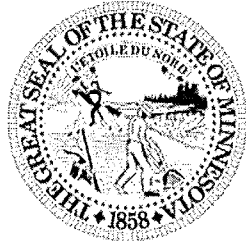


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## Governor Tim Walz

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

#### Katherine Wangberg

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

#### Deaf Community Member

#### Board of the Minnesota State Academies

Effective: July 5, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 30, 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

**Part I: Position Sought**

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**Agency Name:** Board Of The Minnesota State Academies  
**Position:** Deaf Community Member

**Part II: Applicant Information**

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**Name:** Katherine Jean Wangberg  
**Phone:** (651) 964-1528  
**County:** Beltrami  
**In House District:** 02B  
**State House District:** 8  
**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** True

**Part III: Appending Documentation**

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**Cover Letter and Resume**

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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**Part V: Signature**

**Signature:** Katherine Wangberg  
**Date:** 10/19/2022 11:15:05 AM

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## KATHERINE J. WANGBERG

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### EDUCATION

**ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY CATIE CENTER** January 2019  
Graduation to Certificate (Interpreter) Saint Paul, MN

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** June 2012  
K-12 American Sign Language Teaching License via Portfolio Roseville, MN

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY** December 2010  
Master in Education/Special Education Bemidji, MN

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** May 2009  
Bachelor of Science, Child Psychology Twin Cities, MN

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES** President of the Senate June 2018 - Present  
*Deaf Interpreter* Minnesota  
American Sign Language Interpreter

**BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL** August 2010 – Present  
*American Sign Language Teacher* Bemidji, MN  
Teacher for grades 9-12 levels I & II American Sign Language & Deaf Culture.

**BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL** August 2010 – June 2014  
*Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher* Bemidji, MN  
Worked with Deaf/Hard of Hearing students individually. Taught math, reading, and social studies.

**PARTNERSHIP IN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS** February 2010 – September 2013  
*Family Deaf Mentor* Bemidji Area

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY** January 2010 – May 2010  
*American Sign Language Level II Instructor* Bemidji, MN

**BEMIDJI INTERDISTRICT REGION COUNCIL** October 2009 – June 2010  
*Deaf Mentor/Language Facilitator* Bagley, MN

**BEMIDJI COMMUNITY EDUCATION** November 2009  
*American Sign Language Level I Instructor* Bemidji, MN

**METRO DEAF SCHOOL** June 2005 – July 2009  
*Paraprofessional and Battle of the Books Coach* St. Paul, MN

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of the Minnesota State Academies Chair January 2022 - Present  
Board of the Minnesota State Academies Vice Chair January 2021 - December 2021  
Board of the Minnesota State Academies member July 2019 - December 2020

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Worked 1:1 with a stroke victim Winter 2009  
Presidential Campaign Volunteer September 2008  
Intervener (1:1 with preschool student) May – July 2008  
Assisted Volleyball Camp (Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf) August 2005

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**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Teacher of the year; Best of the Bemidji Area, Bemidji Pioneer  
Teacher of the year; Best of the Bemidji Area, Bemidji Pioneer

**2022**  
**2019**

**QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Fluent in American Sign Language and English – Served 4 years on Minnesota State Academies Board - - Extensive experience teaching deaf/hearing people – Experience in working with children with special needs – Comfortable with people and animals – At ease working with ASL interpreters – Facilitated creation of Deaf Club at the University of Minnesota and Adult COED softball league – Graduated with 4.0 at Bemidji State University – University of Minnesota Dean’s List – Involved in sports and outdoor activities – Finished several marathons - Enjoy traveling, reading, staying active.

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October 19, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Board of the Minnesota State Academies as a Deaf Community Member again. I am currently serving as the Chair and my term will end in January 2023.

I am Deaf and a native user of American Sign Language. I have a M.S. in Education/Special Education and a B.S. in Child Psychology. I am currently an American Sign Language Teacher at Bemidji High School. I am also a Deaf American Sign Language Interpreter. I have also taught American Sign Language at Bemidji State University and for the Bemidji Community Education program. I also worked as a Family Deaf Mentor. I have worked with families & children for over ten years. I graduated from the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in 2005. Over the years I have been able to build my network of parents of deaf children, interpreters, educators, and people who have the means to reach deaf people in Greater Minnesota. I have started incorporating technology in my lessons and have been able to develop new ways to get in touch with people and to gather information from them. My educational background and work/personal experiences have prepared me for this position.

I am very interested in this position because I enjoy being able to help people gain accessibility. I love getting and staying in touch with people. I am originally from the Twin Cities; when I moved to Bemidji, the first thing I noticed was that Bemidji has a very small Deaf Community. I was able to figure out how to reach out to people outside of the Deaf community through several social media networks, e-mails, workshops, and people. I've participated in a lot of workshops and have been able to stay in touch with people who have wonderful resources. I also learned how to advocate for my rights as a deaf person and for my students' rights which requires more determination compared to the cities where accessibility isn't as sparse. Having grown up in both the Deaf and Hearing worlds, I am very comfortable with interacting with hearing people who do not know how to sign. I am also able to work with interpreters with ease. I enjoy sharing things about myself and teaching people to advocate for themselves. I enjoy meeting new people and am an extrovert person. I am comfortable meeting all types of people and sharing information. I feel that my skills, knowledge, and experience would be an important contribution to the students and staff of the Minnesota States as well as to the community. More information about my experience is on the attached resume.

I would be glad to provide you with any additional information needed. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Jean Wangberg