



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Nicholas Martin

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:

Public Member

Environmental Quality Board

Effective: July 3, 2024

Expires: January 3, 2028

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 28, 2024.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE



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**Application for the position Public Member - 4th Congressional District Application Date:
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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
Position: Public Member - 4th Congressional District

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Nicholas Martin
Phone: (651) 233-3385
County: Ramsey
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False
Mn House District: 64B
US House District: 4

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Nicholas Martin
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EDUCATION

M.S. Energy & Resources, University of California at Berkeley, 1999

B.A. Music, Yale University, 1994

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Xcel Energy: Director, Strategic Outreach & Advocacy (2022-present)

- Co-lead Equity Stakeholder Advisory Group that advises company on equitable design of affordability, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and workforce diversification programs. Leading process to convene a new Environmental Justice Accountability Board.
- Lead the Resilient Minneapolis Project, working with communities of color and Native organizations to install solar/battery microgrids providing power for community resilience hubs.
- Tribal relations lead for Upper Midwest area; developing partnerships with Tribes and Native non-profits for resiliency, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, career pathways, and carbon offsets.
- Part of a team developing the company's first Natural Gas Innovation Act plan, a portfolio of strategies to decarbonize natural gas use through renewable natural gas, hydrogen, electrification, geothermal and other resources.

Xcel Energy: Policy & Outreach Manager (2020-2022)

- Helped design corporate goal for net zero greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas by 2050. Drafted testimony and served as expert witness for Natural Gas Innovation Act docket on greenhouse gas accounting and cost/benefit frameworks.
- Represented company in Public Utilities Commission proceedings in renewable energy, integrated resource planning, greenhouse gas accounting, and performance-based ratemaking.
- Supported Government Affairs team in policy analysis for renewable energy, natural gas, electric vehicles and clean fuels.

Xcel Energy: Manager, Energy & Environmental Policy (2013-2020)

- Helped design company's strategy for 80% carbon reduction by 2030 and 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. Assisted in preparation of integrated resource plans.
- Expert witness for Public Utilities Commission dockets in resource planning, CO₂ externality costs, electric vehicle programs, and clean energy.
- Provided analysis and advocacy strategy for EPA regulations, clean energy standards, cap-and-trade/carbon tax legislation, and low-carbon fuel standards.
- Supported environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting, including helping Investor Relations respond to ESG inquiries and preparing the company's first Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) report on climate risks.
- Assisted state and federal legislative teams on clean energy policy design, including renewable and clean energy standards, cap-and-trade, carbon taxes, policies to promote EVs and beneficial electrification, energy efficiency, and low-carbon fuel standards.

American Carbon Registry: Chief Technical Officer (2009-13)

- Led development of over 20 carbon offset protocols in agriculture, forestry, land use, industrial gases, and methane capture. Managed public comment and scientific peer review process for new protocols specifying project eligibility criteria and greenhouse gas accounting methods.
- Secured California Air Resources Board's approval of the American Carbon Registry as an Offset Project Registry for the California cap-and-trade market.
- Partnered with China Beijing Environmental Exchange (CBEE) to launch a new carbon offset program, including drafting CBEE agriculture, forestry and other land use project standard.

Xcel Energy: Environmental Policy Analyst (2008-09)

- Provided analysis and developed company positions on national carbon cap-and-trade legislation.
- Developed carbon offset pilot program for Colorado, including preparing testimony for Public Utilities Commission filing, securing approval, and advising on project selection.
- Led fuel supply assessment for biomass energy projects in Colorado forests.

Winrock International: Program Officer (2002-08)

- Managed \$3 million forest carbon program under the U.S. Department of Energy's West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership.
- Prepared analyses of forest carbon sequestration, GHG mitigation, renewable energy and biofuels in United States, Guinea, Congo, Madagascar, Haiti, and the Republic of Georgia.
- Led business development component of a \$20 million USAID Russia Far East forestry program, including coordinating forest industry trade missions to United States, China and Japan.

Zuni Pueblo: Manager, Zuni Forest Products & Services (1997-2001)

- Worked with Tribe's natural resource department to launch a business fielding Tribal crews to carry out forest health projects on the Reservation and adjacent lands, in partnership with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and state agencies.
- Hired staff, procured equipment, managed product design, pricing and sales, conducted market research, prepared business plans. Raised \$1 million in grants and contracts.

Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission: Fisheries Science/Management Assistant (1994-95)

- Conducted fisheries monitoring research for an intertribal organization representing four tribes with treaty rights to Columbia River fisheries (Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, Nez Perce).

CONSULTING

- For Indian Land Tenure Foundation and American Carbon Registry, developed *Guidance for Carbon Project Development on Tribal Lands*

BOARD SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (Public Member, Congressional District 4, 2020-present)
- Saint Paul Climate Justice Advisory Board (2021-present)
- American Indian OIC (2023-present)
- Leadership Twin Cities (2022-2023 cohort)
- Board of Directors, Environmental Initiative (2017-2023)
- Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Foundation for New Democracy (2017-2021)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Short-term assignments on renewable energy, climate change, forestry, and biofuels in Argentina, China, Haiti, Hungary, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Republic of Georgia, Republic of Guinea, and Russia

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November 11, 2023

Office of Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

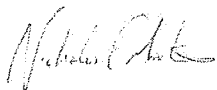
I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board since 2020 as the Public Member representing Congressional District 4, and to serve as Vice-Chair since earlier this year. I would like to apply for re-appointment for a second term.

When I applied for my initial term, I focused on bringing to EQB a commitment to environmental quality generally, as well as particular experience and expertise working on climate change mitigation and resilience. Most of my professional career has been focused on climate change and clean energy. I have worked on greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies across five sectors that represent about 85% of Minnesota's emissions: electricity, transportation, agriculture, and the residential/commercial/industrial sectors. In my position at Xcel Energy, I have been part of designing and implementing the company's three-part vision to become a net zero GHG provider across electricity, natural gas, and transportation. In earlier positions with Winrock International and the American Carbon Registry, I designed protocols to mitigate GHG emissions in many sectors that are key priorities for Minnesota's climate strategy: forestry, agriculture, livestock, grassland conservation, industrial gases, transportation electrification, and methane from landfills and dairies. I think this experience is all the more relevant today as EQB seeks to support implementation of Minnesota's *Climate Action Framework*.

During the time I've served on EQB, I have also taken on a new role in Xcel Energy that focuses on advancing equity and environmental justice, working to establish partnerships with communities of color, Native organizations and Tribes and to support their meaningful involvement in the decisions we make as a company. I co-lead an Equity Stakeholder Advisory Group that advises the company on equity in the design of affordability, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and workforce diversification programs, and I am leading the process to convene a new Environmental Justice Accountability Board. I also lead the Resilient Minneapolis Project, which is supporting resilience by working with three communities of color to install solar/battery microgrids enabling these sites to serve as resilience hubs providing critical services to vulnerable communities in an emergency. Finally, I serve as the company's Upper Midwest lead for Tribal relations, working to forge collaborative relationships recognizing Tribal sovereignty and develop new partnerships with Tribes and Native organizations around resiliency, clean energy, and workforce development. I mention this work because I look forward to environmental justice and greater engagement with disadvantaged communities becoming, I hope, a strong area of focus in EQB's next strategic plan.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to continue to have the opportunity to serve on EQB.

Sincerely,



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