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Governor Tim Waltzesident of the Senate

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

### Kathleen Sheran

Congressional District 1

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

### Member

# Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees

Effective: September 22, 2020

Expires: June 30, 2026

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 September 17, 2020.

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Replacing: Robert Hoffman

Tim Walz

Governor

Steve Simon

Secretary of State

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#### **CURRICULUM VITAE** Kathleen Sheran, BSN, RN, MS, APRN

#### **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Minnesota State Senator-Senate District 19: Retired

Send Correspondence to:

Office address:

Kathy Sheran

201 North Broad Street, Suite 109

Mankato, MN 56001

507-344-2155

kathys@smrrental.com Phone: 507-380-5043

Professional ID: BSN, RN, MS, APRN, retired

Minnesota Board of Nursing Registration Certificate: R 062982-1

ANCC Certified Clinical Specialist Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

#### **EDUCATION:**

Institution:	Dates	<u> Major</u>
College of St. Teresa	1969	Nursing
Winona, MN	Bachelor of Science	
Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1983 Masters	Rounseling VED
St. Mary's University Winona, MN	2005-	Ed.DSEP 2 1 2020 Organizational President of the Senate

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1975-1980	Assistant Professor School of Nursing
Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1999-2006	Assistant Professor School of Nursing Coordinator of Mental Health Component

#### **Nursing Practice**

Institution:	Dates	<u>Position</u>
Mount Zion Hospital San Francisco, CA	May-December 1969	RN
University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN	1970-1974	Head Nurse Psychiatry

Blue Earth County Community Health Nursing Mankato, MN	1974-1	975	Senior Public Health Nurse
Minnesota Addictions Center Mankato, MN	1980-1	.982	Program Director
Wellness Center of Minnesota and Family Health Clinic Mankato, MN	1983-1	1988	Clinical Specialist/
Psychiatric Clinic of Mankato Mankato, MN	1988-1	1996	Clinical Specialist/ APRN
SCHOLARSHIPS: Faculty Improvement Grants	1976-1	1978	•
Scholarship from A.K. Rice Institute Washington, D.C. Group relations training	1976,	1978	
Blandin Foundation Leadership Training Academy for Advanced Leader	1998 1999		RECEIVED
HONORS AND AWARDS: YWCA Leadership Award		1994	SEP 2 1 2020
Distinguished Service Award: Coalition of Greater MN Citi	es	1999	President of the Senate
WCCO Women of the Year (for community service) Student selected graduation Faculty presenter for MNSU SN Honorary Chair of the Maverick Walk for Women's Athletic Scholarship		2000	
		2002, and 2005	
		2004-2005	
GRANTS: Robert Wood Foundation PAST PROFESSIONAL SERVIC Sigma Theta Tau Mu Lambda  Minnesota Nurses Association American Psychiatric Nurses Associ		Member Faculty Counselor Governance Common Member Member	: 2003-Present nittee Chair: 2004-2005

### Minnesota Psychiatric Nurses Association Member

CONSULTATION: Community Education Brown-Nicollet Co. Governors Bill on Chemical Dependency	1978	
Windom Employee Assistance	1979	
Blue Earth County Preparation for Medicare Accreditation	1977	
Blue Earth County Corrections	1983-1988	
Holiday Inn Employee Assistance, Mankato Garden Inn Employee Assistance	1983	
Group Relations Consultant Forest Halls Hospital, Chicago	1974	
SPRTC Developing nursing to meet Standard of Practice for working with groups	2004 RECEIVED	
Yellow Ribbon Committee Preparation of family education project on depression and suicide in adolescents	SEP 2 1 2020  2004  President of the Senate	
Open Door Health Care Center Integration of mental health screening in primary care	2004, 2005	
UNIVERSITY SERVICE: School of Nursing Personnel Committee Senior Level Curriculum Development Task Force PRN Faculty Advisor Junior Level Curriculum Task Force Junior Level Coordinator Curriculum Committee Student Life Committee Undergraduate Program Committee Nursing Faculty Organization Program Committee for Nursing Education Conference Seminar Participant,	1977-1978, 1979-1980 1978-1979 1977-1980 1977-1978 1977-1978 1975-1977 2000-2001 2002-2004 1999-Present 2003-2004	

MNSU Department of Political

Science visit from Knut Voleback

Ambassador of Norway to the United States

2003

Seminar Participant, MNSU Department of

Political Science visit from Consulate

General of Israel to the Midwest

2005

School of Nursing Resource Committee

2004-2005

Chair Maverick Women's Walk for Athletic Scholarship

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Past Service:

Minnesota State Senate, District 19

Mankato City Council President

Lawyers Board of Professional Responsibility

Minnesota Insurance Market Place Legislative Oversight Committee

Governor's task force on health care financing

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Authority

Minnesota State Advisory Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles

Governor's Task Force on Child Protection

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Legislative Task Force on the Protection of Children

NCSL/NGA Scope of Practice Project

Board member and past chair of Initiative Fund of South East, South Central Minnesota

President Minnesota Women in City Government

Governors Judicial Selection Commission

Mayo Health System Board of Directors

Government Relations Committee, Mankato Chamber of Commerce

Board of League of Minnesota Cities

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Vice Chair

State Advisory Council on Mental Health

Mankato Housing and Redevelopment Authority Chair

Civic Center and Downtown Redevelopment Committee

**Human Rights Commission** 

Youth in City Government

Women's Health Advisory Board: ISJ Hospital

Community Health Action and Promotion Project (CHAP)

Board Member: Minnesota Area Health Education Center: Minnesota AHEC

Task Force on Electric De-regulation

YWCA Women of Distinction Committee

ISJ MHS Hospital Board of Directors, Quality Committee Chair

Strategic Planning Committee

Citizens Voice Executive Committee

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Highway 14 Partnership: Originator, and first chair. Task Force on Developing Community Resources, Chamber of Commerce Hospice and Community Nursing Services Advisory Board, ISJ Hospital Initiative Foundation Nominations Committee Summit Center Board of Directors Co-Chair ISJ Mayo Health System Heart and Cancer Fund Drive

#### **CURRENT SERVICE:**

Chair: Board of the Minnesota Insurance Exchange (MNSURE) AARP Executive Council, MN MN Legislative Society Board Child and Family Advocacy Center Board of Directors

#### MINNESOTA SENATE, AWARDS AND ACHEIVMENTS:

#### Achievements:

- Chair, Senate Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee, 2013-2016
- Co-Chair, Legislative Task Force on Child Protection, 2015-2016
- Senate Majority Whip, 2007-2010
- Vice Chair, Senate Higher Education Budget and Policy Committee, 2007-2010
- Member, Governor's Task Force on Child Protection, 2014-2015 Higher Education Conference Committee Member
- Panel Member, University of Minnesota Board of Regents Review Panel
- Appointed to the Advisory Committee on Human Services Laws and Administrative Requirements
- Health Care Access Working Group Chair, "Bridging the Health Continuum"
- Chief Author of Minnesota's "Freedom to Breathe Act," to ban smoking in public • Designed and implemented MN. Senate Fellowship for persons with disabilities.
- Redesign Mn. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation System

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#### **Awards**

- Politics in Minnesota's 2007 "Freshman Legislatorie of the Methe Award"
- Allina Health Group's 2007 "Legislator of the Year" Award
- Minnesota Public Health Association's 2007 "B. Robert Lewis" Award
- Minnesota Academy of Family Physician's "Legislative Achievement" Award
- Minnesota Nurses Association's "Public Official Award" 2007
- Minnesota Farmers Union "2007-2008 Farm and Rural Legislative Award"
- Minnesota Medical Association's "James H. Sova" Award
- The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's 2007 "Legislative Champion" Award
- American Cancer Society's 2008 "Legislator of the Year" Award
- Minnesota State College Student Association's 2008 "Senator of the Year" Award

- National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota 2009 "Legislator of the Year" Award
- Minnesota State College Student Association's 2009 "Senator of the Year" Award
- Organizing Apprenticeship Project's 2008-2011 "Consistent Champion for Racial Justice" Award
- Minnesota Deputy Registrar's Association's 2011 "Outstanding Service" Award
- American Heart Association, "Legislator of the Year Award" 2013
- MN CASA, "AWARE Award," 2014
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners, "Advocate of the Year Award"
   2014
- MN Association of Nurse Anesthetists, "Public Affairs Award," 2014
- AARP, "Capitol Caregiver," 2014
- Voices For Racial Justice, "Champion for Racial Equity," 2015
- American Lung Association, "Distinguished Service for Mission Award," 2015
- Women Candidate Development Coalition, "Political Excellence Award," 2015
- City Pages, named "Most Productive Minnesota Legislator," 2015
- Minnesota Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, "Distinguished Service" award, 2015
- Children's Hospital and Clinics, "Legislative Health Hero" award, 2015
- Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation, "Legislative Champion" award, 2015
- League of Minnesota Cities, "President's Award," 2016
- Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies, "Distinguished Selvide Amard," 2016

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#### **Speaking Engagements**

- Keynote Speaker, American Lung Association's President of the Senate.

  August 21, 2007
- Speaker, NAACP-Mankato Chapter's "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Dinner" May 4, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Minnesota State University-Mankato, School of Nursing "Pinning Ceremony"
   May 11, 2007
- Speaker, Remembering with Dignity "Legislative Celebration and Ceremony" August 17, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Catalyst's "Youth Summit March and Rally" August 17, 2007
  - Keynote Speaker, Tobacco Law Center, William and Mitchell College of Law "Conversations in Public Health" December 8, 2008
- Speaker, St. Cloud State University, "Summer Leadership Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration" June 2009
- Speaker, MSCOD Legislative Forum, January 2013
- Speaker, Minnesota State University Mankato, School of Nursing, July 2013

- Speaker, Truman and Reta Wood Scholarship Dinner, Stephanie Schriock, President of Emily's List, September 2013
- Speaker, Emcee, American Heart Association, October 2013, 2014
- Speaker, Girls Empowerment Day, YWCA, November 2013
- Panelist, Elizabeth Kearney Women's Leadership Development Program, February 2014, 2015, 2016
- Emcee, Mankato Go Red Luncheon For Women, American Heart Association, May 2015
- Speaker, Midwest Independent Practice Association, September 2015
- Speaker, "Reframing and conflict resolution", YWCA, Elizabeth Kearney Leadership Institute, 2013, 1014, 2015,2016
- Panelist, Minnesota Corrections Association Fall Institute, October 2015
- Keynote Speaker, Minnesota State University- Mankato, School of Nursing, Mu Lambda 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 2015
- Speaker, "Prisoners or Patients? A Mental Health and Justice Forum" April 16, 2016
- Speaker, Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation Legislative Action Day May 3, 2016
- Speaker, YWCA Elizabeth Kearney Women's Leadership Program, October 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Lafayette Liberty Days, 2017
- Speaker, MN State Student Nurse Association Annual Conference, 2017
- First Friday Forum, Mankato Presbyterian sponsored event: 2018.
- Gustavus Adolphus Collage Public Policy Class presentation: 2018
- MNSU Mankato: Presentation Public Policy, Health Care, Nursing role: 2018
- MN Student Nurses Association Annual Conference: 2018
- UU Fellowship Naples Fla., Complexity of Legislative Action, 2020

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March 31, 2020

VIA EMAIL ONLY: Open.appointments@state.mn.us

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RE: B

Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and University

Reference: Kathleen Sheran - 4320 Linder Bay Lane, Madison Lake, MN 56063

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the senior partner in the Maschka, Riedy, Ries & Frentz Law Firm in Mankato Minnesota. I have known Kathy Sheran for more than 40 years and am familiar with the various elected positions she has held as well as her other contributions to a variety of organizations.

Ms. Sheran was highly regarded as City Council President, college professor and state senator. In her capacity as a member of the Mankato Council, the Minnesota legislature and multiple boards on which she served she developed a reputation for proactive cooperative leadership and for furthering the interests of community organizations on which she served. Noteworthy is that while in the legislature Ms. Sheran served as vice chair of the Higher Education Committee for four years as well as serving on that committee for the entire time she was in the legislature.

Ms. Sheran is known for her lifelong commitment to education at all levels and in particular those challenges faced by those less advantaged in seeking higher education.

Her wealth of knowledge, capacity to absorb information, social skills and ability to interact with persons from all walks of life make her particularly well-suited for appointment to this position on the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Sheran is highly respected, ethical and I recommend her appointment without reservation. The state is fortunate to have someone of this caliber apply for this position [5]

Very truly yours,

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President of the Senate

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Nicholas J. Maxwell I Joseph M. Bromeland ◆ ■ I Abbie S. Olson I Eric G. Iverson

701 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Austin, MN 55912 April 4, 2020

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Kathy Sheran of Mankato as the representative from the First Congressional District on the Minnesota State College and University Board of Trustees.

I first met Kathy when we were both serving as city officials in the League of Minnesota Cities and also the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. She was a great role model and her leadership style was to include others and work across the isle with our issues of infrastructure, transportation, education and Local Government Aid. Working with these issues helped Kathy develop a broad understanding of people, their work force needs and their economic struggles.

She went on to serve with distinction in the Minnesota Senate where she was an expert on health and human services policy and higher education. Her work in the Senate uniquely prepares her for the issues facing the MNSCU Board of Trustees.

She has remained engaged in multiple activities throughout her career that have kept her informed explicitly about the needs of students and families. She understands the impact of our changing demographics here in Minnesota and the need for a relevant higher education system.

It is my belief that Kathy would bring a depth of experience to the Board of Trustees and that she would be a person who would work effectively with the other members and the Chancellor as they oversee the MNSCU system.

Thus it is with enthusiasm that I recommend Kathy, knowing that she would serve with the effectiveness she has in past positions for which she has been positively recognized by her peers.

Thank you for considering Kathy for a Trustee on the Board of the MNSCU system.

Sincerely, Bonnie Besse Rietz Hormel Foundation, Vice-Chair Former Mayor, Austin SEP 2 1 2020



April 2, 2020

Board of Trustees Minnesota State 30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street St. Paul, MN 55101-7804

Re: Kathy Sheran application

Dear Board of Trustees Selection Committee,

I am writing to recommend Kathy Sheran as a candidate to fill your upcoming open seat on the Board of Trustees. Kathy will be a great asset to the Board and the great Minnesota State System. She is also an important bridgebuilder, partner and voice for companies like ours.

Kathy and I first met in 2010 during her time in the MN Senate and also through many community functions since then. She has shown great energy and interest in partnerships between education and businesses and this is necessary and refreshing. Kathy is acutely aware of the ever-changing landscape in education and in business as well as the changing demographics in our country.

I always feel that Kathy really listens carefully to small business owners like me to progressively and strategically lead toward positive change. Jones Metal is a small (100 people), 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, metal fabrication company in Mankato, MN in business since 1942. We produce a variety of metal products for some of the world's largest original equipment manufacturers utilizing state of the art technology and talent.

At Jones, we work tirelessly with the Minnesota State institutions to help guide and develop programs to meet the needs of our rapidly changing landscape. Kathy has visited our company and others and clearly understands our needs in technology and most important, workforce.

I am very excited about the prospect that she may be in a position to help to continue to lead our education system in a positive direction. We are fortunate to have such a great system in Minnesota and fortunate to have terrific leaders like Kathy Sheran.

Sincerely,

Sarah Richards President & CEO RECEIVED

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Minnesota State College and University Board of Trustees
Candidate Selection Committee

RE: Kathleen (Kathy) Sheran

I am very pleased to recommend Kathy Sheran for the role of Board of Trustee for the MN State College and University system. I had the great privilege of working with Kathy on the Higher Education Committee in the Minnesota Legislature for ten (10) years. She was knowledgeable and, indeed, passionate about providing every student attending one of our wonderful colleges and university a quality and successful educational experience.

Her experience on this committee alone will provide her with a depth of pre-existing knowledge and also a clearer understanding of the complexities of the system, but there's much more to Kathy's leadership that could benefit the Board of Trustees. Kathy is a learner. She constantly studies issues and seeks to improve her own understanding and knowledge base. She is a leader that steps up to take on a problem or challenge when one presents itself. She is introspective when faced with a seemingly impervious problem and will bring opposing perspectives to the table to find resolution. She also is strong enough to move ahead in solidarity when the call is made and needed.

To give you a bit more background about my experience working with Kathy Sheran beyond education I will share a few of my interactions with you so that you might understand why I heartily recommend her for this role.

Over the ten years we served together in the legislature, I was able to work closely with Kathy a number of time and was always keenly aware of her understanding and study of each of the many issues. She was a founder of the Highway 14 Partnership, which continues even today, which drew a broad coalition of community members together to advance a much needed project that was not rising to the top of the MNDOT Regional priorities. This group was able to bring forward a creative program that did, indeed, advance the work on building a safer Highway 14 corridor.

Another issue that we worked on together was the statewide non-emergency medical transportation issue. Kathy chaired that subcommittee and brought many, many people together to help tackle a program that needed reorganization and oversite. It was a challenging statewide issue with many regional nuances and Kathy worked on and led us through many very difficult discussions. A system change is tough work, but persistence helped make much needed improvements.

In closing, I want to encourage you to strongly consider Kathy Sheran as a qualified and very strong candidate for your Board of Trustees. As a former Senator from the Mankato area, Kathy can be a voice for the area Colleges and University – but her regional and statewide leadership make her uniquely suited for a role such as this. I wish you all the best in filling your Board and hope you'll interview Kathy Sheran as part of that process.

Feel free to call (507-990-0276) with any question and stay well during this difficult time,

Kim Norton

Mayor of Rochester

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#### Greater Mankato Diversity Council 127 S. 2nd Street, Suite 110 Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Direct: (507) 385-6652 Cell: (507) 469-0947 bhayes@mankatodiversity.org

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From: Bukata Hayes, Executive Director

Greater Mankato Diversity Council 127 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mankato, MN 56001 SEP 2 1 2020

President of the Senate

To:

**Open Appointments** 

Board of Trustees of the State College and University System

Re:

Letter of Support for Kathy Sheran, Minnesota Congressional District 1

#### To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support as my highest recommendation for Kathy Sheran to be the next State College and University System Board of Trustees appointee for Congressional District 1.

I have lived in Mankato, Minnesota for approximately 23yrs as both a student and a professional. It was as a professional, beginning in 2000, that I began to hear and see the incredible influence of Kathy Sheran in vivid color throughout our community and region. She was and remains a "tireless advocate" (as described in the June 10, 2016 Mankato Free Press upon her retirement from the State Senate) for Minnesota and specifically Southern Minnesota. Kathy's fingerprints on Mankato's vitality and southern Minnesota's vibrancy can be clearly seen from her time as a City Councilor for the City of Mankato (16yrs), as our area's State Senator (10yrs) and now serving as a citizen advocate (her own words) for local and state issues.

While in the State Senate, Kathy served on the Higher Education Committee for the entire duration of her time in the Senate. She was deeply engaged in the legislation to offer more services to first-time higher ed students while also making the case for the State System to increase funding for aid and assistance to students with the greatest need for support to succeed. She understood that the State's colleges and universities best served as well as most frequently served those students in need of additional resources to be successful. She accurately argued that first-time college students — students who were first-generation college students (no previous college graduates in their families); students and families who may have limited financial resources; students and families with no readily available mentors to help them navigate the college "matrix" — should have a college, university and system that

provides additional support that helps them overcome any educational limitations they bring and/or systemic barriers that may exist. Her rationale for this advocacy was simple: Allow whoever wanted to "give it try", to enter our state colleges and universities and do just that. Kathy knew that this is a dynamic that is critical and, in many ways, unique to a statewide, unified higher ed structure like our State System.

Kathy's Senatorial leadership included serving as the Chair of the Senate's Health and Human Services committee, where she worked for increased funding for housing and for increases in the state's aid formula to provide more money to be used for expenses other than tuition. Her push for this change in permissible expenses was a direct correlation to her understanding of the realities confronting marginalized and underrepresented Minnesotans, Minnesotans of color and indigenous people of Minnesota. Kathy proudly used her authority while serving in the Senate to focus on finding ways to actually break down the barriers that hindered the success of Minnesotans.

Throughout her vast public service, she maintained a robust personal connection to her community. She spearheaded and willed to be numerous community collaborations and initiatives that fostered a more welcoming community including supporting the work of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council. The clearest example of her personal investment in her community is her solidarity with and support of the mission of the YWCA of Mankato. The mission of the YWCA of Mankato aligns with her personal work of advancement of women and their families including new immigrants and refugees, people from different cultures, and people likely to face and be subjected to many forms of bias and racism. She has been a part of the YWCA of Mankato's education programs around women's leadership as well as provided personal financial assistance to further the organization's reach and impact. I would like to underscore, as it may not be explicitly apparent, that her support for more gender inclusion and for eliminating bias and racism has not always been something publicly praised nor applauded. But she fearlessly led anyway. Plainly stated, whether through her work as an elected official or her time as an engaged community member, Kathy has tirelessly worked to create more ways for more Minnesotans to be more connected, more welcoming and more successful.

With all the above in the forefront of my mind, I respectfully provide my full support for Kathy Sheran to be the next Congressional District 1 appointee to the Board of Trustees for the State College and University System! RECEIVED
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President of the Senate

Warmest Regards,

Bukata Hayes

Executive Director

From:

Marty Seifert

To:

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Marty J Seifert

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Support Letter for Kathy Sheran for Board of Trustees for MNSCU

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Please attach this letter to the application already submitted by Kathy Sheran for the Board of Trustees for MNSCU.

Marty Seifert

1113 East Lyon Street

Former Member, Minnesota House of Representatives

1996-2010

Marshall, MN 56258

March 31, 2020

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President of the Senate

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to give my highest recommendation possible to Kathy Sheran to be be appointed to the Minnesota State Colleges and University System Board of Trustees for Congressional District 1.

Kathy Sheran has been a thoughtful leader as a member of the State Senate, Mankato City Council member and community member is southern Minnesota. As someone who served on the Board of Trustees myself and as a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, I personally know that it takes a broad scope of knowledge and dedication to carry out the awesome responsibilities that this appointment carries. This role is extremely important as higher education is going to be changing immensely in the coming term. Challenges of funding, campus depopulation, changing student demographics, state funding, tuition, distance learning and so much more will face the Board of Trustees. The experience Kathy Sheran brings to this position can not be matched. She can operate as a very thoughtful conduit between the legislature and higher education system, as well as a prudent leader to take on the critical issues our state universities, community and technical colleges face in the coming years.

The importance of having credible and experienced public servants in capacities like these cannot be understated. Kathy Sheran has willingly stepped up to serve in many capacities,

including the legislature, where I was honored to serve with her. Please take the opportunity to tap her talents and once again serve Minnesota.

I can be reached at seifert@iw.net or 507-829-7683 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Marty Seifert

Marty Seifert Board of Trustees, Minnesota State Colleges and University System (1993-1994) Minnesota House of Representatives (1996-2010) House Minority Leader (2006-2009)

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Open Appointments

Re: Kathleen Sheran Recommendation

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To Whom It May Concern:

President of the Senate

This letter is submitted as a clear and unencumbered recommendation for Kathleen Sheran to serve and occupy the  $1^{st}$  Congressional District open seat of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees upon the retirement of Bob Hoffman.

Senator Sheran represented the Greater Mankato area with advocacy, practicality and wisdom. She listened to her constituents, she communicated her message well and worked tirelessly to advocate for the health and education of those that she represented.

I first met Kathy when she was a professor of Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing at Minnesota State University Mankato and I was employed as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. Her students were always prepared, knowledgeable and spoke highly of their professor. It was at that time; Kathy revealed her interest in serving the citizens of the community through political representation. She organized a successful campaign and I was particularly proud that as a woman, a nurse and educator the broader community recognized and validated their belief in her capability to represent them in St. Paul. She possesses the ability to be clear in her position, advocate for that position and yet be open to listen, consider, and discuss alternative perspectives. Constituents appreciated both her style and manner.

My husband Dan (a teacher) and I became entrepreneurs, founding Angie's Kettle Corn (later rebranded as Angie's Boomchickapop) which exposed us to an entirely new and different community of professionals in the Greater Mankato Region. I remember being impressed that those in the business community also appreciated Senator Sheran. Understandably, not all agreed with her position, but they respected her. Unlike some political public servants, she did not denigrate others to elevate herself or disparage her opponents as a tool to distinguish her from those with whom she disagreed. She is a class act and remains so. She is a highly respected member of our community both in her public service and on a personal and social level.

I highly recommend Kathleen Sheran for the open seat of the MNSCU Board of Trustees. She would be welcome addition on any board!

Respectfully Submitted:

Angie Bastian, Founder Angie's Boomchickapop

70 Trail Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

From:

Tim Penny

To:

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#### Governor Walz,

I write to strongly recommend Kathy Sheran of Mankato to serve as the representative from the First Congressional District on the Minnesota State College and University Board (MnSCU). Forty years ago, as I graduated from Winona State University, I was selected as the very first student to serve on this Board. I had the honor of serving alongside Judge Robert Sheran from whom I learned a great deal about higher education funding and policy, but more importantly about the value of public service in both elective and appointive positions.

Through the years, I have come to know Judge Sheran's daughter, Kathy. She clearly follows in her father's footsteps. Kathy is a well-respected health professional and educator in Mankato. She has also been extremely active in numerous significant community initiatives. The respect she earned by her professional and volunteer work led to her election to the Mankato City Council where she served for sixteen years. She was subsequently elected to the Minnesota State Senate where she served for several terms with high distinction. She was regarded by colleagues on both sides of the aisle as an expert on health and human services policy. She was also a key player on education and higher education policy during her tenure in the Senate.

I also appreciate the role Kathy played as a Board member and then Chair of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (a Foundation that I am now proud to lead). She helped to shape the vital work of this Foundation and has remained a valued advisor to our Foundation in the ensuing years.

As a lifelong resident of southern Minnesota, I count her as among the most effective legislators to ever serve in the State Capitol from our region. She combines competence with an ability to work across the aisle to get things done. Those skills will bring enormous value to be two k on the MnSCU Board. Again, I strongly recommend her to you for the vacancy on this Board from the First Congressional District.

Sincerely
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Occupation: Property Management

Employer:

Retired

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### Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (/reports-and-data/officlals-financial-disclosure/agency/71400000/)	Member - Congressional District 1	9/22/2020	6/30/2026	Governor
MNsure Board (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/79900000/)	Health Policy Issues Related to Small Group and Ind Markets Rep	1/3/2017	6/16/2020	Governor
Senate (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/60100000/)	Senator	1/2/2013	12/31/2016	Elected

### Sources of income

Name of source

Relationship to source

Director

Officer

Member Owner

Partner Employer

Employee

Honorarium

MNSURE Board

# Business or professional activity categories

None reported

### Securities

Name of security

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## Real property

County	Address or section information	Owner	Mortgagee	Contract for deed	Option to buy \$2500 rule
Blue Earth	Gray Hawk - 160, 170, 180 Homestead Dr		•		
Brown	120 1st St/Main St		<b>~</b>		
Brown	15-16 South Street		<b>~</b>		
Brown	200 Riverside		<b>✓</b>		
Faribault	314 Main St		<b>✓</b>		
Goodhue	2622 Malmquist Dr		<b>✓</b>		
Goodhue	300 1st Ave S		<b>✓</b>		
Lyon	102 2nd Ave		✓		
Lyon	211 Chapman		<b>✓</b>		
Martin	121 E Main		✓		
Martin	201 Campbell St		✓		
Meeker	830-890-920 Texas Ave.		✓		
Nicollet	1320 N 5th Street		✓		
Nicollet	1621-33 Commerce Dr		✓		
Scott	222 Commerce Dr. E		✓		
Sibley	820 Main St		✓		
Stearns	3rd St. S.		✓		
Steele	635-7-9 Hilltop Ave		✓		
Stevens	107-121 1st St		✓		
Stevens	404 E 3rd St		✓		
Stevens	606-612 1st St		<b>✓</b>		
Swift	550/560 E Thielke		•		
Waseca	108 14th Ave NE	•	✓		

County	Address or section information	Owner	Mortgagee	Contract for deed	Option to buy \$2500 rule
Waseca	116-117 14th Ave N		•		
Wright	101 Angel St SW		•		
Wright	210 Terriotiral E		<b>✓</b>	•	
Wright	5721 Main St		<b>~</b>		

# Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported