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Governor Tim Walz President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Kathleen Sheran

Congressional District 1

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

Member

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees

Effective: September 22, 2020

Expires: June 30, 2026

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 September 17, 2020.



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Tim Walz

Governor

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Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Replacing: Robert Hoffman

Filed on September 17, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Application for the position Member Congressional District

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of Trustees Of The Minnesota State Colleges And Universities System
Position: Member Congressional District

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Kathleen Sheran
Phone: (507) 380-5043
County: Le Sueur
In House District: 20A
State House District: 1
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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

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CURRICULUM VITAE
Kathleen Sheran, BSN, RN, MS, APRN

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

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Professional ID: BSN, RN, MS, APRN, retired
Minnesota Board of Nursing Registration Certificate: R 062982-1
ANCC Certified Clinical Specialist Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

EDUCATION:

<u>Institution:</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major</u>
College of St. Teresa Winona, MN	1969 Bachelor of Science	Nursing
Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1983 Masters	Community Counseling
St. Mary's University Winona, MN	2005-	Ed.D Organizational Leadership President of the Senate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Academic

Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1975-1980	Assistant Professor School of Nursing
Minnesota State University Mankato, MN	1999-2006	Assistant Professor School of Nursing Coordinator of Mental Health Component

Nursing Practice

<u>Institution:</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mount Zion Hospital San Francisco, CA	May-December 1969	RN
University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN	1970-1974	Head Nurse Psychiatry

Blue Earth County Community Health Nursing Mankato, MN	1974-1975	Senior Public Health Nurse
Minnesota Addictions Center Mankato, MN	1980-1982	Program Director
Wellness Center of Minnesota and Family Health Clinic Mankato, MN	1983-1988	Clinical Specialist/
Psychiatric Clinic of Mankato Mankato, MN	1988-1996	Clinical Specialist/ APRN

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Faculty Improvement Grants	1976-1978
Scholarship from A.K. Rice Institute 1976, 1978 Washington, D.C.	
Group relations training	
Blandin Foundation	
Leadership Training	1998
Academy for Advanced Leader	1999

HONORS AND AWARDS:

YWCA Leadership Award	1994
Distinguished Service Award:	
Coalition of Greater MN Cities	1999
WCCO Women of the Year (for community service)	2000
Student selected graduation	
Faculty presenter for MNSU SN	2002, and 2005
Honorary Chair of the Maverick Walk for Women's Athletic Scholarship	2004-2005

GRANTS:

Robert Wood Foundation

PAST PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Sigma Theta Tau	Member
Mu Lambda	Faculty Counselor: 2003-Present Governance Committee Chair: 2004-2005
Minnesota Nurses Association	Member
American Psychiatric Nurses Association	Member

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Minnesota Psychiatric Nurses Association Member

CONSULTATION:

Community Education

Brown-Nicollet Co.

Governors Bill on Chemical Dependency 1978

Windom Employee Assistance 1979

Blue Earth County
Preparation for Medicare Accreditation 1977

Blue Earth County Corrections 1983-1988

Holiday Inn Employee Assistance, Mankato
Garden Inn Employee Assistance 1983

Group Relations Consultant
Forest Halls Hospital, Chicago 1974

SPRTC

Developing nursing to meet Standard of Practice
for working with groups

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Yellow Ribbon Committee
Preparation of family education project on depression
and suicide in adolescents

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Open Door Health Care Center
Integration of mental health screening in primary care 2004, 2005

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UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

School of Nursing

Personnel Committee 1977-1978, 1979-1980

Senior Level Curriculum Development Task Force 1978-1979

PRN Faculty Advisor 1977-1980

Junior Level Curriculum Task Force 1977-1978

Junior Level Coordinator 1977-1978

Curriculum Committee 1975-1977

Student Life Committee 2000-2001

Undergraduate Program Committee 2002-2004

Nursing Faculty Organization 1999-Present

Program Committee for Nursing Education Conference 2003-2004

Seminar Participant,

MNSU Department of Political
 Science visit from Knut Voleback
 Ambassador of Norway to the United States 2003
 Seminar Participant, MNSU Department of
 Political Science visit from Consulate
 General of Israel to the Midwest 2005
 School of Nursing Resource Committee 2004-2005
 Chair Maverick Women's Walk for Athletic Scholarship

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Past Service:

Minnesota State Senate, District 19
 Mankato City Council President
 Lawyers Board of Professional Responsibility
 Minnesota Insurance Market Place Legislative Oversight Committee
 Governor's task force on health care financing
 Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Authority
 Minnesota State Advisory Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles
 Governor's Task Force on Child Protection
 Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
 Legislative Task Force on the Protection of Children
 NCSL/NGA Scope of Practice Project

Board member and past chair of Initiative Fund of South East, South Central Minnesota
 President Minnesota Women in City Government
 Governors Judicial Selection Commission
 Mayo Health System Board of Directors
 Government Relations Committee, Mankato Chamber of Commerce
 Board of League of Minnesota Cities
 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, Vice Chair
 State Advisory Council on Mental Health

Mankato Housing and Redevelopment Authority Chair
 Civic Center and Downtown Redevelopment Committee
 Human Rights Commission
 Youth in City Government
 Women's Health Advisory Board: ISJ Hospital
 Community Health Action and Promotion Project (CHAP)
 Blue Earth County Library Board, Chair
 Board Member: Minnesota Area Health Education Center: Minnesota AHEC
 Task Force on Electric De-regulation
 YWCA Women of Distinction Committee
 ISJ MHS Hospital Board of Directors, Quality Committee Chair
 Strategic Planning Committee
 Citizens Voice Executive Committee

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Highway 14 Partnership: Originator, and first chair.
Task Force on Developing Community Resources, Chamber of Commerce
Hospice and Community Nursing Services Advisory Board, ISJ Hospital
Initiative Foundation Nominations Committee
Summit Center Board of Directors
Co-Chair ISJ Mayo Health System Heart and Cancer Fund Drive

CURRENT SERVICE:

Chair: Board of the Minnesota Insurance Exchange (MNSURE)
AARP Executive Council, MN
MN Legislative Society Board
Child and Family Advocacy Center Board of Directors

MINNESOTA SENATE, AWARDS AND ACHEIVMENTS:

Achievements:

- Chair, Senate Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee, 2013-2016
- Co-Chair, Legislative Task Force on Child Protection, 2015-2016
- Senate Majority Whip, 2007-2010
- Vice Chair, Senate Higher Education Budget and Policy Committee, 2007-2010
- Member, Governor's Task Force on Child Protection, 2014-2015
Higher Education Conference Committee Member
- Panel Member, University of Minnesota Board of Regents Review Panel
- Appointed to the Advisory Committee on Human Services Laws and
Administrative Requirements
- Health Care Access Working Group Chair, "Bridging the Health Continuum"
- Chief Author of Minnesota's "Freedom to Breathe Act," to ban smoking in public
workspace
- Designed and implemented MN. Senate Fellowship for persons with disabilities.
- Redesign Mn. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation System

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Awards

- Politics in Minnesota's 2007 "Freshman Legislator of the Year" Award
- Allina Health Group's 2007 "Legislator of the Year" Award
- Minnesota Public Health Association's 2007 "B. Robert Lewis" Award
- Minnesota Academy of Family Physician's "Legislative Achievement" Award
- Minnesota Nurses Association's "Public Official Award" 2007
- Minnesota Farmers Union "2007-2008 Farm and Rural Legislative Award"
- Minnesota Medical Association's "James H. Sova" Award
- The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's 2007
"Legislative Champion" Award
- American Cancer Society's 2008 "Legislator of the Year" Award
- Minnesota State College Student Association's 2008 "Senator of the Year" Award

- National Alliance on Mental Illness – Minnesota 2009 “Legislator of the Year” Award
- Minnesota State College Student Association’s 2009 “Senator of the Year” Award
- Organizing Apprenticeship Project’s 2008-2011 “Consistent Champion for Racial Justice” Award
- Minnesota Deputy Registrar’s Association’s 2011 “Outstanding Service” Award
- American Heart Association, “Legislator of the Year Award” 2013
- MN CASA, “AWARE Award,” 2014
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners, “Advocate of the Year Award” 2014
- MN Association of Nurse Anesthetists, “Public Affairs Award,” 2014
- AARP, “Capitol Caregiver,” 2014
- Voices For Racial Justice, “Champion for Racial Equity,” 2015
- American Lung Association, “Distinguished Service for Mission Award,” 2015
- Women Candidate Development Coalition, “Political Excellence Award,” 2015
- City Pages, named “Most Productive Minnesota Legislator,” 2015
- Minnesota Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, “Distinguished Service” award, 2015
- Children’s Hospital and Clinics, “Legislative Health Hero” award, 2015
- Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation, “Legislative Champion” award, 2015
- League of Minnesota Cities, “President’s Award,” 2016
- Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies, “Distinguished Service Award,” 2016

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Speaking Engagements

- Keynote Speaker, American Lung Association’s “Changes in the Air” Celebration August 21, 2007
- Speaker, NAACP-Mankato Chapter’s “2nd Annual Freedom Dinner” May 4, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Minnesota State University-Mankato, School of Nursing “Pinning Ceremony” May 11, 2007
- Speaker, Remembering with Dignity “Legislative Celebration and Ceremony” August 17, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Catalyst’s “Youth Summit March and Rally” August 17, 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Tobacco Law Center, William and Mitchell College of Law “Conversations in Public Health” December 8, 2008
- Speaker, St. Cloud State University, “Summer Leadership Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration” June 2009
- Speaker, MSCOD Legislative Forum, January 2013
- Speaker, Minnesota State University – Mankato, School of Nursing, July 2013

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- Speaker, Truman and Reta Wood Scholarship Dinner, Stephanie Schriock, President of Emily's List, September 2013
- Speaker, Emcee, American Heart Association, October 2013, 2014
- Speaker, Girls Empowerment Day, YWCA, November 2013
- Panelist, Elizabeth Kearney Women's Leadership Development Program, February 2014, 2015, 2016
- Emcee, Mankato Go Red Luncheon For Women, American Heart Association, May 2015
- Speaker, Midwest Independent Practice Association, September 2015
- Speaker, "Reframing and conflict resolution", YWCA, Elizabeth Kearney Leadership Institute, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Panelist, Minnesota Corrections Association Fall Institute, October 2015
- Keynote Speaker, Minnesota State University- Mankato, School of Nursing, Mu Lambda 25th Anniversary Celebration, October 2015
- Speaker, "Prisoners or Patients? A Mental Health and Justice Forum" April 16, 2016
- Speaker, Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation Legislative Action Day May 3, 2016
- Speaker, YWCA Elizabeth Kearney Women's Leadership Program, October 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Lafayette Liberty Days, 2017
- Speaker, MN State Student Nurse Association Annual Conference, 2017
- First Friday Forum, Mankato Presbyterian sponsored event: 2018.
- Gustavus Adolphus Collage Public Policy Class presentation: 2018
- MNSU Mankato: Presentation Public Policy, Health Care, Nursing role: 2018
- MN Student Nurses Association Annual Conference: 2018
- UU Fellowship Naples Fla., Complexity of Legislative Action, 2020

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March 31, 2020

VIA EMAIL ONLY: Open.appointments@state.mn.us

Open Appointments

RE: Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and University
Reference: Kathleen Sheran - 4320 Linder Bay Lane, Madison Lake, MN 56063

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the senior partner in the Maschka, Riedy, Ries & Frentz Law Firm in Mankato Minnesota. I have known Kathy Sheran for more than 40 years and am familiar with the various elected positions she has held as well as her other contributions to a variety of organizations.

Ms. Sheran was highly regarded as City Council President, college professor and state senator. In her capacity as a member of the Mankato Council, the Minnesota legislature and multiple boards on which she served she developed a reputation for proactive cooperative leadership and for furthering the interests of community organizations on which she served. Noteworthy is that while in the legislature Ms. Sheran served as vice chair of the Higher Education Committee for four years as well as serving on that committee for the entire time she was in the legislature.

Ms. Sheran is known for her lifelong commitment to education at all levels and in particular those challenges faced by those less advantaged in seeking higher education.

Her wealth of knowledge, capacity to absorb information, social skills and ability to interact with persons from all walks of life make her particularly well-suited for appointment to this position on the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Sheran is highly respected, ethical and I recommend her appointment without reservation. The state is fortunate to have someone of this caliber apply for this position

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Very truly yours,

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701 NW 22nd St.
Austin, MN 55912
April 4, 2020

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Kathy Sheran of Mankato as the representative from the First Congressional District on the Minnesota State College and University Board of Trustees.

I first met Kathy when we were both serving as city officials in the League of Minnesota Cities and also the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. She was a great role model and her leadership style was to include others and work across the aisle with our issues of infrastructure, transportation, education and Local Government Aid. Working with these issues helped Kathy develop a broad understanding of people, their work force needs and their economic struggles.

She went on to serve with distinction in the Minnesota Senate where she was an expert on health and human services policy and higher education. Her work in the Senate uniquely prepares her for the issues facing the MNSCU Board of Trustees.

She has remained engaged in multiple activities throughout her career that have kept her informed explicitly about the needs of students and families. She understands the impact of our changing demographics here in Minnesota and the need for a relevant higher education system.

It is my belief that Kathy would bring a depth of experience to the Board of Trustees and that she would be a person who would work effectively with the other members and the Chancellor as they oversee the MNSCU system.

Thus it is with enthusiasm that I recommend Kathy, knowing that she would serve with the effectiveness she has in past positions for which she has been positively recognized by her peers.

Thank you for considering Kathy for a Trustee on the Board of the MNSCU system.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Besse Rietz
Hormel Foundation, Vice-Chair
Former Mayor, Austin

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April 2, 2020

Board of Trustees
Minnesota State
30 East 7th Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-7804

Re: Kathy Sheran application

Dear Board of Trustees Selection Committee,

I am writing to recommend Kathy Sheran as a candidate to fill your upcoming open seat on the Board of Trustees. Kathy will be a great asset to the Board and the great Minnesota State System. She is also an important bridgebuilder, partner and voice for companies like ours.

Kathy and I first met in 2010 during her time in the MN Senate and also through many community functions since then. She has shown great energy and interest in partnerships between education and businesses and this is necessary and refreshing. Kathy is acutely aware of the ever-changing landscape in education and in business as well as the changing demographics in our country.

I always feel that Kathy really listens carefully to small business owners like me to progressively and strategically lead toward positive change. Jones Metal is a small (100 people), 3rd generation, metal fabrication company in Mankato, MN in business since 1942. We produce a variety of metal products for some of the world's largest original equipment manufacturers utilizing state of the art technology and talent.

At Jones, we work tirelessly with the Minnesota State institutions to help guide and develop programs to meet the needs of our rapidly changing landscape. Kathy has visited our company and others and clearly understands our needs in technology and most important, workforce.

I am very excited about the prospect that she may be in a position to help to continue to lead our education system in a positive direction. We are fortunate to have such a great system in Minnesota and fortunate to have terrific leaders like Kathy Sheran.

Sincerely,

Sarah Richards
President & CEO

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Minnesota State College and University Board of Trustees
Candidate Selection Committee

RE: Kathleen (Kathy) Sheran

I am very pleased to recommend Kathy Sheran for the role of Board of Trustee for the MN State College and University system. I had the great privilege of working with Kathy on the Higher Education Committee in the Minnesota Legislature for ten (10) years. She was knowledgeable and, indeed, passionate about providing every student attending one of our wonderful colleges and university a quality and successful educational experience.

Her experience on this committee alone will provide her with a depth of pre-existing knowledge and also a clearer understanding of the complexities of the system, but there's much more to Kathy's leadership that could benefit the Board of Trustees. Kathy is a learner. She constantly studies issues and seeks to improve her own understanding and knowledge base. She is a leader that steps up to take on a problem or challenge when one presents itself. She is introspective when faced with a seemingly impervious problem and will bring opposing perspectives to the table to find resolution. She also is strong enough to move ahead in solidarity when the call is made and needed.

To give you a bit more background about my experience working with Kathy Sheran beyond education I will share a few of my interactions with you so that you might understand why I heartily recommend her for this role.

Over the ten years we served together in the legislature, I was able to work closely with Kathy a number of time and was always keenly aware of her understanding and study of each of the many issues. She was a founder of the Highway 14 Partnership, which continues even today, which drew a broad coalition of community members together to advance a much needed project that was not rising to the top of the MNDOT Regional priorities. This group was able to bring forward a creative program that did, indeed, advance the work on building a safer Highway 14 corridor.

Another issue that we worked on together was the statewide non-emergency medical transportation issue. Kathy chaired that subcommittee and brought many, many people together to help tackle a program that needed reorganization and oversight. It was a challenging statewide issue with many regional nuances and Kathy worked on and led us through many very difficult discussions. A system change is tough work, but persistence helped make much needed improvements.

In closing, I want to encourage you to strongly consider Kathy Sheran as a qualified and very strong candidate for your Board of Trustees. As a former Senator from the Mankato area, Kathy can be a voice for the area Colleges and University – but her regional and statewide leadership make her uniquely suited for a role such as this. I wish you all the best in filling your Board and hope you'll interview Kathy Sheran as part of that process.

Feel free to call (507-990-0276) with any question and stay well during this difficult time,

Kim Norton

Mayor of Rochester

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Greater Mankato Diversity Council
127 S. 2nd Street, Suite 110
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

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bhayes@mankatodiversity.org

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From: Bukata Hayes, Executive Director
Greater Mankato Diversity Council
127 S. 2nd Street, Mankato, MN 56001

To: Open Appointments
Board of Trustees of the State College and University System

Re: Letter of Support for Kathy Sheran, Minnesota Congressional District 1

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support as my highest recommendation for Kathy Sheran to be the next State College and University System Board of Trustees appointee for Congressional District 1.

I have lived in Mankato, Minnesota for approximately 23yrs as both a student and a professional. It was as a professional, beginning in 2000, that I began to hear and see the incredible influence of Kathy Sheran in vivid color throughout our community and region. She was and remains a "tireless advocate" (as described in the June 10, 2016 Mankato Free Press upon her retirement from the State Senate) for Minnesota and specifically Southern Minnesota. Kathy's fingerprints on Mankato's vitality and southern Minnesota's vibrancy can be clearly seen from her time as a City Councilor for the City of Mankato (16yrs), as our area's State Senator (10yrs) and now serving as a citizen advocate (her own words) for local and state issues.

While in the State Senate, Kathy served on the Higher Education Committee for the entire duration of her time in the Senate. She was deeply engaged in the legislation to offer more services to first-time higher ed students while also making the case for the State System to increase funding for aid and assistance to students with the greatest need for support to succeed. She understood that the State's colleges and universities best served as well as most frequently served those students in need of additional resources to be successful. She accurately argued that first-time college students – students who were first-generation college students (no previous college graduates in their families); students and families who may have limited financial resources; students and families with no readily available mentors to help them navigate the college "matrix" – should have a college, university and system that

provides additional support that helps them overcome any educational limitations they bring and/or systemic barriers that may exist. Her rationale for this advocacy was simple: Allow whoever wanted to "give it try", to enter our state colleges and universities and do just that. Kathy knew that this is a dynamic that is critical and, in many ways, unique to a statewide, unified higher ed structure like our State System.

Kathy's Senatorial leadership included serving as the Chair of the Senate's Health and Human Services committee, where she worked for increased funding for housing and for increases in the state's aid formula to provide more money to be used for expenses other than tuition. Her push for this change in permissible expenses was a direct correlation to her understanding of the realities confronting marginalized and underrepresented Minnesotans, Minnesotans of color and indigenous people of Minnesota. Kathy proudly used her authority while serving in the Senate to focus on finding ways to actually break down the barriers that hindered the success of Minnesotans.

Throughout her vast public service, she maintained a robust personal connection to her community. She spearheaded and willed to be numerous community collaborations and initiatives that fostered a more welcoming community including supporting the work of the Greater Mankato Diversity Council. The clearest example of her personal investment in her community is her solidarity with and support of the mission of the YWCA of Mankato. The mission of the YWCA of Mankato aligns with her personal work of advancement of women and their families including new immigrants and refugees, people from different cultures, and people likely to face and be subjected to many forms of bias and racism. She has been a part of the YWCA of Mankato's education programs around women's leadership as well as provided personal financial assistance to further the organization's reach and impact. I would like to underscore, as it may not be explicitly apparent, that her support for more gender inclusion and for eliminating bias and racism has not always been something publicly praised nor applauded. But she fearlessly led anyway. Plainly stated, whether through her work as an elected official or her time as an engaged community member, Kathy has tirelessly worked to create more ways for more Minnesotans to be more connected, more welcoming and more successful.

With all the above in the forefront of my mind, I respectfully provide my full support for Kathy Sheran to be the next Congressional District 1 appointee to the Board of Trustees for the State College and University System!

Warmest Regards,


Bukata Hayes
Executive Director

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From: Marty Seifert
To: Appointments, Open (OSS)
Cc: Marty J Seifert
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Please attach this letter to the application already submitted by Kathy Sheran for the Board of Trustees for MNSCU.

Marty Seifert
1113 East Lyon Street
Former Member, Minnesota House of Representatives
1996-2010
Marshall, MN 56258

March 31, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to give my highest recommendation possible to Kathy Sheran to be appointed to the Minnesota State Colleges and University System Board of Trustees for Congressional District 1.

Kathy Sheran has been a thoughtful leader as a member of the State Senate, Mankato City Council member and community member in southern Minnesota. As someone who served on the Board of Trustees myself and as a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, I personally know that it takes a broad scope of knowledge and dedication to carry out the awesome responsibilities that this appointment carries. This role is extremely important as higher education is going to be changing immensely in the coming term. Challenges of funding, campus depopulation, changing student demographics, state funding, tuition, distance learning and so much more will face the Board of Trustees. The experience Kathy Sheran brings to this position can not be matched. She can operate as a very thoughtful conduit between the legislature and higher education system, as well as a prudent leader to take on the critical issues our state universities, community and technical colleges face in the coming years.

The importance of having credible and experienced public servants in capacities like these cannot be understated. Kathy Sheran has willingly stepped up to serve in many capacities,

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including the legislature, where I was honored to serve with her. Please take the opportunity to tap her talents and once again serve Minnesota.

I can be reached at seifert@iw.net or 507-829-7683 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marty Seifert

Marty Seifert

Board of Trustees, Minnesota State Colleges and University System (1993-1994)

Minnesota House of Representatives (1996-2010)

House Minority Leader (2006-2009)

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Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities

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Re: Kathleen Sheran Recommendation

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To Whom It May Concern:

President of the Senate

This letter is submitted as a clear and unencumbered recommendation for Kathleen Sheran to serve and occupy the 1st Congressional District open seat of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees upon the retirement of Bob Hoffman.

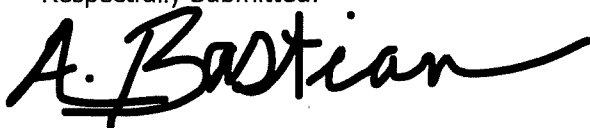
Senator Sheran represented the Greater Mankato area with advocacy, practicality and wisdom. She listened to her constituents, she communicated her message well and worked tirelessly to advocate for the health and education of those that she represented.

I first met Kathy when she was a professor of Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing at Minnesota State University Mankato and I was employed as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. Her students were always prepared, knowledgeable and spoke highly of their professor. It was at that time; Kathy revealed her interest in serving the citizens of the community through political representation. She organized a successful campaign and I was particularly proud that as a woman, a nurse and educator the broader community recognized and validated their belief in her capability to represent them in St. Paul. She possesses the ability to be clear in her position, advocate for that position and yet be open to listen, consider, and discuss alternative perspectives. Constituents appreciated both her style and manner.

My husband Dan (a teacher) and I became entrepreneurs, founding Angie's Kettle Corn (later rebranded as Angie's Boomchickapop) which exposed us to an entirely new and different community of professionals in the Greater Mankato Region. I remember being impressed that those in the business community also appreciated Senator Sheran. Understandably, not all agreed with her position, but they respected her. Unlike some political public servants, she did not denigrate others to elevate herself or disparage her opponents as a tool to distinguish her from those with whom she disagreed. She is a class act and remains so. She is a highly respected member of our community both in her public service and on a personal and social level.

I highly recommend Kathleen Sheran for the open seat of the MNSCU Board of Trustees. She would be welcome addition on any board!

Respectfully Submitted:



Angie Bastian, Founder Angie's Boomchickapop

70 Trail Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

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Governor Walz,

I write to strongly recommend Kathy Sheran of Mankato to serve as the representative from the First Congressional District on the Minnesota State College and University Board (MnSCU). Forty years ago, as I graduated from Winona State University, I was selected as the very first student to serve on this Board. I had the honor of serving alongside Judge Robert Sheran from whom I learned a great deal about higher education funding and policy, but more importantly about the value of public service in both elective and appointive positions.

Through the years, I have come to know Judge Sheran's daughter, Kathy. She clearly follows in her father's footsteps. Kathy is a well-respected health professional and educator in Mankato. She has also been extremely active in numerous significant community initiatives. The respect she earned by her professional and volunteer work led to her election to the Mankato City Council where she served for sixteen years. She was subsequently elected to the Minnesota State Senate where she served for several terms with high distinction. She was regarded by colleagues on both sides of the aisle as an expert on health and human services policy. She was also a key player on education and higher education policy during her tenure in the Senate.

I also appreciate the role Kathy played as a Board member and then Chair of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (a Foundation that I am now proud to lead). She helped to shape the vital work of this Foundation and has remained a valued advisor to our Foundation in the ensuing years.

As a lifelong resident of southern Minnesota, I count her as among the most effective legislators to ever serve in the State Capitol from our region. She combines competence with an ability to work across the aisle to get things done. Those skills will bring enormous value to her work on the MnSCU Board. Again, I strongly recommend her to you for the vacancy on this Board from the First Congressional District.

Sincerely
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