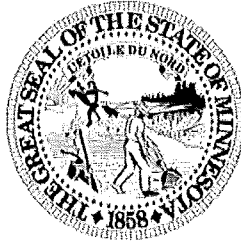


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Governor Tim Walz President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

May Thor

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

Teacher - Related Services Category
Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Effective: March 8, 2021

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 March 3, 2021.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Replacing: Anne Lindgren

Filed on March 3, 2021
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Application for the position Teacher

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
Position: Teacher

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: May Lia Thor
Phone: (651) 226-7404
County: Anoka
In House District: 38A
State House District: 6
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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

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

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Response:	No Answer

Part V: Signature

Signature: May Lia Thor
Date: 12/7/2020 11:04:01 AM

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December 1, 2020

Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
1021 Bandana Blvd. E, Suite 222
Saint Paul, MN 55108

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in applying for the Teacher Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board/Related Service Area position. I hope you will find my education, professional certifications, and work experiences to meet the requirements of this position.

I am prepared to provide and contribute to the decisions made by board members at the state level that will have significant impacts on schools, teachers, and ultimately students across Minnesota. I have a Master of Social Work degree from the University of MN. My K-12 School Social Work Certification from the MN Department of Education is in good standing. Additionally, I continue to maintain my Licensed Graduate Social Work - LGSW from the MN Board of Social Work. I am also currently working towards my Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership through Mankato State University.

Currently, I am working as a School Social Worker for both Como Senior High School and Global Arts Plus Upper Middle School for the past two years. Additionally, I have worked for Farnsworth Aerospace Upper Middle School for four years. I have gained considerable experiences and acquired a great understanding of school practices, as well as how related services play a role in the school. I am knowledgeable about Special Education Due Process including evaluations, interventions, third party billing, and writing IEP goals and objectives. I also work with multidisciplinary teams and have developed good working relationships with students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals in the community.

In my capacity as a School Social Worker, I have served as a member of the Child Study Team, Attendance Team, Behavioral Team, Check and Connect, Social Work and Counselor Collaboration, and GSA. I have also served as the coordinator of Farnsworth's School Linked Mental Health Services to make sure that students with mental health needs have access to mental health services in the school.

I am confident that I can be a great addition to the existing board member team. I am excited and looking forward to discuss with you more about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

May Lia Thor

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May Lia Thor, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

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Educational Background

2020-Present Mankato State University, Edina, MN
Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership, in progress

2008-2009 University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
Master of Social Work

2005-2008 Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN
Bachelor of Social Work

1997-1998 Century Community College, White Bear Lake, MN
General courses toward the transferring program

Work Experience

2014-Present St. Paul Public Schools, St. Paul, MN
School Social Worker

- Conduct special education evaluations in the areas of adaptive skills and social, emotional, and behavioral functioning.
- Provide individual and group counseling/therapy to students.
- Consult with parents, teachers, and administrators to develop intervention strategies to enhance students' success in school.
- Identify, mobilize, and coordinate family, school, community resources to enable students to receive maximum benefit from their educational program.
- Consult and collaborate with community agencies and other mental health professionals to coordinate services.
- Participate in multidisciplinary teams and team meetings.
- Provide other school-related services such as crisis intervention, identification of child neglect and abuse, truancy intervention, and suicidal assessment.

2009-2014 MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, St. Paul, MN
Disability Examiner

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- Investigated, collected, and analyzed evidence to adjudicate initial and reconsideration claims for social security benefits.
- Acquired and evaluated medical and non-medical evidence for all alleged physical and mental impairments and resolved any discrepancies noted.
- Maintained ongoing communication with claimants to update case status.
- Consulted with physicians and other members of the medical communities, ordered physical and psychological consultative examination as needed.
- Analyzed and evaluated claimant's adaptive skills in the areas of work and related skills and daily living skills to determine the severity of the medical impairment to make eligibility determination based on SSA regulations.
- Evaluated eligibility for reopening(s) of prior claims when claimant was adjudicated as disabled.
- Evaluated the probability of medical improvements to determine the appropriate disability review diary.
- Rendered a formal disability decision, including preparation of all necessary formal rationales and personalized denial notices for all denials of disability benefits.

2001-2009

MN Dept. of Human Service, St. Paul
MinnesotaCare Enrollment Representative

- Served as a bilingual representative, but provided services to the both English-speaking and non-English speaking populations.
- Reviewed and processed client applications to determine eligibility for MinnesotaCare.
- Provided case management to qualified individuals and families enrolled into the state subsidized health care program.
- Made simple and complex decisions to meet production standards and deadlines.
- Conducted extensive face-to face and phone contacts with applicants and enrollees, their families, advocates, and the general public.
- Reviewed and updated clients with changes impacting their application.
- Resolved or facilitated resolution of caller concerns and systems-related problems.
- Identified and obtained data and verifications required to document eligibility and premium determinations.
- Interpreted insurance, tax and other income-related documents used for making determination on a case.
- Possessed a general knowledge of the different county programs.
- Provided training to new staff, and supervisory support.

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Professional Certifications

2014-Present State of Minnesota
K-12 School Social worker
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2015-Present State of Minnesota Board of Social Work
Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW)
License Number 19594

Languages

Fluent in Hmong and English

Professional Activities

2014-present Member, Special Education Child Study Team

2014-2019 Member, Farnsworth Aerospace Upper Campus
Student Assistant Team (SAT)
Pupil Problem Committee (PPC)
Student Attendance Team
Restorative Practice Circle Keeper
Hmong New Year Celebration Team
Gay Straight and Alliance (GSA) Coordinator
Mental Health Linked Coordinator

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Volunteer Activities

2000-Present Good News Hmong Baptist Church, Fridley, MN
An active member, as well as served in many capacities including having served as a Sunday School Director, Sunday School Teacher, Finance, Treasurer, Outreach Coordinator, and Chairperson of the Women's Fellowship Group.

2002-2004 Hmong Baptist National Association, Oakdale, MN
Served as the Secretary for the women's ministry team.

References

Available Upon Request