

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: January 2, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 2, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 2, 2023
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Grace Arnold

Minnesota Department of Commerce

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EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Department of Commerce — *Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner*

2019 - PRESENT

Accomplishments: Led department through abrupt leadership transition and COVID-19 pandemic; led negotiations to lower individual health insurance market premiums for Walz Administration; positioned department to maximize Federal Infrastructure funds; lead Governor's Advisory Council on Climate Change; negotiated with health plans to ensure Minnesotans had no cost sharing for COVID testing and treatment; oversaw record energy assistance funding distributions to Minnesotans; oversaw new consumer protections including increased wage theft investigations and the Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights; oversaw ECO Act and Solar for Schools implementations, gas price spike investigations and responses to dockets advancing Minnesota's clean energy future

Bright Health — *Individual & Family Plan Manager*

2017 - 2019

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

2011 - 2017

George Washington University — *Research Associate*

2009-2011

Oregon Health & Science University — *Research Associate*

2007-2009

EDUCATION

George Washington University — *Master of Public Health*

Chair's Scholar

Macalester College — *Bachelor of Arts*

National Merit Scholar

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

LEADERSHIP

National Association of Insurance Commissioners: Co-chair, Race and Insurance Task Force (Health track); Chair, Accelerated Underwriting Working Group; Vice Chair, Consumer Liaison Committee; Member, Strategic Planning Committee; Incoming Member, Government Relations Leadership Council

Conference of State Banking Supervisors: Member, Legislative Committee

National Academy for State Health Policy: Board member

AWARDS

CMS Customer Service Award, Implementation Award and Outstanding Team Award

ABOUT ME

Married with two children, love to be outdoors, gardener, traveler

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