

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Executive Department



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**Governor Tim Walz** President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Tarek Tomes**

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

**Commissioner**

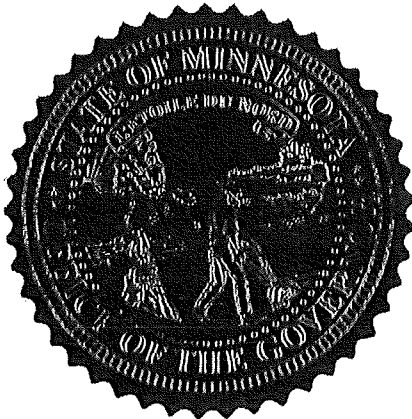
**Minnesota Information Technology Services**

Effective: January 2, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 2, 2023.



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Tim Walz  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon  
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 2, 2023  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon



# TAREK TOMES

CIO City of Saint Paul

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## Vision Statement

Positively impact our world through innovative uses of Information Technology

## Summary

**Dynamic Visionary leader** bringing over 25 years of experience in establishing technology optimization across diverse industries in both national and international operations. Results oriented with proven success in leveraging technology resources, while consistently achieving business objectives. Recognized for leading change, delivering innovative solutions, while reducing costs and increasing productivity, transparency, and quality. Strong focus on building effective partnerships, talent management and development, strategic planning and program management. Valued for problem-solving skills and consistent achievement of strategic goals with credibility and focus.

- **Diversified background in operations and technology management;** distinguished for an entrepreneurial mindset, creative problem solving, cross-functional teams and a bottom-line orientation.
- **Offers innovative solutions to operational challenges** and leverages decisiveness to implement solutions while minimizing risk and maximizing performance.
- **Expert in transforming strategic plans into tactical initiatives** for national and international programs.
- **Motivator and coach combining business acumen with analytical depth** to align operational efficiencies with corporate goals.

## Core Competencies

- Strategic Transformations
- Race Equity Technology Implications
- National / Global Operations

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## Professional Experience

2014 - present

CIO / Chief Innovation Officer  
City of Saint Paul

- Responsible for planning, coordinating, directing, and designing all operational activities of the IT department, as well as providing direction and support for IT solutions that enhance Saint Paul's departmental operations. This includes many significant Cloud based services such as Office365, Microsoft Azure, Open Information Portal, stpaul.gov web site, Prosecution case management.
- Provides strategic leadership and operational management of the technology environment supporting Saint Paul's diverse technology requirements.
- As member of Saint Paul's Senior Race Equity steering team, helped set city wide direction for Race Equity initiatives.
- Manages a team of over 70 people and ensures that IT strategies and objectives are aligned with Saint Paul objectives.
- Responsible that priorities are fully met while working to further teamwork/collaboration, the development of world-class strategic, technical and operational capability and a culture of innovation, financial awareness, dependability, pragmatism and excellence.
- Provides leadership and management of the technology teams including resource management, hiring, mentorship, and performance management.
- Foster and promote technology access to support a more diverse and equitable community.
- In-depth understanding of Saint Paul's priorities and sets clear information technology goals that anticipate needs and are responsive to the cities strategic plan and goals

2008 - 2014

Assistant Commissioner, Customer and Service Management  
State of Minnesota

- Created and evolved all Information Technology service strategies to align with both current and future business needs
- Responsible for Service Strategy for \$100m in IT services
- Responsible for Cloud Service Strategy and adoption of Office365 (BPOS-D). Managed the adoption and migration of 33,000 state workers to Office365 Cloud Collaboration Service. First state in the country to adopt.
- Responsible for Business Relationship Management
- Developed financial service cost model
- Responsible for comprehensive Service Level Agreements for all Information Technology Services in the Executive Branch for the State of Minnesota
- Responsible for aligning business needs with strategic IT service direction
- Member of Executive team (2000 employees and \$500m IT Budget)

1995 - 2008

Global Managed Services Owner  
British Telecom (formerly Control Data Systems)  
Project Management

- Developed financial forecasts and budgets for a variety of services and customers.
- Developed labor forecasts and monitored labor utilization.
- Regularly conducted project status review meetings with clients, partners and product vendors to facilitate team communications, established timeframes for software fixes and ensure project delivery schedules.
- Developed and managed many customer relationships by gaining the trust of clients, partners and software vendors to ensure client expectations were met and to build a foundation for future business.
- Conducted project management, design and implementation activities with a collaborative and often times virtual team.
- Conducted assignment reviews with team members. Frequently developed mentoring relationship with peers to transfer specific technical knowledge to speed on-the-job learning by peers.
- Ensured that measurable and standardized project management methodologies were implemented.

## Business Development

- Program Development
- Project Management
- New Business Development
- Transition / Change Management
- Continuous Improvement
- Strategic Partnership Relations
- Business Process Reengineering
- Supply Chain Management
- New Product Development
- Team Building & Training
- Core Process Development

## Awards

2018 - Twin Cities CIO of the Year  
Finalist

2012 - Real Leadership Award - US Public  
Sector CIO Summit

## Education

Graduate Studies –  
Business Management, Boston  
University

Bachelor of Science – Management  
Information Systems, University of  
Maryland - 1991

- Designed, developed, and served as Chief Architect for outsourcing services as well as other business initiatives. This resulted in numerous Cloud service offerings for communications and collaboration services.
- Demonstrated BT's capabilities to new and existing customers through technical presentations at partner and BT sponsored security seminars, onsite proof-of-concepts and trade shows which resulted in winning a number of security consulting engagements.
- Frequently researched and reviewed new hardware and software technologies to discover and prove future growth areas which resulted in BT pursuing new business opportunities ranging from compliance related service offerings to Identity Management engagements.
- Developed repeat business by building strong customer relationships through post-sale delivery activities.
- Created email and instant messaging services for BT to provide customers a solution to meet regulatory compliance requirements.
- Created an Internet service initiative that was the largest Microsoft SQL server database implementation at the time (see attached article). Responsible for the complete design of this solution from conception to delivery. Managed team members and vendors during the project.

## People Manager

- Served as a mentor for college graduate new hires. Responsible for helping to form career paths and creating a personal development plan.
- Created employee reviews and provided feedback on development progressions.
- Conducted interviews for prospective employees in the security consulting practice.

1991 - 1995 Manager – Systems Engineering

STS GmbH – Mannheim, Germany

- Responsible for service delivery as well as quality assurance for the engineering division. Managed work schedules as well as task and project assignments.
- Created budget and labor forecasts. Responsible for Profit and Loss of the engineering division.
- Served as Chief Technologist. Responsible for creating new service initiatives as well as developing strategic business partnerships. Became the largest Compaq (HP) integrator in Germany during this time. First to implement SAP R/3 application suite on Microsoft platform.
- Staff grew from 6 engineers to 18 engineers during this time.

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