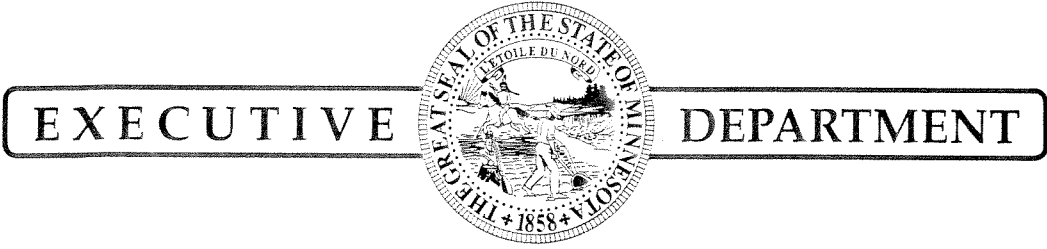


# STATE of MINNESOTA



TIM PAWLENTY  
GOVERNOR

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**ANNETTE MEEKS** RECEIVED

19 South First Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
County of Hennepin  
Congressional District Five

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President of the Senate

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the said office of:

**DISTRICT SEVEN MEMBER  
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

Effective: June 25, 2007  
Term Expires: January 3, 2011

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, June 18, 2007.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Pawlenty', is written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ritchie', is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

Replacing: Reappointment

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY**

*All information on this form is available to the public upon request.*



Agency Name: \* METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought: MEMBER, DISTRICT 7  
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Name: \* ANNETTE MEEKS  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Applicant Address: \* 19 SOUTH FIRST STREET, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Work Phone: \* (612) 341-8168 Home Phone: (612) 341-8168

E-MAIL: \* ANNETE MEEKS @ GMAIL. COM

County: HENNEPIN MN House of Rep District: 58B U.S. House of Rep District: 5TH

\* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a current resume or a biographical statement containing work history, education, community activities, etc., and any other information the Applicant or Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.**

**OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §15.0597.

Sex:  Female  Male  
 Political Party:  Democratic-Farmer-Labor  Green  Independence  Republican  Other \_\_\_\_\_  No party preference

Disability:  Yes  No

Race\*:  African American / Black  American Indian / Alaska Native  Asian  Hispanic  Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  White  Other Race \_\_\_\_\_

National Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ (Country of Origin or Principle Tribe) (\* Select as many as apply)

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Annette Meeks 1-16-07  
(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

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\* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

**MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO:** Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments  
 180 State Office Building  
 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd  
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299  
**FAX:** (651) 296-9073  
**Phone:** (651) 297-5845 **President of the Senate**  
**Email:** [open.appointments@state.mn.us](mailto:open.appointments@state.mn.us)

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired. *By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)*

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Sub by AA: \_\_\_\_\_ AA: Governor Trans Date: 1-24-07

## Annette Meeks

Annette Meeks is the founder and president of the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota, an independent, non-profit, education and research organization that develops and actively advocates the principles of individual freedom, personal responsibility, economic freedom, and limited government.

From July 2004 until April 2006, Annette Meeks served as president and Chief Executive Officer of Center of the American Experiment. She joined American Experiment in January 1997 as Director of Government Affairs and Public Programs.

Prior to joining American Experiment, Annette worked in Washington, D.C. where she was appointed by Congressman Newt Gingrich to serve as his Deputy Chief of Staff upon his swearing in as the 50<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. In this capacity she oversaw the personnel and administration of the Speaker's Office. In addition, she was in charge of appointments to boards and commissions, all foreign travel for Members of Congress, as well as many special events hosted by Congress.

Prior to working in the Speaker's office, Annette served as Congressman Gingrich's Administrative Assistant in Washington, D.C. She assumed this position in November of 1992. In this capacity, she was responsible for managing all aspects of his official congressional offices in Washington, D.C. and Marietta, Georgia.

In 1992, Gingrich tapped Annette to lead his re-election effort in Georgia. This multi-million dollar campaign was one of the most closely watched and hard-fought battles in that election year. Gingrich's victory in November 1992 marked his largest electoral victory to date.

From 1989 until 1992, Annette served in the Whip's Office as a Special Assistant to the Republican Whip. In this position she was responsible for tracking Member's votes as well as publishing *The Whipping Post*, a publication that outlined the daily legislative program for the U.S. House of Representatives.

She began working for Newt during his successful campaign for House leadership in 1989 when he was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Republican Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives, the second highest-ranking Republican leadership position in the House.

Her previous experience was in Minnesota politics, including four years as a district representative for Congressman Vin Weber (R-MN) in Marshall, Minnesota.

In 2002 she was appointed by then Governor-elect Tim Pawlenty to serve on his transition advisory committee. In 2004 she served on the Governor's Stadium Screening Committee, a 21-member advisory board that provided recommendations to the governor and the legislature regarding professional sports facilities.

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On March 3, 2003, Governor Pawlenty appointed Annette to serve a four-year term as the Seventh District representative to the Metropolitan Council. The Minnesota Senate confirmed her appointment to this position on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Meeks is a member of the Transportation Committee and is Vice Chair of the Community Development Committee. In addition, she served on the Hiawatha light rail management committee, the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee, and chaired the Metro GIS evaluation committee. She is also active on several community steering committees in Minneapolis.

Annette is also involved in various non-profit organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Council for Electoral Leadership, the Governor's Commission to End Long-Term Homelessness, and in 2005, she joined the Minnesota Citizens Commission for the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary. In addition, she is a member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Association of Alpha Omicron Pi and a volunteer at Exodus House, a transitional shelter in downtown Minneapolis.

She frequently provides political commentary on local television and radio shows, including co-hosting "The Poli-chicks", a current affairs radio show on AM-1500, KSTP and FM-107, as well as participating in a weekly political discussion on *A Balanced Breakfast with Ian and Margery*, a morning radio show based in the Twin Cities. She is also a regular commentator on *At Issue*, a weekly public affairs television show produced by KSTP-TV as well as providing political commentary each Friday on Channel 5's *Eyewitness News*.

Annette is married to Jack Meeks, CEO of The Walker Group, Inc. They live in downtown Minneapolis and attend Wooddale church.

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**Annette Meeks**  
**Metropolitan Council Member**  
**District 7**

Metropolitan Council Member Annette Meeks was appointed to the Council by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty in March 2003. Meeks represents District 7, which includes north Minneapolis, downtown Minneapolis and south-central Minneapolis. Meeks is the Director of Government Affairs and Public Programs at the Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank in Minneapolis. She also serves as vice chair of the Republican Party of Minnesota. She is a founder and president of the North Star Excellence in Public Service Leadership Series, a project that seeks to more fully engage women in politics.

"My interest in serving on the Metropolitan Council grew from a study of the Council I worked on for the Center of the American Experiment," Meeks said. "I had an interest in the future of the Council and the necessity of making it work better for the region. It's been very helpful to have a perspective both as an outsider and now an insider."

Meeks serves as vice chair of the Council's Community Development Committee, and is a member of the Transportation Committee. She also serves on the Central Corridor and Hiawatha Corridor Management Committees. Transportation is one of the issues in which Meeks is most interested.

"We face a time of transformation for the region's transportation system, given budget constraints and the opening of light rail," said Meeks. "The Council has a great opportunity to make our transit system more vital, to increase ridership, and make it even more responsive to the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs of the citizens of this region."

Prior to joining the Center of the American Experiment, Meeks served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Newt Gingrich while he was Speaker of the House. In this capacity, she oversaw the personnel and administration of the Speaker's office. In addition, she was in charge of appointments to boards and commissions, all foreign travel for members of Congress, and special events.

Annette and her husband, Jack, live in downtown Minneapolis. She enjoys cooking and entertaining, needlepoint, and political activities. She attends Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie. She is also involved in various nonprofit organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of Opponents of a Unicameral House (O.U.C.H.), an organization that was successful in defeating a proposal for a unicameral legislature in Minnesota.

Meeks pursued a B.A. in political science at the University of Minnesota. She also graduated from the American Campaign Academy in Washington, D.C.

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