



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Kenneth Westphal

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:

Member

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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

Application for the position Members (At Least 2 of Whom Reside Outside the Metro Area)

Application Date: 2/23/2024 9:29:52 AM

Note: If your application needs to be amended, including updates to any uploaded documents, contact open.appointments@state.mn.us. Please provide your name, board, position you've applied to, and any other documentation you'd like included in your application along with a brief summary of your request.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority
Position: Members (At Least 2 of Whom Reside Outside the Metro Area)

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Kenneth C Westphal
Phone: (507) 382-6796
County: Nicollet
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True
Mn House District: 18A
US House District: 1

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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

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

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Kenneth C. Westphal
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Experience

Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration

Decorah, IA

Luther College

2020 - 2021

- Oversaw the offices of the book shop, dining, facilities services, financial services, human resources, and information technology services.
- Was an active leader of the president's cabinet and the budget committee.
- Served with other key College leaders during COVID.
- Served as liaison to the audit, facilities, finance, and investment committees of the Board of Regents.

Interim Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

St. Peter, MN

Gustavus Adolphus College

2018 - 2019

- Performed identical functions and assumed similar responsibilities at the College as described immediately below.

Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

St. Peter, MN

Gustavus Adolphus College

1988 - 2016

- Oversaw the offices of bookstore, dining services, facilities, finance, human resources, post office, and the printing center.
- Active leader of the president's cabinet, long-range planning committee, and the budget committee (chair).
- Served as liaison to the audit, finance, and investment committees of the Board of Trustees.
- Achieved an annual operating profit for twenty-seven out of twenty-eight years.
- Oversaw construction of capital projects exceeding \$177,000,000.
- Achieved a bond rating increase from Baa1 to A3 in 1998.
- Directed six long-term debt financings with MHEFA, including one variable rate transaction.
- Led the tornado recovery team in 1998, and managed the successful negotiation of the \$50MM insurance claim for the college.

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Audit Partner

Minneapolis, MN

Adrian Helgeson and Company (now part of Baker Tilly)

1980 - 1988

- Audit partner for seven colleges and universities.
- Chair of the firm's audit committee.
- Served as an expert accounting witness on several contractor dispute cases.

Audit Supervisor

Richmond, VA

Coopers & Lybrand

1974 - 1980

- Performed audits of companies in the manufacturing, chemical, and healthcare fields.

Education

Virginia Tech **Blacksburg, VA**
Bachelor of Science in Accounting 1974

Honors

Gustavus Adolphus College **St. Peter, MN**
Honorary Degree - Doctor of Humane Letters 2015

Certification

Certified Public Accountant Certificate 1976

Professional Leadership Positions

Bancommunity Service Corporation (bank holding company) **St. Peter, MN**
1996 - Present

- Board member
- Chair of bank board (First National Bank Minnesota)
- Chair of audit committee

United Arts Collier County **Naples, FL**
2023 – June, 2024

- Board member
- Treasurer

College Insurance Company (captive insurance consortium) **Burlington, VT**
2004 – 2016

- Board member
- Chair of claims committee

EIA (risk management consortium) **Chicago, IL**
2011 - 2016

- Board member
- Vice Chair
- Chair of the compensation & personnel committee

ELCA Financial Reporting Committee **Minneapolis, MN**
1996 – 2016

- Develop financial ratios for ELCA colleges

ELCA Risk Management, Inc. **Chicago, IL**
1992 - 2011

- Board member
- Chair
- Investment committee member

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Community Leadership Positions

First Lutheran Church **St. Peter, MN**
1998; 2019 - 2021
2016 - 2022
2011 - Present
2023 - Present

- Treasurer and council member
- Budget committee member
- Investment committee member
- Strategic planning committee member

President of the Senate

February 23, 2024

Office of Minnesota Governor, Tim Walz

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority, Barry Fick

I am writing to express my strong interest in a board position (non-metro seat) on the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority ("Authority"). I received a telephone call from Barry Fick about this position, and I am excited about the opportunity to bring my skills and expertise to the Authority, and contribute to its continued success and the fulfillment of its mission.

As the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, I served in higher education for twenty-nine years. During those years at Gustavus, I witnessed the excellent partnership that we had with the Authority and the outstanding services that we enjoyed when we entered into long-term debt financings.

I have also been fortunate to serve on excellent boards since 1992. I have learned effective board governance from a number of outstanding business leaders over the last thirty-two years, primarily at not-for profit entities.

My resume has been attached for your review. I am eager to bring my skills and experience to the Authority as a board member. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and business experiences further.

Sincerely,

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