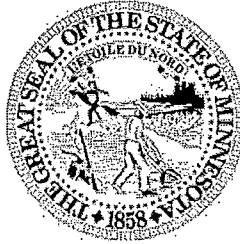


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**Governor Tim Walz**

President of the Senate

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Gary Benson**

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

**Member with Building Construction Field Expertise**

**Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority**

Effective: July 19, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 July 14, 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 July 14, 2023  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

**Part I: Position Sought**

Name: Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority  
Position: Building Construction Field Expertise

**Part II: Applicant Information**

Name: Gary Benson  
Phone: (612) 865-0359  
County: Ramsey  
In House District: 41A  
S House District: 4  
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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Signature: Gary D Benson  
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**RESUME**

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**Gary Benson**  
Kraus-Anderson  
Director of Project  
Planning &  
Development

President of the Senate

**Education:**

BA, Mathematics and Economics  
Augsburg College  
Minneapolis, MN

MS, Graduate Studies  
Industrial Engineering  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, MN

**Qualifications:**

Gary has over 48 years of experience in the construction industry. During this period, he has provided project owners with a wide range of planning, cost estimating, project management and construction delivery services. He has provided these services on many significant projects in public sector and private sector construction, including numerous educational and institutional facilities.

Gary developed and managed a design-phase cost estimating and project cost control program for a major architectural firm where he spent seven years in this capacity. One of his strongest assets is his ability to provide accurate preliminary cost estimates, as well as value engineering, life-cycle cost analysis and project scheduling.

In addition, he is experienced with many types of project delivery methods, including design-build, construction management, general construction, and other forms of owner project representation. Gary has extensive experience working in the pre-construction phase to partner with the owner's project team in programming, planning, budgeting and bidding/contract negotiation of successful projects.

Gary is a long time board member of the NorthEast Metro 916 Intermediate School District Education Foundation.

He is also serving as board member on the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA) for the State of Minnesota.

Gary has been an active member of AACE, the American Association of Cost Engineers.

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Steve Simon  
Secretary of State  
180 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Subject: Letter of Application for Re-Appointment to MHEFA Board

Dear Secretary Simon:

With this letter and attached application, I am submitting my request to be re-appointed to another term as board member of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA).

As a board member "With Construction Expertise", since my initial appointment in 1999, I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the State of Minnesota in this capacity. As evidenced by my attached professional resume, I have over 48 years of experience in the construction industry, including project planning, budgeting, design and execution. My vast experience has equipped me with the skills to be discerning and insightful in analyzing, evaluating and recommending on a project's feasibility. In addition, during my last two decades of project experience, I have had a particular emphasis on educational projects, both K-12 and higher education, and projects predominantly funded by public bonding.

It is with a sense of continued enthusiasm and dedication to the service of this State Authority, that I seek approval of this re-appointment request.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my application for re-appointment to this board.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Benson  
2064 Pleasant View Drive  
New Brighton, MN 55112

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