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STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jacqueline Johnson

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

At-large

Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System

Effective: August 2, 2024

Expires: June 30, 2030

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 29, 2024.



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Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

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Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

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Replacing: Alex Cirillo Jr.

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Application for the position Member At-large Application Date: 5/25/2024 7:12:33 PM

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of Trustees Of The Minnesota State Colleges And Universities System

Position: Member At-large

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: jacqueline Johnson

Phone: (320) 223-5623

County: Hennepin

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Mn House District: 45B

US House District: 3

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document
Resume	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

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

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Part V: Signature

Signature: jacqueline johnson

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Abbreviated Resume
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CHANCELLOR EMERITA, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY
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May 2024

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2006-2017: Chancellor-University of Minnesota Morris, Morris, Minnesota

Chief executive officer of this nationally ranked public liberal arts college, one of five campuses of the University of Minnesota land grant system, serving 1,900 students on a residential campus with oversight of a \$51 million budget. Designated by the federal government as a Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NASNTI), the fifth chancellor and first female to lead the institution.

During my tenure: the university:

- **Stabilized its financial position** (recovering from a significant financial deficit while establishing a contingency fund)
- **Increased enrollment**
- **Increased the percentage of underserved and under-resourced students**—first generation, students of color, students from families with high financial need-- while maintaining selective admissions standards; the number of American Indian students more than doubled during my tenure. Currently, Native Students account for more than 25% of the student population.
- **Led the initial phases of a campaign** whose conclusion resulted in \$31.67 million new dollars and exceeded its goal by 151%. (The campaign continued for several years after my departure.)
- **Enhanced national reputation**—ranked as a top ten public liberal arts college by *U.S. News and World Reports*; ranked as one of *Kiplinger's* "100 best values in public colleges" and *Forbes* "one of America's top colleges"; ranked as the most effective and efficient public four year institution in the state of Minnesota by the *Midwest Higher Education Consortium*
- **Earned distinction as a national leader in campus sustainability and renewable energy**
- **Expanded and improved facilities**, including two LEED gold certified buildings, a new green residence hall, a second 1.65 megawatt wind turbine; a new biomass plant that uses local natural resources to heat and cool the campus; several additional solar installments. The campus produces more electricity through on-site generation than it consumes.
- **To support student success, won significant national grants: TRIO Student Support Services Grant**, awarded August 2015; **Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution (NSANTI) grant**

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under federal **Title III**, awarded September, 2015; **Margaret A. Cargill Foundation Grant** to develop a sustainable leadership for the future program (2014)

2002-2006: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Faculty - Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Chief Academic Officer for this comprehensive school of approximately 2500 students —1200 on a residential campus in Storm Lake and an additional 1300 students at 11 Centers located on community college campuses around the State of Iowa and offering degree completion programs (including on line programs) in selected areas. Responsibility and oversight for both on campus, community college degree completion programs, and online courses.

1998-2002: Vice President for Academic Affairs - Saint Martin's College, Lacey Washington.

Chief Academic Officer for this comprehensive college of approximately 1700 students with graduate and undergraduate programs at three locations, Lacey WA and Fort Lewis Army and McChord Air Force military bases.

1993-1998: Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology - Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.

Served as Faculty Senate Chair. Personnel, fiscal, assessment, and curriculum development responsibility for a 20-person department with major programs in Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, Social Studies for teacher certification, Behavioral Science (an interdisciplinary major delivered through traditional and distance site/compressed video technology,) and minor programs in Anthropology, Geography, Sociology, City and Regional Planning, Aging and Adult Life, and African/African American Studies.

1989-1995: General Education Program Director - Grand Valley State University.

Implemented and coordinated university's general education assessment program; led faculty and curriculum development groups; wrote national project grants.

Administrative Internship - Grand Valley State University . 1985 . Worked with Office of Research and Development on faculty development and with Provost's Office on North Central Accreditation. **1985.**

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts - Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. *cum laude*, with departmental honors in sociology; minor, French.

Master of Science - Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Sociology.

PhD - Purdue University - West Lafayette, Indiana. Sociology; minor, Anthropology.

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TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- **Professor of Sociology**, Grand Valley State University, 1973-1998, tenure awarded, 1980.
- **Professor of Sociology** - Saint Martin's College. 1998-2002. Tenure granted at hire.
- **Professor of Sociology** – Buena Vista University, 2002-present; non-tenure appointment.
- **Professor of Sociology**, University of Minnesota, tenure granted in 2006.

RECENT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP

- **Fresh Energy**, A non-profit Energy Policy Organization
 - Board member, 2017-present
 - Board Chair, 2022-present
- **Minnesota Humanities Center**, Board member, 2017-2022
- **Think2Perform**, a leadership organization focused on leadership development and research, Board member, 2016- present
- **Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education**,
 - Board member, 2010-2015
 - National Board Chair, 2014
- **Minnesota Campus Compact**
 - Board Member, 2009-2015
 - Vice Chair, 2013- 15
- **Pioneer Public Television**, Board member, 2008-2017
- **American College and University President's Climate Commitment**, Steering Committee member, 2009-2016

SAMPLE OF OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2017-present, Peer Reviewer, Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.
- 2017, Scholar in Residence, Institute for Advanced Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- 2017-present, Lead Researcher, **The Children's Art Project**, a research collaboration with colleagues in Poland established in 1991 that gathers children's drawings to explore their understanding of national and political culture; to date 600 pictures are digitized in a searchable collection housed at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
- August, 2012, Testimony before U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions' Hearing on the need for assistance in fulfilling certain federal mandates to provide educational opportunities to American Indians, U.S. Senator Michael Bennett, field hearing, Denver Colorado.
- April, 2008, Testimony before U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works on the University of Minnesota, Morris' renewable energy accomplishments, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Chair. Washington, D.C.

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Dear Governor Walz,

I write to apply to serve as a member at large on the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. I have many years of experience in higher education, beginning as a faculty member at a public university in Michigan, then as a chief academic officer at two private colleges, one in the state of Washington and one in Iowa. Most recently, I spent eleven years as chancellor at the University of Minnesota, Morris and led the institution through a remarkable period of enrollment growth as it developed a national reputation in sustainability and renewable energy. I have a Bachelor's degree from Macalester College and a Masters and PhD from Purdue University.

My experiences span both public and private institutions and rural and urban settings. In Michigan, my faculty appointment took me to community college campuses to teach, and in Iowa, my appointment included close connections with programs my institution offered at community colleges.

I bring deep and varied understanding of the higher education landscape and of the challenges faced by public institutions. In part because of my academic background—I am a sociologist—and as a result of having served at the U of MN Morris, a rural campus classified as a Native American Serving Nontribal Institution (NASNTI) by the federal government—I am particularly committed to the responsibility to provide quality, affordable education to all students, regardless of social class, race, ethnicity, or geographic location. This seems especially compatible with the MN State College and University system's mission.

I also bring experience on non-profit boards to the table: I chaired the national non-profit, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), currently chair the St. Paul based energy policy organization Fresh Energy and have served on a variety of other boards. I am a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, a regional post-secondary accreditation organization.

I believe that my tenure as chancellor in the 'other' Minnesota system brings an up-close understanding of those who serve on boards like this and would allow me to make a unique contribution. I am aware of the serious commitment of time and energy which serving entails.

Finally, my greatest joys in higher education have come from my interactions with students, in and outside the classroom. I would welcome the opportunity to serve students and the State of Minnesota as a Trustee of this state college system.

Thank you for considering my application.

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