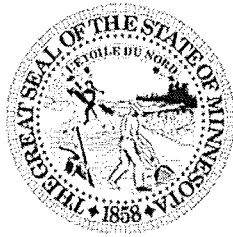


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**Governor Tim Walz**

MAR 29 2024

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT** President of the Senate

**Anthony Gardner**

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

**Congressional District 3 Member**  
**Minnesota State Arts Board**

Effective: April 3, 2024

Expires: January 5, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 March 29, 2024.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Filed March 29, 2024  
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Replacing: Nichole Mitchell

# Application for the position Member (Cong Dist 3) Application Date: 3/5/2024 10:15:39 AM

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## Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Minnesota State Arts Board

**Position:** Member (Cong Dist 3)

## Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Anthony Gardner

**Phone:** (320) 255-5954

**County:** Hennepin

**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

**Mn House District:** 49B

**US House District:** 3

## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.wordprocessingml.document

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

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## Part V: Signature

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**Signature:** Anthony Gardner

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**Office of Governor Tim Walz**  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

I submit this application to represent Minnesota 's 3rd Congressional District on the Minnesota State Arts Board. If I am fortunate to receive your appointment, I would be serving my second full term on the Board. My initial appointment was in May 2020 as a representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

In my nearly four years on the Board, I have had the privilege of engaging with a group of dedicated colleagues in robust discussion about the role of the arts in Minnesota at an unprecedented in our history. COVID-19 and heightened racial tension have generated rich dialogue at the Board regarding our role in enabling artists and arts organizations to heal our communities. I currently serve as chair of the Arts Board's Equity Committee, vice chair of the board, and committee member of the Board's Operating Support Committee. I would welcome the opportunity to continue this critical work on the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Having spent more than twenty years working in health care, currently as chief marketing and communications officer for CentraCare, I have seen fist-hand the power that art has in the healing process for individuals. Beyond these observations, I have seen through community board experience with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Jackson County (Michigan), the Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History (also Michigan), and the Youth Chorale of Central Minnesota that art also heals communities, not just individuals . Art has the ability to open conversations , build collaborations and build bridges in communities in unique ways. I would be honored to continue as an advocate for these arts-based community-building opportunities.

It would be a privilege to extend my tenure on the Board and bring my background in health care and community arts to the Minnesota State Arts Board in service to the residents of Minnesota. I sincerely appreciate your consideration and would welcome your re-appointment.

Kind regards,

Anthony Gardner

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