

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department



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Governor Tim Walz President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Grace Arnold

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Commerce

Effective: April 15, 2021

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed April 15, 2021.



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Tim Walz

Governor

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Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Replacing: Stephen Kelley

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Department of Commerce — *Temporary Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner*

2019 – PRESENT

Commissioner: Appointed due to unplanned departure of leadership. Managed abrupt transition internally and with stakeholders while keeping Department work on track. Provide strategic leadership on operational, budgetary, and legislative issues relating to the diverse functions of Commerce. Oversee ~300 employee/\$474 million budget.

Deputy Commissioner: Oversee Insurance Division including regulatory, policy and operations. Responsible for regulating an industry that impacts millions of Minnesotans. Develop & advocate for policies. Set strategic direction for teams. Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders.

Bright Health — *Individual & Family Plans*

2017 - 2019

Responsible for development and management of individual and family health insurance products in 4 states. Managed products to key performance indicators.

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services — *Chief of Staff to Chief Technology Officer, Various other roles*

2011 - 2017

Strategy: Made strategic, policy, operational and tactical recommendations to CMS & HHS leadership on all matters related to technology use and deployment.

Collaboration: establish stakeholder groups to execute strategic initiatives. Led cross-agency group to manage transition of State Exchanges to Federal platform.

Execution: Led delivery of major technology initiatives and program implementations.

Policy: Managed alignment of policy with technology and operations. Primary drafter of federal regulations for financial programs that backstop risk for insurers under the ACA. Made policy recommendations to senior policy officials.

Environment: Proven results in an extremely political environment; responsible for programs that garner national news coverage; regularly briefed CMS Administrator and senior staff.

George Washington University — *Senior Research Associate*

2009-2011

Medicare payments analyst.

Oregon Health & Science University — *Research Associate*

2007-2008

Neuromuscular disease research. Grant writing and grant management.

EDUCATION

George Washington University — *Master of Public Health*

Chair's Scholar

Macalester College — *Bachelor of Arts*

National Merit Scholar

SUMMARY

Public servant committed to advancing progressive policies through collaborative and creative engagement with stakeholders

AWARDS

CMS Valuing Stakeholder Feedback Award

Awarded for engagement with stakeholders including insurers and consumer advocates during healthcare.gov tech rebuild

CMS Implementation Award

Awarded for outstanding collaboration and user-centric approach to building a better customer service system

CMS Outstanding Team Award

Awarded for outstanding teamwork during rulemaking following passage of the ACA

ABOUT ME

Avid if not always successful gardener, love to hike, ski, camp and kayak with my family – 2 kids, a wonderful husband and our “first born”, Emmitt the dog

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