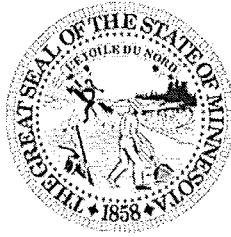


**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Executive Department



**Governor Tim Walz**

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

APR 19 2024

**Trista Martinson**

President of the Senate

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

**County Government Representative**  
**Clean Water Council**

Effective: April 24, 2024

Expires: January 3, 2028

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 April 19, 2024.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Filed April 19, 2024  
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Secretary of State  
Steve Simon

Replacing: Victoria Reinhardt

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## Part I: Position Sought

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Agency Name: Clean Water Council

Position: County Government

## Part II: Applicant Information

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Name: Trista Martinson

Phone:

County: Ramsey

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Mn House District: 66B

US House District: 4

## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### 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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Signature: Trista Martinson

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# Trista L. Martinson

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## SUMMARY

\*Sought after public speaker on topics of civil liberties \*Experienced advocate at the micro and macro levels \*Known for work with Veteran populations and Lead Advocate of Women Veterans issues \*Exceptional leadership and facilitation skills \* Exceptional Negotiator \*Veteran, 16 years of active duty service, US Navy, US Marine Corps Reserve, Minnesota Army National Guard \* \*Consistent performer with awards as high as Army and Navy Achievement Medals and Minnesota Women Veteran of the Year 2011 \*Serve on numerous boards and advisory committees nationally and locally. 2016 Bush Fellow, Ramsey County Commissioner.

## WORK HISTORY – CURRENT

**County Commissioner District 3**, Ramsey County, MN 1/2019-Current, Manages and approves the annual county budget; determines the county's tax levy. Participates in long-range planning initiatives; develops and approves the county's capital improvement budget for improvements to administrative buildings, roads and bridges, and public works facilities. Authorizes the receipt and/or application of state and federal grants for mandated state programs. Develops and adopts county laws on topics such as public health, parks, solid waste management, roads and highways, and zoning and land use. Authorizes personnel rules and hires the administrative head of the county. Fills mid-term vacancies for the elected county offices of sheriff and attorney. Represents county interests at the state and federal level.

**Strategic Partnership Independent Contractor**, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans 4/2107-12/2018, Builds relationships with community partners, strategic alliance partners and corporate funders/ supporters to fulfill clients goals and objectives. Work to convert corporate and local partnerships into signature collaborations. Review of internal processes and make strategic analysis and recommendations on process improvement.

**Principal Assistant to County Commissioner**, Ramsey 1/2016-4/2017, Provide counsel and support to Commissioner's policy and community leadership effort in a wide variety of areas including the areas of Public Works, Parks and Solid Waste, Audit, Budget, County Facilities, Legislative, Finance, Personnel and Management, Human Services/Workforce Solutions, Public Safety and Justice, Veterans Affairs and Affordable Housing. Provide Constituent relations to residents of District 1.

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**Veterans' Voices Program Officer**, Minnesota Humanities Center, 6/2013-6/2015, Responsible for leading and developing Veterans' Programing rooted in humanities based principles and resources. Lead the exploration of literature, art, culture and philosophy to connect Veterans and community members in deep thoughtful engagement. Facilitate thoughtful discussion, community events and history projects to fully engage Veterans in humanities work. Develop Veterans as scholars for public discussions and as educational resources.

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**Founder and Chair**, Minnesota Women Veterans Initiative, 08/2008 - Present

Responsible for the agenda, resource development, and partnerships of women veteran advocates and veteran agencies to identify gaps in services provided for women Veterans to improve the lives and well-being of women Veterans through access and innovative programs and services. Leads legislative agenda and frequently testifies before the state legislature on issues relating to Veterans. Recognized as the "2011 Woman Veteran of the Year."

**Consumer Reviewer and Advocate**, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, SRA International, Washington D.C. 10/2008 – Present

Serves as a consumer reviewer and advocate on panels made up of PhD, MD, etc. level scientists, researchers, and practitioners from across the country focusing on proposals for varying levels of research and intervention models for post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, family and individual resilience, major depressive disorder,

combat stress, Autism etc. Consumer reviewers rate and provide feedback to scientists present on the overall impact and innovation that the proposal might have on the consumer. Provides rating on other areas such as research feasibility, budget, personnel, etc. as required by the Congress and at times, by the Department of Defense. Has served on teleconference, in person and online panels reviewing hundreds of proposals.

**Public Speaker & Guest Writer, 11/2007 – Present**

Sought after for speaking on the following topics: the military as a culture; women Veterans; reintegration challenges for returning military personnel and families, affordable housing and homeownership, Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Has spoken at numerous events ranging from legislative testimony to community interest groups.

**Board Secretary Gender Justice, 12/2014-Present**

Participates as a member of the board and Maintains records of the board and ensures effective management of organization's records, Manages minutes of board meetings, Ensures minutes are distributed to members shortly after each meeting and Is sufficiently familiar with legal documents (articles, bylaws, IRS letters, etc.) to note applicability during meetings.

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WORK HISTORY – PREVIOUS

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**Government Relations Sr Associate, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, 01/2011- 6/2013**

Responsible for managing the direct and grassroots components of the advocacy program. Direct advocacy includes setting and lobbying the TCHF state, local and federal policy agendas, and working in coalition with other advocacy organizations. Grassroots advocacy includes managing the on-line and in person advocacy efforts that engage TCHF supporters in our policy work. Sets TCHF Legislative Agendas, reports to the board of directors on Advocacy programs. Manages and recruits Ambassadors and annual Habitat on the Hill events. Leads Habitat for Humanity Veteran advisory council to establish Veterans initiatives throughout the organization in order to meet the housing needs of the Veteran community. Leads international advocacy and build mission trips.

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**Community Relations Sr Associate, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, 03/2008 – 01/2011**

Responsible for outreach and community organization for the creation and implementation of overall community outreach goals and specific strategies for increasing constituent support of affordable housing. Educate and advocate on issues relating to affordable housing through public speaking to groups of all sizes seeking engagement and education on issues relating to affordable housing. Evaluate, develop and strategically plan constituent programming, including events, educational and/or civic engagement activities and outreach. Connect to community leaders in applicable geographic communities where TCHF is building/would like to build. Learn of issues and opportunities in those communities. Recruit and develop Habitat leaders in those communities. Coordinate PR efforts within those communities for TCHF builds and homebuyer application opportunities. Assist in lobbying for the entire housing continuum.

**Board of Directors, Vice-President United Nations Association 01/2012- 12/2014**

Serves as Vice-President of the Board of the United Nations Association of Minnesota, responsible for advocacy program and legislation that inspires all Minnesotans to engage in global issues and to build public support for constructive United States leadership in the United Nations. The United Nations Association of Minnesota (UNA-MN) is a non-profit grass roots organization located in Minneapolis / St. Paul that works on a local and regional level to promote the principles and goals of the United Nations.

**Board of Advisors, Humanitarian Assistant Project, EMDR Research Program, 04/2012 – 12/2014**

Advises HAP MN Veteran Resilience Project on issues related to mental health program delivery to current Veterans and their families. Utilizes firsthand knowledge with professional knowledge of issues related to mental health in the military and Veteran community to enhance the ability of the program to reach the targeted population. Provides input into outreach and conducts outreach on behalf of HAP MN Veteran Resilience Project. Recommends courses of action and carries out tasks inherent within courses of action. HAP trains mental health clinicians in evidence-based trauma focused therapies and educates caregivers in order to better understand and recognize trauma. Through a grant, HAP has created the HAP MN Veteran Resilience Project to bring counseling services at no cost to veterans who served since September, 2001. HAP is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization working to build psychological resilience in communities to heal trauma and PTSD.

**Board of Advisors, ADAPT, University of Minnesota Research Program, 03/2011 – 9/2014**

ADAPT is a project that is being conducted at the University of Minnesota with the support of the Minnesota National Guard and Reserves to learn about family resilience and to develop tools to support resilience among military families as they cope with the stress of deployment and reintegration. Advises research team on issues related to Veterans and their families. Utilizes firsthand knowledge with professional knowledge of issues in the military and

Veteran community to enhance the ability of the program to reach the targeted population. Provides input into outreach and conducts outreach on behalf of University of Minnesota. Recommends courses of action and carries out tasks inherent within courses of action.

**Mentor, Hennepin County Veterans Courts 06/2012-9/2014**

Serves as mentor for Veterans navigating themselves through the court system and life skills to reduce risk of further intersection with the criminal justice system. Works closely with law enforcement, probation officers, court staff, attorneys and Judges to ensure success in the program. Helps connect Veterans with resources to meet their needs for healthcare, housing, and employment.

**Veterans Voices Event Co-Chair – 06/2012-9/2013**

“25 Veterans Voices Awards Ceremony” Veterans Celebration on September 11, 2013 This unprecedented Humanities Center event will host multiple partners and celebrate “25 Veterans Voices”. These rising stars are vets under age 40 who have not merely returned to civilian life but are thriving and giving back to their Minnesota communities. After an official nomination process, a committee of Veterans Voices leaders will make final selections of “25 Veterans Voices” award winners. These selected vets will be officially recognized at the “25 Veterans Voices Awards Ceremony” held on September 11. This event highlights vets contributions to our communities and seeks to recognize the next great generation.

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**Board of Advisors, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), MN, Vet Connection, 03/3009 –12/2012**

Advises staff at NAMI, MN, Vet Connection program on issues related to mental health program delivery to current Veterans and their families. Utilizes firsthand knowledge with professional knowledge of issues related to mental health in the military and Veteran community to enhance the ability of the program to reach the targeted population. Provides input into outreach and conducts outreach on behalf of NAMI, MN Vet Connection. Recommends courses of action and carries out tasks inherent within courses of action.

**Advisor and Committee Member, University of St. Thomas/St. Katherine Masters of Social Work student research on PTSD and the affect on Women Veterans. 9/2010- 12/2012**

Provide consultation for MSW student research and thesis related to Women Veterans and PTSD. Ensure appropriateness of study and oversight for safety for study participants. Provide technical oversight and awareness of military culture and language. Assist in interpreting and understanding situations and events as they occur for participants.

**Co Founder and Executive Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, Veterans’ Advocacy Institute, 03/2010 – 03/2012**

Responsible for strategic planning, resource development and outreach. Lobbies on Veteran legislation and programs that affect Veterans and their families. Educates public on issues related to the aforementioned to include legislators at the national and state levels down to direct service providers at every level. Conducts public speaking to raise awareness of the military as a culture and the bio psychosocial environment of Veterans and families. Ensures that the organization is operating within bylaws and charter. Votes on issues as they affect the agency

**Executive Board, Chair, DFL Veterans Caucus, Minnesota 09/2009- 01/2012**

Presides over monthly meetings for the Executive Committee. Supervises the affairs of the caucus. Executes, on behalf of the Caucus, all instruments in writing which may be required or authorized by the Executive Committee for the proper and necessary transaction of the business of the Caucus. Provides insight and support related to Veterans issues to DFL party and political candidates. Holds, press conferences, writes press releases and organizes political events related to Veterans issues.

**Executive Board of Directors, Grace After Fire, 1/2009- 1/2010**

Sits on board providing oversight for full time and part time staff, programming, fiscal accountability, development and overall general management for women Veteran’s mental health issues and services nationally. Participates in advocacy on issues related to women Veterans. Facilitates networking of organizations and outreach to provide services to women Veterans.

**District Council, Secretary Payne-Phalen District Council, St. Paul MN 4/ 2009-4/2010**

Responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained. Votes on issues as they affect the district council.

**Executive Board of Directors, Secretary Minnesota National Guard Officer Association, 04/2005-05/2008**

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Responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that records are maintained. Planned two State Level Officer Conference to include Leadership development programs and awards for over 400 participants. Represented Minnesota at two National Officer Association Conferences. Voted on issues as they affect the Association.

**Leadership/Management (First Lieutenant) US Army, 01/2003– 05/2008**

Served as Commanding officer of 34<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, commanding, leading and directing 225 Soldiers during peace time operations. As Commander, was responsible for the planning and conduct of all training, counseling and professional development activities. During Army tenure I Served as Minnesota's Quick Response force Commander during floods in 2007 providing Police Support in Winona County. Served as Battalion Training officer, Brigade Administration officer and Watch officer of the Joint Operations Center responsible for tracking of casualties, emergency response requests, and intelligent briefings to the Adjutant General of Minnesota and NORTHCOM Commander. Served as part of the Army Community of Excellence team nationally evaluating major Army commands and providing counsel on Leadership improvements. Conducted briefings and represented the unit to all elements outside of immediate command on all issues related to the unit and its mission. Responsible for all operations, administrative and logistical functions.

**Public Affairs (Midshipman) US Marine Corps Reserve Officer Training Corps, (01/2001-012003)**

Served as the public affairs liaison to the University of Minnesota representing both the Marine Corps and Navy programs. Organized numerous internal and external community events, ceremonies and Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations as well as media relations. Completed Marine Corps Officer Candidate School.

**Avionics Technician (Petty Officer Second Class) US Navy, 08/1992-01/2001**

Responsible for the repair of electronic navigation and radar equipment on board P3-Orion Aircraft and FA-18 Hornets. Lead maintenance teams to ensure aircraft readiness and mission essential equipment readiness. Responsible for Division training records and safety certifications for all personal. Selected for Broadened Opportunity for Officer Training and Selection because of leadership and performance.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Certified Master Trainer, Office of Victims of Crime  
Metro State University- Communications and Civic Engagement  
Concordia University- Human Resource Management  
University of St. Thomas – Undergraduate in Journalism with Public Affairs Emphasis  
Certified Mediator-DOD  
Certified Knowledge Management- DOD  
US Army Officer Basic Course – Army Communication Award Recipient  
US Army Officer Candidate School - Federally Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army,  
Distinguished Honor Graduate  
US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School  
Numerous Leadership, Staffing, and Counseling courses – US Army, US Marine Corps and US Navy

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Gender Justice Board, Wounded Warrior Project Peer Mentor, Grace After Fire, Veterans Advocacy Institute, Disabled American Veterans, MN Women Veterans Initiative, Military Action Group, DFL Veterans Caucus, Women In Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Inc., Women Winning, United Nations Association of Minnesota, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Women's Consortium,

**HIGHEST HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016 Bush Fellow  
2015 Land O'Lakes Inspiring Leader Award  
2015 Veterans Affairs Resiliency Award  
2011 Department of Veterans Affairs Minnesota Woman Veteran of the Year  
Woman Veteran of the Year Honoree–Dept of Veterans Affairs, MN, 2010 - Top 3 Women Veterans  
Meritorious Service Medal – 2008 for leadership and achievement during military service  
Naval Achievement Medal-1997 for leadership  
Army Achievement Medal 2005 for leadership

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**TRISTA MARTINSON**  
Ramsey County Commissioner  
District 3

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105  
Phone: 651-266-8360

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a representative of County Government on the Clean Water Council. With a profound commitment to environmental stewardship and a solid background in public service, I am eager to contribute my skills and dedication to advancing the crucial mission of the Clean Water Council.

Over the course of my career in public service, I have focused on issues of affordable housing, community well-being, and the intricate challenges facing our local environment in an age of change and adaptation. My experience on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between governmental policies, community needs, and environmental sustainability. I have been proud to work with other organizations touching water issues in my district, including local watershed districts, soil and water conservation officials, state entities, and community organizations.

I am particularly drawn to the Clean Water Council's dedication to promoting and implementing strategies that ensure the protection and enhancement of our water resources. Ramsey County sits at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, which means that everything that washes downriver from a large part of the state rolls through the heart of Ramsey County. These issues matter deeply to my constituents and our broader community.

In my work as chair of the Board, I have worked to foster a collaborative and inclusive approach to decision-making. I am adept at building partnerships between diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, community organizations, and private enterprises. I believe that effective water resource management requires a holistic and cooperative approach, and I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow council members.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Clean Water Council and contribute to the vital work it undertakes. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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Trista Martinson  
Chair, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

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