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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Gary Benson

2064 Pleasantview Drive
New Brighton, MN 55112
County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

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:

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FIELD EXPERT

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Effective: July 2, 2019

Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, June 27, 2019.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Secretary of State

Reappointment

March 14, 2019

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 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 44 years of experience in the construction industry, including project planning, design and execution. My vast experience has equipped me with the skills to be discerning and insightful in analyzing, evaluating and recommending on project 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 service that I seek approval of this 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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RESUME

Gary Benson
Kraus-Anderson
Director of Project
Planning &
Development

Education:

BA, Mathematics and Economics
Augsburg College
Minneapolis, MN

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

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Qualifications:

Gary has over 44 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 in his third term 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.