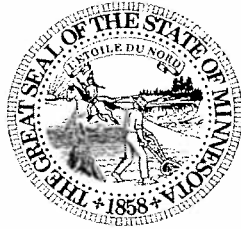


STATE OF MINNESOTA



**MARK DAYTON**  
**GOVERNOR**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Charles A. Zelle**

2100 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
County of Hennepin  
Congressional District 5

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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 office of:

**COMMISSIONER**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**


Effective: January 15, 2013

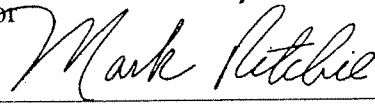
Term Expires: January 5, 2015

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, December 12, 2012.



  
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Governor

  
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Secretary of State

Replacing: Bernie Arseneau

## Charles A. Zelle

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**Objective** Commissioner of MN Department of Transportation

**Experience** **President and CEO**

Jefferson Partners L.P. (dba: Jefferson Lines), Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 1992 –December 2012

- Purchased assets of Jefferson Lines (Financing Repaid in 1989)
- Restored Sustained Profitability Through Efficiency and Growth
- Expanded Scheduled Routes in 13 Heartland States
- Negotiated Recurring Labor Agreements (ATU, UTU, Teamsters)
- Pioneered National Model of Public Rural Transit Feeder Routes
- Developed "College Connection" Program for Students
- Modernized Fleet and Innovation Technology
- Led Organization Toward Shared Vision:

*Preserve and significantly expand Jefferson Lines as the preferred independent bus company that is connected with our communities, our civic institutions and our transportation partners. Jefferson will achieve this vision through innovation and a culture of employee and customer trust.*

**Senior Positions**

The Jefferson Company, Minneapolis, MN

September 1985 – July 1992

Managed Completion and Company Divestiture of St. Anthony Main

Led Management and Bankruptcy Reorganization of Jefferson Lines

Streamlined Operations and Restored Positive Cash Flow

**Senior Associate**

Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, New York, NY

September 1983 – August 1985

Assisted in Equity Financings of Real Estate Projects and Companies

**Center Manager**

St. Anthony Main, Minneapolis, MN

September 1979 – August 1981

Managed Operations and Marketing of 200,000 Sq. Ft. Retail Center

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**Associate – Government Affairs**

American Bus Association, Washington, DC

September 1977 – July 1979

Coordinated Industry Engagement in Regulatory and Legislative Issues

**Education**

**Yale School of Management, MBA 1983**

**Bates College, BA 1977**

**St. Paul Academy and Summit School, 1973**

**Civic Roles**

**Current**

Board Chair, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce

Co-Chair, Itasca Project Transportation Initiative

Board Member, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Policy Board Member, Corridors of Opportunity

Executive Committee, American Bus Association

Board Chair, The Jerome Foundation

Member, Transportation Finance Advisory Committee

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**Past Leadership**

Executive Committee, Center for Transportation Studies

Member, National Motor Carrier Advisory Committee (FHA)

Board Chair, American Bus Association

Board Chair, The Guthrie Theater

Board Chair, Meet Minneapolis

Board Chair, St. Paul Academy and Summit School

President, Minneapolis Club

**Honors**

Ray L. Lappegard Distinguished Service Award, CTS 2012

George Rucker Award, Community Transportation Association, 2009

O. D. Gay Award, Greater Minneapolis CVB 2001

Twin Citian Volunteer Hall of Fame, Mpls/St. Paul Magazine, 2002

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2012 Biographical Information on Charles A. Zelle

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Charles A. Zelle is President and CEO of Jefferson Lines, an intercity bus company with scheduled routes in 13 heartland states from Minnesota to Texas. In Minnesota alone Jefferson serves over 60 communities and specializes in connecting rural areas to destinations throughout North America. Mr. Zelle serves as the Chair of the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board, a member of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is the Chair of the Board of the Jerome Foundation. As a founding member of the working group of the Itasca Project Zelle is Co-Chair of the Transportation Task Force. This year he was appointed by Governor Dayton to the Transportation Finance Advisory Committee, which is expected to make recommendations on state transportation funding to the Governor in December. In addition, he is a Board Member and Chair of the Policy Committee of the American Bus Association in Washington D.C.

Born and raised in St. Paul, Mr. Zelle received a BA from Bates College and a MBA from the Yale Management School. He has served as President of the boards of the Minneapolis Club, Guthrie Theater, Meet Minneapolis, St. Paul Academy, and American Bus Association. In addition, Mr. Zelle has served on the Executive Committee of the University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies (CTS).

Mr. Zelle has been recognized for his work in transportation policy as a recipient of the *George Rucker Award* by the Community Transportation Association in 2009 and the *Ray L. Lappegaard Distinguished Service Award* by CTS in 2012.

He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Julie (a minister), his daughter, Charlotte (20) and his son, Nick (17).