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# TIM WALZ GOVERNOR

#### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

# Nora Slawik

390 Robert Street North St. Paul, MN 55101 County of Ramsey Congressional District 4

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:

#### **CHAIR**

#### **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

Effective: January 7, 2019 Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 7, 2019.

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Replacing: Harry Melander

Governor James Secretary of State

# **Nora Slawik**

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#### **SKILLS**

• Leadership, legislation, regional Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) policy and planning, economic development, finance, transportation and early education policy, public speaking, community outreach, consensus building, creative problem solving and strategic planning.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Chair, Metropolitan Council, 2019-Current

- Appointed by the Governor to work with the Council and direct the Regional Administrator and staff to develop Council policies and programs
- Principal spokesperson and legislative liaison for the Council

#### Mayor, City of Maplewood, 2014 - 2018

- Collaborated with City Council and staff to adopt innovative policies on land use, housing, economic development, transportation and quality of life
- Led economic re-development partnerships to re-envision the Maplewood Mall, Gladstone and Rice Larpenteur areas using goals of affordable housing, zoning flexibility and equity measures
- Served as Rush Line BRT Line Policy Advisory Committee Chair for Environmental Analysis Phase, planning with community leaders and staff a 14 mile transit route between Saint Paul and White Bear Lake with five stops in Maplewood
- Provided leadership to Gold Line BRT in partnership with city, county and Metro Transit on Project Development Phase of the I-94 corridor line, including a stop in Maplewood on the 3M campus
- Coordinated key leadership role in community engagement and planning process to develop the city 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- Developed strategies in leadership positions with Regional Council of Mayors, and Minnesota Mayors Association of the League of MN Cities
- Preserved and protected parks and recreation systems in partnership with Ramsey County and legislators including development of the new Fish Creek Greenway, a 70-acre preserve.
- Completed elected officials cohort of race equity training by the Government Alliance on Race Equity (GARE)
- Formed innovative partnership to tackle large debt issue related to the Maplewood Community Center through a partnership with the YMCA.

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# Manager, Juniper, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, 2015-2017

• Directed the development of Juniper, <a href="www.juniper.org">www.juniper.org</a>, a technology based solution to help Minnesotans be healthy as they age

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Created Juniper MIS technology solution with developers focused on centralized class availability, calendaring, leader tracking, health care referrals, analytics and clinical evidence-based program summaries for chronic health conditions.

#### Adjunct Faculty, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2004 – 2014

- Designed and taught graduate course on early childhood and public policy, focusing on comprehensive approaches and partnerships to support birth to third grade learners.
- Communicated the compelling theoretical foundations, best practices research, and affect of targeted early education investments to close the achievement gap.

#### Director of Education, Autism Society of Minnesota, May 2012 – June 2014

- Catalyst in developing evidence-based, cost effective strategies to inform educators and parents through targeted autism education training
- Co-created, designed and led multicultural child care provider curriculum for a fifteen hour certification course on early autism identification and interventions
- Provided effective grant writing and oral communication skills to convey complex ASD information clearly and concisely to meet funding deadlines and to maximize the use of private and public dollars and resources.

#### Minnesota State Representative – Maplewood – 7 terms 1997-1998; 2001-2012

- Chair, Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee, allocated \$440M in early childhood funding 2006-2010
- Initiated the bipartisan, bicameral Early Childhood Caucus, leading to organizational, management and systems change
- Contributed directly to the formation of Minnesota's Office of Early Learning, the implementation of a Quality Rating System, and Minnesota's successful Race to the Top grant bringing \$45M to the state to help close the achievement gap.
- Directed staff, managed budget, served constituents, prepared white papers, conducted fiscal and policy analysis, drafted legislation, testified, created and maintained bicameral and bipartisan relationships.

#### Development Officer, University of Arizona Press, 1991-1994

- Collaborated with campus faculty to develop fundraising strategies for UA Press
- Solicited major donors and planned special events to raise nearly \$500k
- Conducted statewide volunteer board recruitment campaign and solicitations

#### Finance Director, Boy Scouts Indianhead Council, St. Paul, 1988-1990

- Directed corporate foundation gift program; wrote grants; researched prospects.
- Supervised staff and managed fundraising financial reports.

### Fundraising Manager, United Way: Twin Cities & Alexandria, Virginia, 1984-1988

- Recruited, trained and supervised volunteers in raising several million dollars
- Coordinated workplace giving for State and Federal programs. 5 🖔 5 🗓 🗸
- Successfully completed yearlong national management training program

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#### Education

*Master of Public Affairs*, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, December 2007 Leadership/Public Policy concentration; Salzburg Global Seminar Fellow

**Bachelor of Science**, Arizona State University, 1984 Parks and Recreation Administration, Nonprofit Management emphasis

#### Community Involvement

Mentor, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota, current
Century College Foundation Board member, current
Minnesota Reading Corps Tutor, Metro Area Fall 2018
Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative Board Member, 2016-2018
Member, Transportation Advisory Board, Metropolitan Council, 2014
Certified Non-Profit Professional of Year from Non-Profit Leadership Alliance, 2017

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