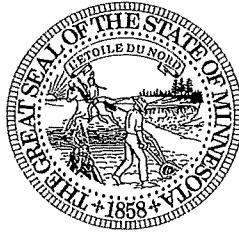


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TIM WALZ
GOVERNOR

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Charles Zelle

390 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55101
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:

CHAIR

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Effective: January 6, 2020

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, December 23, 2019.



Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Nora Slawik

CHARLES A. ZELLE

November 18, 2019

Ms. Pahoua Yang Hoffman
Chair of Metropolitan Council Appointment Coordinator

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as the Chair of the Metropolitan Council. My 30 plus years of experience in transportation policy and operations along with significant leadership roles in public, civic and business organizations makes me well suited for this critical position.

It was my honor to serve as Commissioner of Transportation in the Dayton Administration. During that period I worked closely with the Metropolitan Council members and staff on a number of issues, including campaigns for funding, multi-modal planning and specific project engagement such as negotiations with commercial railroads to benefit light rail development. In those experiences I gained an appreciation of Met Council's mission and the people engaged with its work.

My successful experiences in communicating a strategic vision, leading positive shifts in culture and establishing trustworthy relationships with a broad range of outside stakeholders will benefit the Metropolitan Council as it aspires for progress toward the Thrive MSP 2040 long-range plan. Its strategic vision of advancing an inclusive prosperity that enhances the quality of all residents' lives while adhering to principles of sustainability for generations to come resonates with my own values and my commitments both professionally and personally. There are many challenges and opportunities currently and ahead that make the leadership of the Metropolitan Council especially critical. The world of transportation is in the beginning of a disruptive transformation as the world shifts toward a system of interconnected mobility. Our region has the opportunity to lead in this area. Like transportation systems, all infrastructure (including wastewater and regional parks) must succeed through meaningful collaboration and thoughtful and aligned planning.

I respect and admire Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan's administration and would highly value being part of their team. I believe my experience and relationships in private and civic communities would benefit their efforts.

Thank you so much for considering my expression of interest. I look forward to describing my skills and the attributes that fit the position especially well at this time.

Sincerely,



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Current Positions

Chairman of Jefferson Lines, Minneapolis, MN

Intercity bus company with operations in 14 heartland states.

Board Member of Sawmill Trust Company, Sioux Falls, SD

Private multi-family wealth management trust company.

Board Member of Brooks Resources, Bend OR

Real Estate Developer in Central Oregon.

Consultant – Zelle Associates LLC, Minneapolis, MN

Policy and Leadership Advisory and Training Services.

**Community, Industry and
Civic Activities**

- **Founding Member and Working Team Participant of the Itasca Project.**
- **Life Director of the Guthrie Theater.**
- **Vice-chair of the Camargo Foundation.**
- **Chair of Study Panel of the ENO Foundation**

Research on cost effectiveness of Transit projects in US

Past Experience

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Transportation (2013 – 2019)

Led agency with \$3.6 billion annual budget and over 5,000 employees. Instituted new leadership structure and championed a multi-modal, collaborative vision for Minnesota's transportation system. Led culture shift toward inclusion and effective public engagement with long term goals of environmental health and economic prosperity for all Minnesotans. Key accomplishments include:

- Delivery of over \$6 billion in capital investments.
- Initiation of Corridors of Commerce program targeting over \$1.1 billion in statewide investments benefiting economic development.
- Launch and implementation of a multi-year unified plan for diversity and inclusion resulting in diverse workforce pipelines and increase in contracts with minority/women owned businesses.

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- Act as chief spokesman in comprehensive statewide advocacy plan for sustainable transportation funding.
- Initiation of a financial effectiveness initiative resulting in cost savings equal to 15% of new revenue.
- Establishment of the award winning Tribal Relations program resulting in training over 2,000 state employees.
- Establishment of innovative land use programs including roadside beautification sponsorships and air-rights real estate partnerships.
- Enhancement of a public engagement process with advance planning in such projects as Rethinking I-94.
- Advancement of environmental resiliency planning and sustainability initiatives resulting in LED lighting, solar gardens and electric vehicle corridors.
- Establishment of the Office of Connected and Automated Vehicles addressing the future of mobility.

President and CEO of Jefferson Partners L.P. (dba: Jefferson Lines and Jefferson Tours), Minneapolis, MN (1992 – 2012)

Restructured and expanded Intercity bus company.

St. Anthony Main Riverfront Development, Mpls (1985 -1992)

Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, New York, NY (1983 – 1985)

American Bus Association, Washington, DC (1977 – 1979)

Past Civic Activity

Past Chair of civic and industry Boards including: **American Bus Association; Maritime Task Force of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway; Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce; Guthrie Theater; Minneapolis Club; Meet Minneapolis; St. Paul Academy; Jerome Foundation; AASHTO Public Transportation Council.**

Education

Yale School of Management, MBA

Bates College, BA

St. Paul Academy

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