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Executive Department



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Governor Tim Walz President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Nicholas Martin

Congressional District 4

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

Public Board Member

Environmental Quality Board

Effective: October 6, 2020

Expires: January 1, 2024

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 October 1, 2020.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

New Seat

Filed on October 1, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Application for the position Public Member - 4th Congressional District

Part I: Position Sought

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

Part II: Applicant Information

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

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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

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Part IV: Signature

Signature: Nicholas Martin
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August 2, 2020

Katie Pratt
Executive Director, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
Katie.pratt@state.mn.us

Dear Ms. Pratt,

Please accept the attached application to serve on the EQB as a Public Member representing CD4. I live in Saint Paul in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. While I currently work for Xcel Energy, I am applying to serve as a Public Member, not a representative of the company, and if selected would recuse myself from any EQB decisions directly involving Xcel Energy.

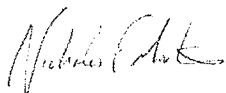
I would bring to the EQB extensive experience in the environment and natural resource fields, especially climate change, clean energy, forestry, agriculture, and conservation. I have direct experience designing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across five sectors that today represent about 85% of Minnesota's emissions: electricity, transportation, agriculture, and the residential/commercial/industrial sectors. At Xcel Energy, I have played a central role in designing and implementing the company's vision to reduce emissions 80% by 2030 and provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. I am part of a core team spearheading a strategy to reduce GHG emissions throughout the natural gas supply chain, and advise on EV programs to reduce emissions from 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.

Regarding the 50% standard for experience in environmental review and permitting, I have working knowledge of federal and state regulations for criteria pollutants, have served as a representative to Clean Air Minnesota, and collaborate with Xcel Energy's environmental compliance team responsible for emission controls, permitting, and analysis of new air, water and waste regulations. I would also bring to the EQB close working relationships with several of the member agencies – particularly the PCA, MnDOT, Commerce, and Administration – on initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy, improve air quality and public health.

Finally, I am drawn to serve on the EQB because of a strong personal and professional commitment to fostering greater racial, economic, and urban/rural equity in Minnesota. Equity and environmental justice are not new to the EQB, since they permeate all the environmental issues the Board oversees, but are sure to receive greater attention in coming years. I am committed to helping EQB center the voices of disproportionately impacted and historically disenfranchised communities in its deliberations. While I cannot speak for them, I would use my experience working with communities of color, Tribal nations, and rural communities to support EQB in elevating their perspectives and meaningfully involving these communities in the environmental decisions affecting them.

Thank you for your consideration and I wish you the best in your search!

Sincerely,



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NICHOLAS F. MARTIN

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EDUCATION

M.S. Energy & Resources, University of California at Berkeley, 1999
B.A. Music, Yale University, 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

- Helped design Xcel Energy's nation-leading goal of 80% carbon reduction by 2030 and 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. Now part of core team designing a strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the natural gas supply chain.
- Primary environmental expert for company's *Upper Midwest Resource Plan for 2020-2034*, which proposes a systemwide clean energy transition by exiting coal generation, expanding renewables, natural gas and energy efficiency, extending nuclear, and supporting electrification.
- Assist state and federal legislative teams on clean energy policy design, with a particular focus on renewable and clean energy standards, policies to promote EVs and beneficial electrification, energy efficiency/demand management, cap-and-trade, carbon taxes, and low-carbon fuel standards.
- Spearheading an initiative to develop nature-based carbon solutions to reduce emissions and advance conservation and economic development across the states the company serves.
- Xcel Energy's lead representative to the Sustainable Growth Coalition, a group of 30 Minnesota-based corporations, government agencies, universities and non-profits collaborating on clean energy, water, materials and sustainability. Assist cities and large customers in designing solutions to meet their climate action planning, renewable energy, energy savings, and electrification goals.
- Represent the company in state, regional and national stakeholder processes around decarbonization of the electric, transportation and building sectors.
- Extensive experience in regulatory dockets at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, including resource planning, CO₂ regulatory and environmental costs, renewable tariffs, electric vehicles, and performance-based regulation. Draft testimony and serve as an expert witness for regulatory filings.

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

- Led development of 20 carbon offset protocols in agriculture, livestock, forestry, wetland restoration, industrial gases, and methane capture from landfills, dairies, and oil & gas sector. Managed public comment, scientific peer review, and adoption of protocols.
- Worked with private, public, non-profit and Tribal partners and across party lines to build support for activities that reduce GHG emissions and deliver multiple economic and environmental benefits. Led outreach to farmers, foresters, and project developers understand their decision-making, provide education on offset market requirements, and help them benefit from participation.
- Secured California Air Resources Board's approval of ACR as an Offset Project Registry for the California cap-and-trade market. Oversaw project listing, reporting, verification, and credit issuance in compliance with California regulations.

Xcel Energy: Environmental Policy Analyst (2008-09)

- Developed company positions and analysis for Waxman-Markey national cap-and-trade legislation. Worked inside company and with external stakeholders to craft consensus policy positions.
- Developed carbon offset pilot program for Colorado, including preparing testimony for PUC filing, securing approval, and advising on project selection.
- Conducted fuel supply assessment for biomass energy projects in Colorado forests.

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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. Designed and managed reforestation, forest management, wildfire risk reduction, and biomass energy projects.
- Prepared analyses of forest carbon sequestration, agricultural GHG mitigation, and biofuels in United States, Guinea, Congo, Madagascar, and Haiti. Conducted renewable energy assessments in the United States (co-firing biomass in coal-fired power plants), Haiti (biofuels), Russia (biomass district heating), and the Republic of Georgia (small hydroelectricity).
- Led the business development component of a \$20 million Russia Far East forestry program. Coordinated Russian 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 and economic development projects both on the Reservation and on adjacent federal and state lands. Built partnerships with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and state agencies for wildfire risk reduction and small diameter timber utilization.
- Hired staff, procured equipment, managed product design, pricing and sales, prepared business plans and market studies. Raised \$1 million in grants and contracts.
- Trained staff, reported to Tribal government, and transitioned management to a Tribal member.

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).
- Internship in Oregon State Senate on coastal fisheries issues.

CONSULTING

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

BOARD SERVICE

- Board of Directors, Environmental Initiative (2017-present)
- Board of Directors, Sierra Leone Foundation for New Democracy (2017-present)
- Board of Directors, Dovetail Partners (2018-2020)

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Short-term assignments on renewable energy/climate, forestry, and economic development projects in Russia, Republic of Georgia, Republic of Guinea, Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Haiti, China, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Argentina
- Semester teaching position in Budapest, Hungary
- Travel to Cuba, Mexico, Ukraine, Thailand, Ireland, France

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