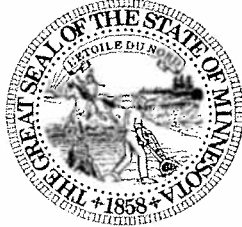


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jesse Overton

8108 West 103rd Street
Bloomington, MN 55438
County of Hennepin
Congressional District 3

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 office of:

MEMBER

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Effective: June 30, 2013
Term Expires: June 30, 2019

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 30, 2013.



Governor

Secretary of State

Mark Dayton
Mark Ritchie

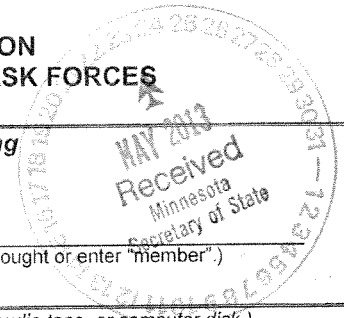
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.



Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying
 Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Minnesota Racing Commission
 (Name of board, council, commission or task force.)

Position Sought: Member
 (Membership position sought or enter "member".)

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself
 Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Jesse Overton
 (First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Phone: (952) 454-5320

Preferred Mailing Address: 8108 W. 103rd St.
 (Preferred Mailing Address)
Bloomington, MN 55438
 (City) (State) (Zip)

E-MAIL: skyvista@aol.com

County: Hennepin

MN House of Rep Dist: 41B US House of Rep Dist: 3
 Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.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 cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5.).
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female _____ Male X
 Age: 62
 Disability: Yes _____ No X
 Political Party: X Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 _____ Independence
 _____ Republican
 _____ No Party Preference
 _____ Other _____
 Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes _____ No X
 Race: X African American or Black
 _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
 _____ Asian or Pacific Islander
 _____ White or Caucasian
 _____ Other Race _____

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

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

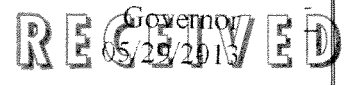
Jesse M. Overton
 (Signature of Applicant)

May 23, 2013
 (Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
 Office of Secretary of State
 Open Appointments
 180 State Office Building
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
 Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
 Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.



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May 23, 2013

Open Appointments
State of Minnesota

Re: Minnesota Racing Commission

To Appointing Authority:

For the reasons I discuss in this letter, I am seeking reappointment as a Minnesota Racing Commissioner. I was appointed by Governor Pawlenty in September 2007 and my term expires on June 30, 2013. Governor Dayton selected me as the Chair of the Racing Commission in 2011.

I have been involved with horses since I worked on my grandmother's farm in Tennessee.

I was honored to have been appointed by the NAACP to act as it's Fair Share Coordinator in 1984 relating to the then pending applications to the Minnesota Racing Commission for the sole pari-mutuel horse racetrack to be located in the seven-county area. In that capacity, I attended numerous Racing Commission meetings through the years and extensively studied the industry and its impact on the state of Minnesota. Through the years, I have seen, on a first-hand basis, the successes and failures of the racing industry in this State and how those successes and failures impact employees at the racetracks, in the agricultural sector of our economy and in those other industries that benefit from a successful racing industry in the state of Minnesota.

As a Commissioner, I have been involved in broadening my experience and training relating to the racing industry and the duties of being a Commissioner. I completed the new Racing Commissioner training program of the Racing Commissions International, which is an organization made up of most of the major racing jurisdictions and commissions in the world. I also completed various courses concerning how to take care of and train horses of any breed so that I could better understand what the "inside" view is of the industry and so that I could better understand the needs of the people who work day-to-day in this industry as grooms, hot walkers, stall cleaners, and trainers.

As a Commissioner, I participated in the Annual National Conference of Racing Commissioners International; I speak on a regular basis with other state regulators around the country to make sure that I am as informed as possible as to what is necessary to promote the integrity of the industry in the state of Minnesota. I have spoken on the subject of integrity in the racing industry at the Organization of Racing Investigators International.

As the Chair, I have reached out to and invited to Racing Commission meetings national organizations representing harness racing, thoroughbred racing and quarter horse racing. I have met on numerous occasions with the members of those organizations in the state of

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Minnesota to make sure I understand how they think the industry could be more successful, provide more jobs and be operated with the highest integrity possible.

I have worked successfully to upgrade our medication rules and policies and to make sure that the Racing Commission staff is educating the horsemen at the two tracks to promote compliance with State laws.

As the Chair, I have tried to streamline our processes by creating committees of Racing Commission members that can develop special expertise in certain areas that are so important to the integrity of racing, such as, the Finance Committee that studies the financial strength of the Class A and Class B licensees, the Racing Committee which deals with the rules of racing, including medication, and the Administrative Committee which deals with personnel and administrative matters of the Commission.

I have been employed in private industry for my entire career. I have dedicated much of my time to public service in positions such as with the NAACP, Bridge for Runaway Youth in Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Selective Service Board, Minnesota Jobs Skills Partnership, Minnesota Judicial Appointments Board, and the State Board of Public Defense. I have been honored to have been on the Racing Commission for the last six years and the Chair for the last two years. I would like to be reappointed so that I can continue to do what I can do as a citizen volunteer to promote the integrity of racing in the state of Minnesota.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse M. Overton".

Jesse M. Overton

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Jesse M. Overton

Education

1968–1975 University of Minnesota

B.A. CLA University of Minnesota

Professional experience

**1987- Present SkyTech, Inc. Bloomington, MN.
SkyLearn, LLC. Bloomington, MN**

President and Chief Executive Officer

1980-1987 Honeywell Bull Waltham, MA.

Executive Vice President

. New Business Development

1975-1980 Honeywell Information Systems Edina, MN.

Senior Executive Accounts Manager

- Marketing and Sales of Manufacturing Systems

Community Service

Minnesota Racing Commission 2007 – Present Chairman

Jean Harris Public Policy Advisory Board 2002 – Present

Hamline University Center for Urban Training Advisory Board 2004 - Present

Minnesota International Center, Board of Directors 1992 to 1999.

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership former Chairman 1982 to 1986.

Bridge of Run Away Youth Board of Directors 1982–1987

Saint Paul NAACP Past President 1980 –1982.

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MN NAACP Fair Share Chairman 1985- 1994.

United States Selective Service Board 1981 to 2000.

University of Minnesota Honors Committee 1985 to 1992.

Blake Schools Parents Teachers Associations 1978- 1993.

Men of Courage Pilgrim Baptist Church 1978 to 1994.

Pilgrim Baptist Church Board of Trustee's 1987 to 1990.

Life Member Alumni Association University of Minnesota.

References

- **Roger Moe**
Former Senate Majority Leader
State of Minnesota
612-803-9976

- **Wayne G. Popham**
Attorney at Law
Popham Law Firm
612-333-7680

- **Monica Manning PhD**
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Family

Wife Lana Joyce Retired Elementary Teacher Highland Park Saint Paul, MN. We will celebrate our 41st anniversary on July 15, 2013.

Two Children: Jesse M. III, 40 Graduate of Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.

Rachel Ann, 38 Graduate of Whittier College, Whittier, CA.

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