

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Tenzin Dolkar

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

District 15 Representative

Metropolitan Council

Effective: July 3, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 June 27, 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

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Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Reappointment

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Metropolitan Council
Position: District 15 Rep.

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Tenzin Dolkar
Phone: (651) 357-5026
County: Dakota
In House District: 52B
S House District: 2
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part V: Signature

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Officer, McKnight Foundation | Minneapolis, MN | March 2021-Present

Execute grantmaking strategies and partnerships to support bold climate actions in the Midwest to cut emissions, accelerate decarbonization, and enable a strong climate movement. Issues covered: transportation, agriculture, energy, and civic engagement.

Climate Advisor-Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge, Natural Resources Defense Council | Minneapolis, MN | 2019- March 2021

Served as an advisor to the City of Minneapolis to accelerate climate actions: transportation, buildings, and energy. Worked closely with the Mayor's Office and the leadership of the Office of Sustainability, the Public Works Dept., and Dept. of Health. Managed a budget of \$2.5 million.

- Helped implement the city's climate actions such as sustainable building policies, local building decarbonization campaign, local solar rooftop initiative, 100% renewable electricity, shared-mobility projects, and 10-year transportation action plan.
- Led the implementation of racial equity assessment for all Bloomberg Philanthropy-supported climate projects and created learnings to expand staff capacity to do climate justice work.

State of Minnesota Rail Director, Office of Governor Mark Dayton | Saint Paul, MN | Oct 2017- 2019

Appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve as the State of Minnesota's rail director. Chaired and led the Governor's Rail Council consisting of state commissioners and key stakeholders: railroad companies, labor groups, and local government representatives.

- Served as the primary liaison to the Federal Railroad Authority and Minnesota Congressional Members on freight rail issues.
- Negotiated and secured funding for public-private rail projects and transit.
- Managed crisis response for all rail incidents, including internal and external communication.
- Managed and oversaw the work of the Inter-agency rail departments, including budgets, policy development, program milestones, public engagement, and regulatory efforts.

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Mark Dayton | Saint Paul, MN | 2016- 2017

Chief Adviser to the Governor on transportation and agriculture. Helped develop policies and budgets for the Dept. of Transportation, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Regional Metropolitan Council. Led the implementation of the Governor's signature transportation and agriculture initiatives.

- Represented and supported the Governor's appointment to the National Governors Association, the Council of Governors, and the Midwest Governors' Biofuels Coalition.
- Authored Governor Dayton's executive order on automated vehicles. Helped create the State's autonomous vehicles program, electric vehicles policies, and shared-mobility regulations.
- Successfully managed the implementation of new environmental regulations to protect drinking water, soil health, and pollinators through extensive stakeholder relationship-building.
- Represented the Governor on international agriculture trade trips to Taiwan and Cuba.

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Legislative Director, The Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans | Saint Paul, MN | July 2014-2015
Represented Asian- Minnesotans' interests in front of the legislature, state agencies, and local governments. Created the Council's legislative portfolio through a community-participatory process and coalition-building.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Metropolitan Council | 2023-Present | Council Member

The Morgan Family Foundation | 2022-Present | Global Warming Subcommittee Member

Voyageurs National Park | 2020-2023 | Board Member-Member of DEI Committee and Board Affairs

Energy Action Team- Inver Grove Heights | 2020-2022 | Appointed to develop the City's Energy Action Plan

Young Women's Initiative of Minnesota | 2017-2018 | Co-Chair and led the State's first public-private, multi-year, and multi-million-dollar initiative to improve the lives of young women in Minnesota. Supervised and managed staff on the project.

League of Women Voters-St. Paul | 2008- 2013 | Co-President and Board Member

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 2014
Master of Social Work

University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 2007
Bachelor of Arts – International Studies and Social Work (Minor)
Mini-Master's in Project Management, **2019**

Harvard Kennedy School, 2022 (Executive Online Course)
Climate Change Policy: Economics and Politics

The University of Oxford, 2022 (Executive Online Course)
Sustainable Finance- Environmental, Sustainable, and Governance Investments

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June 10, 2023

Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ste. 130
Saint Paul, MN 55155-1611

Dear Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan:

I am submitting my application for consideration to continue serving as a member of the Metropolitan Council and representing the communities in District 15. The Metropolitan Council, as a regional governing body, plays a critical role in fostering an inclusive, thriving, and prosperous metropolitan region for all Minnesotans. Policies guided by the members of the Metropolitan Council in transit development, land-use planning, housing development, and regional planning strategically impact regional growth and how we build an equitable, climate-resilient, and prosperous region.

As a leader with over 15 years of experience in policy development, advocacy, community organizing, and management experience with state and local government and the civic sector, I bring valuable skills, leadership experience, and expertise to serve on the Metropolitan Council. My background and deep expertise in climate, transportation, social services, and housing will greatly contribute to how I make informed decisions in the interest of all Minnesotans.

In the short time I have served on the Met Council, I have brought my passion and skills to the Transportation and Community Development committees and have engaged responsively with constituents. And I am looking forward to continuing to serve and guide the Council in formulating 2050 regional planning and implementing robust transformative transit in the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply and serve Minnesotans on the Metropolitan Council. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application.

Respectfully,

Tenzin Dolkar

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