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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Benjamin Yawakie**

2513 – 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444  
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:

**PUBLIC MEMBER**

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

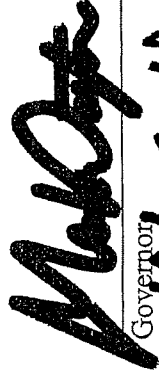
Effective: January 8, 2019

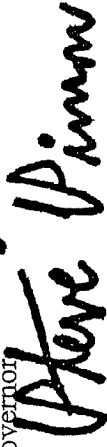
Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, October 2, 2018



  
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**Part I: Position Sought**

Agency Name: Mn Environmental Quality Board  
Position: Public Member

**Part II: Applicant Information**

Name: Mr. Benjamin Yawakie  
Phone: (651) 695-7663  
Mailing Address: 2513 94th Avenue North Brooklyn Park 55444  
Email: benjamin.yawakie@mitchellhamline.edu  
County: Hennepin  
Mn House District: 36B  
US House District: 3  
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

**Part III: Appending Documentation**

**Cover Letter and Resume**

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf
Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)	
Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

**Part IV: Optional Statistical Information**

Gender: Male

Disability: No

Age: 28

Political Affiliation: Independence

Ethnicity: American Indian or Alaska Native

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

**Part V: Signature**

Signature: Benjamin Yawakie

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**BENJAMIN YAWAKIE**

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### EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Morris, MN 56267	B.A. Statistics <i>minor: Psychology</i>	May 2018
Augsburg University Minneapolis, MN 55454	B.S. Biology B.A. Chemistry	May 2014 May 2014
Breck School Golden Valley, MN 55422	High School	May 2008

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Presenter*, Path Analysis on Minnesota Native American Health Outcomes, American Statistical Association: Twin Cities Chapter, Fall Research Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2017

*Presenter*, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 Sensitivity to Detect Substance Dependence in Northern Plains American Indians, National American Psychological Association Convention, Denver, CO, 2016

*Presenter*, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 Sensitivity to Detect Substance Dependence in Northern Plains American Indians, Society of Indian Psychologists Conference, Utah State University, Logan, UT, 2016

*Presenter*, Seven Generations Center and the Three Sisters Model of Training, Division 45: Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race Conference, Stanford University, Silicon Valley, CA 2016

*Presenter*, Age & Gender's Effect on Health Status & Health Coverage, IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Conference, & American Indian Health Research Conference, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, 2016

*Presenter*, Characterization of the Development and Structure of the Basal Bead in Daphnia Magna, American Indian Science Engineering Society National Conference, Orlando, FL, 2015

*Presenter*, Temperature's Effect on Chlorophyll, International Science & Engineering Fair, Atlanta, GA 2008

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

*Research Assistant*, Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center, Current – 05/2018

Conducted a Tribal, federal, state, and local breastfeeding policy and law scan within the Bemidji service area of the Indian Health Service that consists of 34 Tribal communities and 4 urban health clinics in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Conducted a treat scan of the 4 federally recognized tribes within the state of Kansas to determine land rights and land usage within each individual tribe. Preliminary grant proposal assistance for an Evidence for Action (E4A) grant Robert Wood Johnson Foundation investigating the effect of Medicaid expansion on health access and health outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native populations in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska.

*Organic Chemistry Lab Assistant*, Chemistry Department, University of Minnesota, Morris, 12/2017 – 09/2017

Assisted in laboratory protocol write-ups, demonstration of laboratory experiments, setting up and tearing down weekly laboratory experiments and projects, chemical inventory, and waste management in compliance with state and federal regulations.

*Student Food Service Worker*, Turtle Mountain Cafe & Catering, Sodexo, University of Minnesota, Morris, 12/2017 – 09/2016

Worked in a variety of functions ranging from: customer service, food handling/serving, food preparation, catering, cashier services, and janitorial services for the University of Minnesota – Morris's Dining Hall and Turtle Mountain Café.

*Project Assistant*, TICOM, Inc., Summer of '17, '16, and '14

Compiled economic and demographic profiles for various tribes in Iowa, Wyoming, and Montana to assist in project development and provided dataset development and GIS mapping expertise to assist Project Engineer.

*Greenhouse Technician*, Len Busch Roses, 01/2015 – 08/2014

Provided horticultural assistance from seed preparation and planting through growth, to harvesting of a wide range of flowers that were then delivered to retailers throughout the Minneapolis – Saint Paul metro area.

*High School Tutor & Mentor*, All Nations After School Program & Wiconi Waste', South High School & Little Earth of United Tribes, Augsburg University, 05/2014 – 01/2011

Worked with students at South High School in Minneapolis, MN to provide after school tutoring and mentoring for an Augsburg University ~~provided a level 300 level~~ program. Through this experience, was then tasked to lead a teaching role in Algebra I with six students in my last semester of work.

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### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

*Morris Campus Representative, Equity, Access & Diversity Committee, University of Minnesota, 2016 – 2018*

Nominated by my peers to this committee that works to address issues of vital importance to faculty, staff, and students that included: the confidentiality of students counseling and medical records, addressing sexual misconduct, reaction to federal immigration policy, modification to parental leave benefits, as well as addressing hate speech and white supremacy propaganda on campuses throughout the University of Minnesota higher education institutions.

*Secretary, Circle of Nations Indigenous Association, University of Minnesota, Morris, 2018*

Elected by majority vote of the student members of the organization to fulfill duties that included minutes of all organizational meetings, as well as assistance in preparations for the 2018 CNIA Powwow. Worked collaboratively with the Associate Director of Multi-Ethnic Student Program's to gauge interest and lay the groundwork for the creation of a standalone American Indian Student Success Center as the University of Minnesota, Morris is a hub for American Indian students from across the nation.

*Treasurer & Founding Member, Students for Recovery, University of North Dakota, 2016*

Worked collaboratively to increase awareness and recruit members to the organization. Contributed to the Proposal for this Collegiate Recovery Program at UND, and presented Proposals to the UND President and Board of Regents that led to a \$10,000 start-up grant from Transforming, Youth Recovery.

*Honorary Executive Board Member, UND Indian Association, University of North Dakota, 2015-2016*

Worked collaboratively with other Board Members to plan and implement the full week of activities that honor American Indian culture in North Dakota, including the Annual Time Out and Wacipi (Powwow) with a \$15,000 Budget, 2015 – 2016

*Powwow Co-Chair, Augsburg Indigenous Student Association Powwow, Augsburg College, 2012*

Co-coordinated the event, established subcommittees, coordinated volunteers, invited Head Dancers, Drum Groups, Master of Ceremonies, Arena Director, and Vendors. Worked closely with Augsburg University on logistics that included parking, safety and security, food services, and renting of facilities.

*Secretary, Indigenous Student Association, Augsburg College, 2012*

Recorded meeting minutes and worked collaboratively with the Director of American Indian Student Services to obtain official status from the University as an organization worthy of receiving ongoing financial resources support.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- ◆ Scholar of the College, University of Minnesota – Morris, 2018
- ◆ Minnesota Indian Scholarship, 2017-2018
- ◆ Endowed Scholar, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, 2016
- ◆ National Institute of Health & National Institute on Drug Abuse Early Career Poster Presenter Travel Award, 2016
- ◆ Scholastic Connections Scholarship and Mentorship, 2012 – 2014
- ◆ American Indian Family Empowerment Scholarship, 2011 & 2014
- ◆ Testified to Minnesota Senate's Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee on behalf of the Minnesota Private College Council about the Minnesota State Grant, 03/2013
- ◆ Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, 2012
- ◆ Minnesota Private College Fund's Galileo Scholarship, 2011

### MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Beta Beta Beta, National Biological Honor Society
- ◆ American Psychological Association
- ◆ Division 45 of APA: Society of Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race
- ◆ American Statistical Association

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