

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Executive Department



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**Governor Tim Walz**

President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Jim Schowalter**

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 Management and Budget**

Effective: January 2, 2023

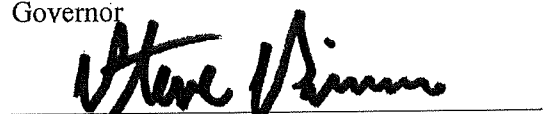
Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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



  
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Tim Walz  
Governor

  
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Steve Simon  
Secretary of State

Reappointment

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Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

# Jim Schowalter

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## Professional Experience

### **Commissioner, MN Management and Budget – St. Paul, MN (2020-present)**

*Cabinet level agency responsible for enterprise policy and operations that spans \$50 billion annual spend and 35,000 employees.*

Brought in by Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan to lead state's budget and policy team amidst pandemic and financial shortfall. Responded to rolling COVID-19 funding requests and maximized federal funding opportunities. Quickly developed Governor's "response and recovery" budget and successfully negotiated agreement with Legislature to keep state running. Restored State's credit rating to "AAA" with all three rating agencies. Leading state's efforts to manage state workforce during peacetime emergency and craft workplace and safety policies that work for the future.

### **HealthPartners – Bloomington, MN**

*Member governed, integrated health insurer and care delivery system serving Minnesota and surrounding states that is regularly graded as one of the nation's best.*

### **Senior Vice President, Provider Partnerships (2019 – 2020)**

Built and managed comprehensive business relationships with network providers. Responsible for managing contracts with more than 170 hospitals, 750 clinics, and 10,000+ specialty physicians that generate claims of \$5.7 billion annually. Budget of \$7.7 million and 42 employees.

- ◆ Negotiated performance-based contracts with care delivery systems that extend shared risk and align incentives across provider network
- ◆ Organized provider strategy to incorporate sales and market factors so that commercial and government products grow membership throughout the Upper Midwest

### **MN Council of Health Plans – St. Paul, MN**

*Association of non-profit insurers that delivers public policy research and advocacy with the goal of affordable, quality health insurance for all Minnesotans.*

### **President/CEO (2015 – 2019)**

Provided leadership for association, reporting to board of member CEOs and senior executives. Served as industry spokesman and lead in governmental relations. Managed a \$1.5 million annual budget and staff of five.

- ◆ Developed nation-leading reinsurance plan that lowered how much people pay for health insurance and stabilized access for anyone without employer coverage
- ◆ Instigated "All Care is Local" report on changes in how we pay for health care and the substantial differences between how local hospitals and doctors get paid for services
- ◆ Appointed to MN Health Care Financing Task Force to make recommendations that would simplify program eligibility and how much people pay for care

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## **State of Minnesota – MN Management and Budget – St. Paul, MN**

*Cabinet level agency responsible for enterprise policy and operations that spans \$30+ billion annual spend and 35,000 employees.*

### **Commissioner (2011-2015)**

Architect of biennial budget process and management initiatives for Governor Dayton. Key advisor on state fiscal, policy and workforce issues. Directed statewide crisis response teams and represented state in bond sales, labor negotiations, court cases and the media. Directly accountable for annual operating budget of \$20 million and workforce of 275 employees.

- ◆ Led the resolution of record \$6.2 billion budget deficit through a gubernatorial transition, tense legislative negotiations, and an unprecedented state government shutdown
- ◆ Developed “better government” initiatives that established a performance improvement team to drive more integrated state services, an internal controls unit to enhance agency management, and state workforce/pay changes that broke long-standing pay impasse at the legislature
- ◆ Directed technical and legislative team in a one-year sprint to create a Minnesota state health exchange/MNsure that was in the nation’s first wave to help people buy insurance on their own
- ◆ Initiated and bond sales and won Supreme Court cases that lowered state debt cost and established funding used to build the Senate office building and the Vikings Stadium

### **Deputy Commissioner- St. Paul, MN (2010 – 2011)**

- ◆ Directed \$60 million IT project to replace the state accounting system that was completed on time and within budget

### **Assistant Commissioner/State Budget Director – St. Paul, MN (2004 – 2010)**

Led development of budget initiatives for the Governor’s budget and its public presentation. Supervised implementation of enacted law and reporting of results.

- ◆ Created federal stimulus team to get emergency ARRA funding and create transparency site that started as one of the nation’s worst and improved to one of the best

## **Education**

**Master’s Public Policy** – Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, 1988

**Bachelor of Arts** – Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, 1985

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## **Other Experiences**

- ◆ Ecumen – senior housing and services board member, 2015-present
- ◆ MN Community Measurement – ex officio board member, 2015-2019
- ◆ Council of State Governments – Toll Fellow, 2012
- ◆ NASBO/National Association of State Budget Officers honorary lifetime member
- ◆ Senior Executive Program for performance management at Harvard University, 2007
- ◆ Budget Officer and Team Coordinator – MN Department of Finance, 1994-2004
- ◆ Regional Economist – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1991-93
- ◆ Presidential Management Intern - U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 1988-1991
- ◆ Community Organizer – Farm Labor Organizing Committee, 1985

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