



Governor Dayton Commissioner Appointments

Dan Salomone / Myron Frans – Department of Revenue

Myron Frans, a veteran tax attorney from Faegre & Benson, will take over as Revenue Commissioner in April. Frans, who recently worked as a small-business executive at Leeds Precision Instruments in Golden Valley, will take over the department from Dan Salomone, current Deputy Revenue Commissioner, who will cover the transitional period.

Mike Rothman – Department of Commerce

Mike Rothman is an insurance attorney at Winthrop & Weinstine, where he co-chairs of the insurance and financial services practice group. Rothman also teaches insurance law at the University of Minnesota and formerly worked as staff member for the Minnesota Senate.

Sue Haigh - Metropolitan Council

Susan Haigh, the CEO of Habitat for Humanity since 2005, has also worked as a Ramsey County Commissioner, chief deputy county attorney, and as staff attorney for the Met Council. Haigh currently serves on various boards including the Minnesota Housing Partnership, the Minnesota Housing Commissioner's Resource Advisory Committee, Habitat for Humanity, U.S. Council's Finance Committee, Park Midway Bank, and the Macalester College Board of Trustees.

Jim Schowalter – Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB)

The former MMB Deputy Commissioner, Jim Schowalter, will step into the chief role in the Dayton administration. Schowalter has served as the state budget director, a regional economist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as a budget officer at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in Boston. Schowalter has a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Paul Aasen – Pollution Control Agency (PCA)

Paul Aasen was most recently director of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA). Aasen's experience includes the posts of executive vice president at Global Volunteers, director of government relations and policy in Gov. Jesse Ventura's office, assistant commissioner in the Department of Public Safety, executive director of the Minnesota Emergency Response Commission, and environmental scientist at the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission.



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Dr. Edward Ehlinger – Commissioner of the Department of Health

Dr. Edward Ehlinger has practiced internal medicine, pediatrics, and public health for more than four decades. He is currently medical director of Boynton Health Center at the University of Minnesota, a faculty member for the School of Public Health, and president of the Twin Cities Medical Association. He has served as a physician, administrator, health services researcher, and as an advocate for underserved populations. Dr. Ehlinger is also host of Public Health Journal on cable access TV.

Ken Peterson – Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Ken Peterson was the DOLI commissioner 20 years ago under Governor Rudy Perpich. He has also been the executive director of the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG), deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Public Service Department and Department of Labor and Industry, deputy mayor/mayoral chief of staff for Saint Paul, and director of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development. His most recent public service was in the Minnesota Attorney General's office, where he was deputy attorney general for Government Operations.

David Fredrickson – Department of Agriculture

Former state Senator David Frederickson will take over from Gene Hugoson, who has served since 1995 under three different governors. Frederickson has previously led the National Farmers Union and has worked on agriculture issues for U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar.

Dr. Brenda Cassellius – Department of Education

Dr. Brenda Cassellius is currently the superintendent of the East Metro Integration District, where she leads an achievement agenda with the ten district superintendents. Previously, as an associate superintendent in the Minneapolis Public Schools, she led 19 middle and high schools and was responsible for the implementation of the Minneapolis Secondary Redesign. In Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Cassellius was responsible for middle school and district reforms that led to accelerated gains and narrowed the achievement gaps among students.



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Tom Sorel – Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

Tom Sorel, former Gov. Tim Pawlenty's transportation commissioner, will stay on in the Dayton administration. Sorel has headed MnDOT since April 2008, after taking over from Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau. Prior to being commissioner, Sorel worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and was division administrator for the FHWA Minnesota Division Office. Sorel has a Master of Business Administration degree from Thomas College and has also completed the Wharton Transportation Executive Program and the Federal Executive Institute Leadership for a Democratic Society.

Tom Landwehr – Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Tom Landwehr will now head one of the most public state agencies – the DNR. Landwehr was most recently assistant state director for the Nature Conservancy and used to be a wildlife supervisor and scientist for the DNR. Landwehr also served on the Shoreview City Council and has taught classes at the University of Minnesota's School of Natural Resources.

Tony Sertich – Iron Range Resource and Rehabilitation Board

Tony Sertich, a six-term House member from Chisholm, was also the youngest person to hold the House Majority Leader position. The longtime Iron Ranger will head the not-well-known agency, which seeks to diversify industries on Minnesota's Iron Range. Rep. Sertich formally resigned from his legislative office, and a special election will be held on February 15 to fill the legislative vacancy.

Major General Larry Shellito - Department of Veterans Affairs

Major General Larry Shellito recently retired after 7 years as head of the Minnesota National Guard. Major General Shellito has built a nationwide reputation as head of the fifth largest National Guard in the nation. Major General Shellito served in Vietnam and then proceeded to serve 37 years in the National Guard. The Veteran Affairs commissioner will be in charge of assisting the 381,000 Minnesota veterans and their families.

Cindy Jesson – Department of Human Services (DHS)

Cindy Jesson will step down as the director of Hamline Law School's Health Institute to take the top position at the Department of Human Services. Jesson, who will lead the largest and fastest growing agency, served as a former deputy attorney general. The head of DHS will be busy helping the state implement federal health care reforms made last year, which are being phased



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in through 2014. The state's Department of Human Services has also been a consistent target for many Republicans to solve the state's project multi-billion dollar shortfall.

Thomas Roy – Corrections

Thomas Roy graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1974, started his career in probation and parole in Duluth, moving onto Carlton County. In 1994, he was promoted to chief probation officer for the five Arrowhead counties and, in 2002, took over as executive director for Arrowhead Regional Corrections. He also is chair of the Minnesota Interstate Compact Advisory Council, which oversees the movement of convicted offenders to and from Minnesota.

Lee Sheehy – Judicial Selection

Lee Sheehy practiced law for almost 25 years, beginning with the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General in 1977. He spent fifteen years at the law firm Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman, and Doty before becoming Chief Deputy to Minnesota Attorney General Humphrey in 1995. He has served as general counsel to Public Radio International, regional administrator of the Metropolitan Council, director of the City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, and chief of staff to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar. Sheehy is currently the Director of Region and Communities Programs at the McKnight Foundation. He served as the co-chair of Dayton's transition team.

Mark Philips – Department of Employment and Economic Development

Formerly of Virginia, Mark Philips is a private sector business development professional. Phillips brings more than twenty-five years of demonstrated leadership in development and finance, including launching new and creative programs for community and economic development, real estate development, and business financing. Currently, he serves as director of Business Development for Kraus-Anderson Construction. Phillips' career bridges public and private industry in both metro and greater Minnesota, having served as director of Community and Economic Development at the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) under Gov. Perpich, as director of Development for Minnesota Power, and as vice president of Northeast Ventures Corporation. He is a recipient of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota's Career Achievement Award.



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Ted Mondale – Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission

Former state Senator Mondale is the son of former Vice President Walter Mondale and was chairman of a regional planning council under then-Gov. Jesse Ventura. From 1990 to 1996 he served in the Minnesota Senate, representing St. Louis Park and Hopkins, where he successfully passed major legislation including the Land Recycling Act, the Livable Communities Act and the International Airport Location Bill. Mondale last ran for office in 1998, when he finished fifth in a Democratic gubernatorial primary that also included Dayton. Mondale served as Chair of the Metropolitan Council from 1999 through 2002, where he led the successful Hiawatha LRT line through the State and Federal regulatory and funding hurdles.

Ramona Dohman – Department of Public Safety

Ramona Dohman is chief of police of Maple Grove and immediate past president of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, as commissioner of Public Safety. Chief Dohman has almost 30 years of experience in law enforcement, having served in police departments in both the metro area and greater Minnesota. Appointed chair of the Police Officer Standards and Training Board by Governor Pawlenty in 2010, Dohman has worked with the legislative and executive branches to implement policies designed to improve and expand the role of law enforcement across a broad spectrum of issues including advocating for victim's rights and critical federal funding.

John Edman - Explore Minnesota

Governor Dayton reappointed John Edman as director of Explore Minnesota. Since taking the helm as Director in 2000, Edman has earned the widespread respect of the tourism industry. Edman previously held leadership positions in prominent public and private travel organizations, including serving as director of marketing for Carlson Destination Marketing Services.

Bill Grant – Office of Energy Security

Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman announced the appointment of William Grant as deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Division. Mr. Grant most recently served as associate executive director of the Izaak Walton League of America since 2002. Mr. Grant served as director of the League's Midwest office beginning in 1995 and has directed advocacy of utility regulatory reform policies to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy for the League. Mr. Grant spent seven years with the Minnesota Department of Public Service, where his responsibilities included the review of utility conservation plans,



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integrated resource plans, certificate of need filings, and interventions before federal regulatory agencies. Mr. Grant holds a B.A. in political science and history from Macalester College and has a master's degree in public administration from Hamline University.

Mary Tingerthal – Minnesota Housing Finance

President of Capital Markets Companies for the Housing Partnership Network, Mary Tingerthal, was appointed by Governor Dayton to lead the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. In 2008, Ms. Tingerthal was a critical part of establishing the National Community Stabilization Trust. She previously held senior management positions with the National Equity Fund, GMAC Residential Funding, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, the City of Saint Paul, and, most recently, Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF). Her educational background includes an MBA from Stanford University and a B.A. from the University of Minnesota. She serves as the vice chair of the Consumer Advisory Council to the Federal Reserve Board. Her other board positions include the National Housing Trust, the National Community Investment Fund, CommonBond Communities, and Calvert Foundation's Investment Committee.

Carolyn Parnell – Office of Enterprise Technology

The state's new chief information officer will be Carolyn Parnell, formerly the chief operating officer for information technology services for the Minnesota System of College and Universities (MnSCU). Besides working for MnSCU – the fifth largest system of two- and four-year colleges in the nation – Ms. Parnell has worked in IT management for more than 25 years, serving as IT director at both at Minnesota Public Radio and Fidelity National Information Systems. In her role at OET, she is responsible for improving government through the effective use of information technology. Parnell has an MBA from University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Business and a B.A. in sociology and liberal arts from University of Minnesota Morris.

Kevin Lindsey – Department of Human Rights

As a former civil litigation attorney for the Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Mr. Lindsey brings more than fifteen years of experience to help resolve complex legal and public policy questions for the Dayton administration. Mr. Lindsey will take up the role as Commissioner of Human Rights. He received his J.D. and B.A. from the University of Iowa, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Law Review*. He worked for the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, where he practiced civil litigation, primarily representing clients in employment, product liability, contract, and health law. He also brings private sector experience as the COO and general counsel of Axis, Inc., where he was responsible for managing human resources operations, ensuring legal and administrative compliance, and risk management. Before working



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in Ramsey County, Mr. Lindsey worked for the firm of Halleland, Lewis, Nilan & Johnson in the employment and health law groups.

Josh Tilsen - Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS)

Josh Tilsen, the newly appointed commissioner of the Minnesota BMS, has worked there as a full-time hearing officer and mediator. He brings to this position more than 30 years of experience as a mediator, facilitator, administrative hearing officer, arbitrator, and trainer. Mr. Tilsen has brought labor and management together to settle countless collective bargaining agreements. He has worked in almost every county and school district in Minnesota and has also served in both municipal and state level of government and for both the executive and judicial branches. Mr. Tilsen has worked as a hearing officer and mediator with BMS since 1988, including 8 years as manager of administrative hearings. He has also been a leader in modernizing the bureau's technology and administrative services, and has led projects to update agency computer systems, data management, on-line capabilities, and communications. Prior to working at the BMS, Mr. Tilsen was a union representative and officer for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 17 union in the Twin Cities. He is a graduate of San Francisco State College.

Spencer Cronk - Department of Administration

Spencer Cronk, the new commissioner of the department, previously served as executive director of organizational development and senior advisor for the Department of Small Business Services for New York City. Under Mayor Bloomberg's administration, Mr. Cronk worked to streamline and reorganize city services and built a track record of performance improvement, data-driven, decision-making, and organizational efficiencies. His accomplishments include the design and implementation of a comprehensive performance management system, and creation of a new program to integrate newcomers into the city's pool of 300,000 employees. Before coming to New York, Mr. Cronk worked in Oakland, Cal., for the National Community Development Institute, where he helped provide capacity-building support for non-profit organizations through strategic planning, human capital development, and fiscal sustainability. Mr. Cronk was also a public affairs fellow with the Coro New York Leadership Center. He grew up in Minnesota and received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program.



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Sheila Wright – Office of Higher Education

Dr. Sheila Wright, Hamline University professor and Dean of the School of Education, was appointed as the Director of the Office of Higher Education. Dr. Wright has dedicated her career in education to addressing the crucial issues of teacher quality and the achievement gap, working in P-12 and higher education, as well as in state government and non-profit organizations. She is widely respected as an innovator in the areas of faculty governance, assessment, tenure, diversity, and community partnerships. Prior to joining the faculty at Hamline, Dr. Wright served as associate dean of academic programs and a tenured faculty member in the School of Education at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. She has also taught at Carleton College in Northfield and at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Dr. Wright previously served as an adjunct at North Carolina State University, Saint Augustine's College, and Coastal Carolina Community College. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, earned her Master's from the Rhode Island School of Design, and her PhD in curriculum and instruction from North Carolina State University.

Ellen Anderson – Public Utilities Commission

Senator Ellen Anderson brings a strong background in energy policy and a long-standing commitment to public service. She was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1992 and she is currently the ranking minority member of the Energy Utilities and Telecommunications Committee. Previously, Sen. Anderson has chaired the Senate Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Budget Division and has been a leader in the areas of sustainable energy policy, clean water, affordable housing, family-friendly workplace policies, inner city revitalization, and consumer protection. She received her undergraduate degree from Carleton College and her law degree from the University of Minnesota.