legal experience in tax, contracts, capital planning, business and legislative lobbying. Bonnell earned his juris doctor degree and master of arts degree in public administration from Hamline University. He is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces James Peterson on the board.

Brown, of Eagan, is the co-director of practicum training and an assistant professor of clinical psychology at Argosy University in Eagan. He earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, California, and his masters of arts and bachelor of science degrees from the University of Wisconsin- River Falls. Brown is a licensed doctoral level psychologist who is appointed to a four-year term as the doctoral training program member of the board and replaces John Romano. His term expires January 2, 2012.

Lee, of Burnsville, is a licensed psychologist at the master's degree level. He operates Eastern Psychological Services, a clinic specializing in culturally sensitive therapy, minority issues and family therapy. Lee received his masters of arts degree in clinical psychology from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is reappointed to one of two board positions for a master's level licensed psychologist to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Wolf, of St. Paul, is a licensed psychologist at the doctoral level. She maintains a private practice in St. Paul. Wolf earned her Ph.D. in counseling and student personnel psychology from the University of Minnesota and her master of arts degree in guidance and counseling from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Wolf is reappointed as a licensed doctoral level psychologist to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

The Board of Psychology is responsible for licensing and disciplining psychologists. The Board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BEHM TO BOARD OF WATER  
AND SOIL RESOURCES**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gordon Behm to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Behm, of Atwater, is a member of the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District Board of Directors and the Kandiyohi Economic Development Commission Operations Board. He is a member of the newly formed Lake County Wind Energy, LLC. Behm recently retired from farming after 40 years in the industry and has experience in the energy production and banking business. He is appointed as a watershed district representative member to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Ken Robinson on the board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.

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September 12, 2008

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO NEXTGEN ENERGY BOARD**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Wayne Brandt, Mike Bull, and William Grant to the NextGen Energy Board.

Brandt, of Duluth, is executive vice president of the Minnesota Forest Industries. He also serves as executive director of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association and as a member of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. He is appointed to fill a newly created forest industries representative position on the board. His term expires June 30, 2009.

Bull, of Northfield, is the regional policy manager for Wind on the Wires (WoW), a collaborative organization comprised of wind developers, environmental organizations, wind energy experts, tribal representatives, clean energy advocates, and businesses providing goods and services to the wind industry. WoW is a regional partner of the American Wind Energy Association, and works closely with the association on wind power and transmission issues. Bull has a number of years of experience working with energy policy, public utilities and renewable resources. He is appointed as a representative of an environmental organization to fulfill a term that ends June 30, 2009. Bull replaces Tim Gerlach on the board.

Grant, of Roseville, is the director of the Midwest office of the Izaak Walton League of America, one of the nation's oldest conservation organizations. The League takes a common-sense approach toward protecting and improving outdoor recreation opportunities. He is appointed as a representative of an environmental organization to fulfill a term that ends June 30, 2009. Grant replaces Shalini Gupta on the board.

The NextGen Energy Board will provide recommendations to the legislature and the Governor about how the state can most efficiently achieve energy independence through agriculture and natural resource sustainability. One of the board's primary duties is to examine the future of bio-fuels, such as synthetic gases, biobutanol, hydrogen, methanol, biodiesel, and ethanol within Minnesota and to develop grant programs to assist renewable energy facilities throughout the state.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ALGOO TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kim Algoo to the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors.

Algoo, of Shakopee, is a healthcare professional with 22 years of experience in the healthcare industry. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing, and management and is currently working on a masters degree in business administration. She is also a licensed practical nurse. Algoo serves as a member on the Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance Board of Directors and is a trustee for Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation. She is a member of the Minnesota Hospital Association and Minnesota Home Care Association.

Algoo and her husband, Jay, have two children who are involved in school extracurricular activities. She is appointed as a parent member to the board to a four-year term that expires July 31, 2012 and replaces Lawrence Ellis on the board.

The Minnesota State High School League is a voluntary, nonprofit association of over 400 public and private schools. Member schools provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Minnesota high school students to participate in athletics and fine arts competitions each year. The League administers the state tournaments for athletics, speech, music and dramatics.

The League provides support for member schools with programs that address sportsmanship, chemical health, and scholarship recognition. The League also oversees more than 4,500 registered contest officials and judges. The Board of Directors for the League consists of 20 members, including four appointed by the Governor.

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## **GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Keith Berge, and the reappointment of Dr. Bradley S. Johnson, Kelli Johnson, Dr. Ernest Lampe, Dr. James Langland, and Allen Rasmussen to the Board of Medical Practice.

Berge, of Rochester, is a board certified consultant in anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic. He also serves as an assistant professor of anesthesiology in the college of medicine, Mayo Clinic. Berge received his bachelor of science degree in microbiology from the University of Minnesota and his doctor of medicine degree from the Mayo Medical School. Berge is a member of the American Medical Association, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Minnesota Medical Association, and the Minnesota Society of Anesthesiologists. He is appointed as a medical doctor to fulfill a term vacated by Dr. Steven Altchuler that expires January 5, 2009.

Bradley S. Johnson, of Woodbury, is a board certified family practice physician who has practiced medicine in Minnesota for over 22 years. He serves as the chief medical officer for Aspen Medical Group and is on staff at HealthEast St. John's Hospital in St. Paul. Johnson earned his bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine degrees from the University of Minnesota. Johnson is reappointed as a medical doctor to a four-year term ending January 2, 2012.

Kelli Johnson, of Minneapolis, is project director for the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. From 1995 to 1999, Johnson served as assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health. She received a bachelor of arts degree in American studies from St. Olaf College and a master of business administration degree from the University of St. Thomas. She is currently a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a Ph.D. in program evaluation research. Johnson is reappointed as a public member to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

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Lampe, of Mankato, is a board certified surgeon who has practiced medicine in Minnesota for 38 years. He currently practices with Surgical Specialists of Minnesota in Minneapolis and is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota. Lampe received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University in Providence Rhode Island, and medical doctor degree from the University of Minnesota. Lampe served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Lampe is reappointed as medical doctor to a four-year term that expires January 2, 2012.

Langland, of Thief River Falls, has been a licensed physician in Minnesota since 1978 and has practiced internal medicine at the Dakota Clinic in Thief River Falls since 1986. Langland received a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota and a doctor of medicine degree from the University of California, San Diego. He is board certified in internal medicine, geriatric medicine, and sports medicine. Dr. Langland is reappointed as a medical doctor to a four-year term that ends January 2, 2012.

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**GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HANSON AND REINHARDT TO  
CLEAN WATER COUNCIL**

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Keith Hanson and Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt to the Clean Water Council.

Hanson, of Duluth, is a senior consultant with Barr Engineering. He brings over 30 years of experience with water quality and regulatory policy to the council. Hanson is a member of a number of professional organizations dedicated to water quality including, the Federal Water Quality Coalition and Federal Stormwater Association. He is a member of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's industrial stormwater work group, stormwater steering committee, pollutant trading work group and represents the water industry on the Minnesota Environmental Initiatives Environmental Stakeholder Process G-16 Work Group. Hanson holds a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota. He is appointed as a business representative to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces David Jeronimus on the council.

Reinhardt, of St. Paul, is a Ramsey County Commissioner representing Maplewood, North St. Paul, White Bear Lake and the Hillcrest area of St. Paul. She has a long history of supporting environmental issues, including serving as a founding board member of the Recycling Association of Minnesota, and chairing the City of White Bear Lake's Recycling Advisory Committee. Reinhardt earned her bachelor of arts and master of business administration degrees from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Reinhardt is appointed as a representative of metro area counties to fulfill a four-year term that expires January 5, 2009. She replaces Bob Vogel on the council.

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### Commission on Judicial Selection

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**CREATED BY:** The Commission on Judicial Selection is under Minnesota Statutes § 480B.

**PURPOSE:** Solicit judicial candidates, evaluate applicants and recommend three to five nominees to the Governor.

**JURISDICTION:** District Court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies during the term of a judge.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 49 members, including attorneys and non-attorneys;  
9 at-large members who address all judicial vacancies;  
7 appointed by the Governor;  
2 appointed by the Supreme Court;  
4 district members representing each of the state's 10 judicial districts who address vacancies that occur in their district;  
2 appointed by the Governor;  
2 appointed by the Supreme Court.

The total membership of the Commission for a particular vacancy is 13.

**COMPENSATION:** No per diem, no expense reimbursement.

**CONTACT:** John Hultquist, Director of Judicial Appointments, 651-296-0019 or [john.hultquist@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us)

#### MEMBERS:

##### At-large:

##### **Appointed by the Governor:**

Ronald J. Schutz, Chair, attorney  
Medina

Loyola Colebeck, non-attorney  
Rochester

Leonardo Castro, attorney  
White Bear Township

*vacant*, non-attorney

Rene Diebold, attorney  
Granite Falls

John J. McDonald, Jr., attorney  
Mendota Heights

##### **Appointed by the Supreme Court:**

Marianne Short, attorney  
Minneapolis

Lenor Scheffler, attorney  
Eden Prairie

Karen Himle, non-attorney  
Minnetonka



**First Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Michael Dougherty, attorney  
Burnsville

Sonja Faust, non-attorney  
Waconia

**Second Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Alberto Quintela, attorney  
St. Paul

Paul Gam, non-attorney  
Arden Hills

**Third Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Jill Frieders, attorney  
Rochester

Rita' Hillmann Olson, non-attorney  
New Prague

**Fourth Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Richard Ostlund, attorney  
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John Delmonico, non-attorney  
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**Fifth Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Marcus Christianson, attorney  
Mankato

David Sturrock, Ph.D., non-attorney  
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**Sixth Judicial District:**

**Appointed by the Governor:**

Larry Stauber, Jr., attorney  
Duluth

Daniel Urshan, non-attorney  
Duluth

**Appointed by the Supreme Court:**

Leo Brisbois, attorney  
Eagan

Judy Henderson, non-attorney  
Burnsville

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Louise Dovre Bjorkman, attorney  
Roseville

Stacey Millett, non-attorney  
St. Paul

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James Forsythe, attorney  
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Kathleen Feldbrugge, non-attorney  
Northfield

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Hildy Bowbeer, attorney  
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Thomas Peacock, Ed.D., non-attorney  
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Melinda Sanders, attorney  
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Brenda Elmer, non-attorney  
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Montevideo

Susan Kamrath, non-attorney  
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