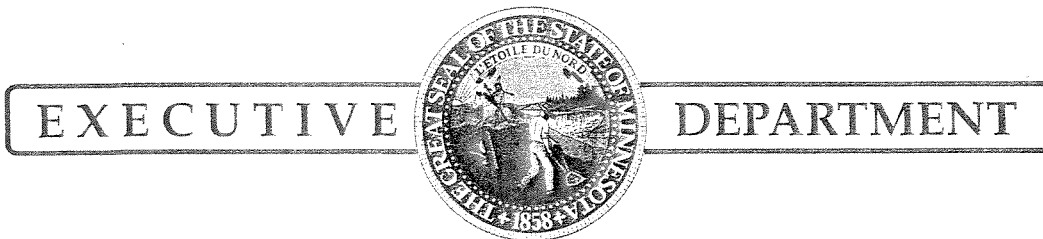


STATE of MINNESOTA



TIM PAWLENTY
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

J. DENNIS O'BRIEN

251 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
County of Ramsey
Congressional District Four

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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:

MEMBER PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Effective: February 7, 2008
Term Expires: January 6, 2014

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, February 6, 2008.



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

Governor

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

Secretary of State

Replacing: Marshall Johnson

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: *

Public Utilities Commission

(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought:

member

(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Name: *

J Dennis O'Brien

(First Name)

(Last Name)

Applicant Address: *

251 Summit Ave

St. Paul

MN

5502

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Work Phone: * (651) 259-3614

Home Phone: (651) 227-3688

E-MAIL: *

County: Roseau

MN House of Rep District: _____

U.S. House of Rep District: 4

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: 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 X

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
 _____ Independence

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

Disability: _____ Yes
 _____ No

Republican
 _____ Other _____
 _____ No party preference

National Origin: US
 (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.

J Dennis O'Brien

(Signature of Applicant)*

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(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
 Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

President of the Senate

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: _____ Trans Date: _____

Emphasis

Labor Relations
Discrimination Law
Education Law

Biography

J. Dennis O'Brien joined the Pawlenty administration in January 2007. He is currently the Director of Strategic Planning.

Prior to his appointment, Dennis was a partner in the Littler Mendelson Law Firm, a national law firm with over 600 lawyers. He advised and represented employers in a broad range of employment law matters. He successfully tried State and Federal court employment matters and negotiated private and public sector collective bargaining agreements.

Mr. O'Brien provided traditional labor relations service in the private sector. He has conducted campaigns to maintain non-union status, tried grievances and unfair labor practice cases, and has argued those cases in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. He also has extensive experience in employment litigation including Title VII and the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

Prior to joining Littler & Mendelson in 2005, Mr. O'Brien practiced education law in the Twin Cities area for over 35 years. He began his career as a Special Assistant District Attorney General representing the State Department of Education and other State Education agencies. He has extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise in all aspects of education law, including labor relations and collective bargaining, employment matters, employee discipline and discharge, school funding and finance, administration procedures, and State and Federal court litigation.

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota School of Law
B.A., University of Minnesota

Publications

Mr. O'Brien has written publications such as "Project Agreements, A Modern Dilemma," *Business Lawyer* (1981).

Lectures & Presentations

Mr. O'Brien is an Adjunct member of the University of Minnesota College of Education and has also been a frequent lecturer at CLE seminars on labor relations matters, discrimination, and school law.

Honors & Awards

In 1994 and again in 1997, Mr. O'Brien was the only education lawyer in Minnesota selected as an "Outstanding Lawyer" by the American Research A Corporations, a distinction received by fewer than five percent of Minnesota lawyers.

Activities

Minnesota State Bar
Wisconsin State Bar
American Bar Association's Administrative Law Section for Labor & Employment Law
Minnesota State Bar Association's Labor Committee
Wisconsin State Bar Association's Labor Law Section
Member of the Hennepin County Bar Association

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