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**Governor Tim Walz** President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Sally Grans Korsh**

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

**Member**

**Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education**

Effective: October 18, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 October 13, 2023.

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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State



Reappointment

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### Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Board Of The Perpich Center For Arts Education

**Position:** Member

### Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Sally Grans Korsh

**Phone:** (612) 310-3881

**County:** Hennepin

**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

**Mn House District:** 60A

**US House District:** 5

### Part III: Appending Documentation

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#### Cover Letter and Resume

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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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**Signature:** Sally Grans Korsh

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**Perpich Center for Arts Education President fully submitting Application for Reappointment to the Board**

In May 2021 I was very honored and excited to fill in a term for the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education. Since joining the Board I have been a strong advocate for advancing this statewide resource in diversity, fiscal responsibility, and bringing a positive team spirit. I have actively participated in meetings, all Government Relations and Finance subcommittee meetings and tasks. I further advanced my knowledge by attending the Mn School Boards Association all day orientations and their annual conference in January 2022.

Since first becoming aware of Perpich, I have been a proponent that arts education can build a stronger, more creative, and competitive economy. It is not just about the "arts" but about thinking creatively. Perpich serves as a statewide resource to all arts educators and high school students coming from all regions of the state.

My goal is to continue being a positive force at the Board to advance this statewide resource, increase its overall equity and diversity, and be an educational beacon to advance students, teachers, and our entire state.

The Board can benefit from my perspective on facilities as both a practicing architect in the beginning of my career, and then later overseeing others as a project manager working for the State of Minnesota Dept of Administration, then as a director of planning for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and finally, as a facilities and environmental policy advisor with a major national nonprofit in Washington DC. I have a series of skills that would benefit the Board.

From my background in educational facilities, both understanding their physical assets and deferred maintenance needs, as well as academic programs would benefit oversight for this institution. Further, I have been a community member on local community and national environmental groups and understand the importance of how a board member needs to keep "noses in – but fingers out".

Since returning from the nonprofit I worked at in Washington DC for seven years, in 2020, I am eager to give back to the Minnesota community. Perpich is a statewide resource that benefits all school districts, encourages unique perspectives for students that allows them to benefit in professional goals, advances artistic endeavors, and I hope this unique statewide resource continues to thrive. My background includes:

- Past planning leader on projects in all 54 Minnesota State College and Universities campuses garnering close to \$1 billion in capital funding working with a variety of these disciplines,
- Project Manager working on all community colleges, and several correctional facilities, and Capitol Mall memorial structures with the Department of Administration,
- National leader in a higher education non-profit association located in Washington DC representing over 1,900 campuses. This national position was fantastic as it has provided a huge platform for me to listen, learn, as well as advance sound facilities and environmental sustainability, along with keen financial stewardship, and understanding diverse policies and procedures. From this work, again, I was privileged to work with a variety of professional interactions.

This varied background yields me as a strong team player with acute and current knowledge of various pedagogical practices, board policies, fiscal awareness, and responsibilities. I hope to continue and advance Perpich. The Chair, Linda Brobeck, has stated support for me to continue. Sincerely hope I can take the knowledge I have learned since May 2021 and continue to serve on this team and positively advance the goals of the Perpich Center for Arts Education. Sincere thanks for your consideration!

Attached is my resume - please contact me if I can elaborate further.

Sally Grans Korsh, FAIA Emeritus (retired), LEED AP

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**▲ Advancing Equity in Design, Environmental Fabric, Facilities Project Management, Community Alignment, Sustainability Advocate ▲**

**Advocate for advancing the human condition in art, education, and design. Via volunteering from experience in education, design and the built environment with planning, design, policy, operations, and capital improvements.**

▲ Proven manager and team player to juggle multiple complex criteria and issues to advance optimum equity and environmental solutions. Experienced at policy and procedural development and advocate for sustainable planning, budgeting, design/construction and critical coordination of diverse stakeholders.

▲ Skilled in teamwork, board oversight, consensus building, coordination of complex issues and diverse stakeholders, optimizing renovation and staging scheduling concepts, financial considerations, community presentations, and organizational administrative issues with multiple projects.

**Key Highlights and Accomplishments:**

Strategic and Operational Planning -  
Understanding Public Policies

Management of Project Delivery: Cost & Schedule  
Containment with Robust Innovative Analysis

Sustainability leader: micro to macro: design,  
constructing, utilities and funding analysis.

Procurement policies, Design Evaluation and  
Advancing WMBE and outstate businesses

Administrative and Regulatory Management

Analytic Problem Solver/Operational Execution and  
Effectiveness

Enhancing Team Environment to improve  
spaces, sustainability, and equity

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Project Deliverables – stakeholders, consultants,  
multiple contractors: people, planet, profit balance

Effective Communicator with Multiple  
Constituents and Partners

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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OFFICERS (NACUBO)** 2013 - 2020  
Washington, DC, Director, Facilities Management and Environmental Policy overlaying and enhancing knowledge base of finance and business officers regarding critical environmental policy issues, integrated planning and programming, sustainability, renewable and environmental issues. Includes management of websites, contributor to the Business Officer magazine, webcasts, podcasts and other activities related to the campus physical plant and advancing environmental policies. Updated in 2016 Facilities Management chapter of the College and University Business Administration, coordinate the Campus Environmental Resource Center (Campus ERC), staffing the 10 nationwide Vice Presidents of finance in the NACUBO's Presidential Council: Sustainability Advisory Panel

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MnSCU)** 1999-2012  
System Director for Facilities Planning- Directed \$270-\$400 million dollar biennial capital planning budget and planning implementing over \$1.7 billion from state resources (more than any other state agency) Created first sustainability report, master planning framework, predesign, pertinent guidelines, policies and evaluation of construction contracts for diverse stakeholders and system administrators. Developed first Systemwide Sustainability report and multiple policy guidelines and execution.

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, Div of State Building Construction** 1990-1999  
(State Architect's office currently named Real Estate Management) Project Manager and Agency Team Leader for Community Colleges, Corrections, and unique complicated stakeholder team projects at the State Capitol Mall and with naturalists at the International Wolf Center and other nonprofits.

**GRANS AND ASSOCIATES – Architecture and Community Planning** 1982-1990  
Founder and Principal; Administrator responsible for all management with unique community groups.

**INSTRUCTOR FOR ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY** 1983-1985  
Part time at Minneapolis Technical Institute and Dakota County Technical College.

**HAMMEL GREEN AND ABRAHAMSON - St Paul/Minneapolis, MN** 1980-1982  
Staff architect

**SELECTED VOLUNTEER and AWARD HIGHLIGHTS**

▲ **St Anthony Falls Heritage Board** – initial appointment 2020 as Commissioner from Mpls Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and reappointed in 2021. Successful grant writer for BIPOC Historian to research undiscovered stories of racial and equity diversity on the riverfront.

▲ **Perpich Center for the Arts:** appointed Board member 2020-Jan 2022 actively serving to highlight statewide resource, encourage diversity in enrollment and active in Government Relations assisting legislative staff and members to understand benefit of this unique statewide resource.

▲ **St Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO)** community elected Board member in 2021 urging advancement of strategic plan and equity issues.

▲ **AASHE - Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, 2014-2017** appointed to national Board of Directors leading higher education professionals advancing sustainability including active leadership in **HEASC–Higher Education Association of Sustainability Consortium** which is advancing sustainability collaboration with 14 major nonprofits serving higher ed 2013- 2020 that represented close to 3,000 institutions and half a million students

▲ **Leadership in Energy in Energy and Environmental Design – Associated Profession LEED AP)** 2009 – current and maintain active in United State Green Building Council webcasts and updated

▲ **Learning Spaces Collaboratory (Project Kaleidoscope) Advisory Board** 2009-2013 Chosen for this national board as an innovator on learning space use; renovations and new spaces.

▲ **Elevation to Fellow in American Institute of Architects** - 2008 First public architect chosen in Minnesota "...leadership in the development of civic improvements and needed government projects that raised the standard of professional performance in these areas by advancing the administration of professional affairs in their field."

▲ **Community Award:** 2004 Pioneer Award for Advancing Community Planning Goals and working with various funding organizations from St Anthony West Neighborhood Organization.

▲ **Distinguished Planning Award for Implementation Tools** – 2000 from the Minnesota chapter of the American Planning Association for the inclusive procedures of the Mn State Colleges & Universities Guide for Campus Master Planning,

▲ **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Citywide Volunteer Recognition Award** - 1996 for founding member of **Whittier Counter Racism Committee**.

▲ **AIA Minnesota Award of Recognition** 1995 - for Outstanding Leadership in Urban Design Issues for advancing cooperation between city officials and industry leaders.

▲ Consultant to the first **Anishinaabe Wakiagun Wet Dry** housing development on Franklin Ave in 1992 receiving a Committee for Urban Environment (CUE – City of Mpls) award for its siting sensitively.

▲ **One of four founding members creating Central Community Housing Trust 1986** ( now Aeon).

▲ **Successful change zoning law to allow for SRO in Mpls.** 1987 and the first architect in create 16 SRO units at 629 south 9<sup>th</sup> Street for CCHT (now Aeon – and the project is still maintained and operated by Aeon).

▲ **Women Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE)** 1980-1984 panel that reviewed contractors/consultant that were in the WMBE program for the city of Mpls

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Institute of Technology, Minneapolis, MN  
Bachelor of Environmental Design and separate Bachelor of Architecture – Professional Degree

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Attended, and actively participated, throughout career in both presenting and participant in numerous seminars that have honed in skills for improving nimbleness to respond to programming, planning, advancing underserved, diversity enhancement, construction, carbon neutrality, and operational trends:

Louma Leadership Program Certificate The Chair Academy, Maricopa Community College 2004-2006

Supervisory Development CORE Training Program State of MN Department of Employee Relations 2002

Campus Master Planning Professional Seminar Harvard University 2001

Effective Leaders for Management State of Minnesota Management Analysis Division 1999

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HIGHLIGHTS

2013-2020 National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Washington DC – overlaid facilities and environmental issues to advance both public and private higher educational campuses on a national level. Wrote on energy efficiency, space utilization, advancing planning issues, private/public financing, 179d advocacy in congress, and reviewed any policy documentation impacting facilities and environmental issues. (Magazine articles available upon request.)

▲ Staffed the Campus ERC – Environmental Resource Center website created in 2009 to advance environmental knowledge of rules and regulations.

Staffed the ten Vice Presidents for the NACUBO Sustainability Advisor Panel.

▲ Advocate of the Better Buildings Dept of Energy program via active participate and transferring information to members.

▲ Updated the Facilities Management chapter in the Chief University Business Association (CUBA) digital book

▲ NACUBO Sustainability Awards- created the first awards from 2014 and updated to 2020 with videos of successful example and winners

▲ Sustainability/Environmental Checklist on web and other connectivity to similar resources and presentations on sustainability issues.

▲ Key Facilities Metrics reporting 2014-2019 Partnered with APPA to collect (for the first time nationwide) uniform data based on institutional type of energy, electrical, water, waste, and carbon.

1999- 2012: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 1999-2012: Capital development, master plan, predesign, capital budgeting at all campuses – highlights include:

▲ Higher Education Asset Preservation Account at all 54 campus locations: Capital budget allocation of critical infrastructure updates from the requiring policy development and condition assessment with environmental/energy considerations

▲ Created the first Sustainability Report for the Board of Trustees.

▲ Created the first 1% for Art Report detailing overall management issues.

▲ Buildings Benchmark and Beyond (B3) Served as agency liaison for the user considerations on this

▲ South Central Community College, Albert Lea – established predesign and design using existing

▲ Winona State University – Science New Building and Renovation from concept, capital budget development, predesign and design. Overall master plan, predesign and design funded for renovation of former library, reducing land expansion.

▲ **Mn State University Mankato** – established master plan with revised entry of library, New Science and Clinical Health building from predesign to design. Master plan overview and predesign of significant residential growth and development.

▲ **Mn State Community and Technical College – Moorhead** – Master plan, capital development, presdesign and design of learning commons and library.

▲ **Mn State University – Moorhead** Master plan, capital development, presdesign and design of new Science and Renovation, learning commons and library. Residential demolition and alternative funding. Capital development of new science building and renovation. Predesign of alternative funding housing.

▲ **St Cloud State University** - Master plan and capital development to reduce size, redevelop admin and student center spaces and housing issues that included private public partnership financial structure

▲ **Metropolitan State University**- capital development of the expanded campus with science, student center and site review and development of the off site correctional officer program

▲ **Mn State Community and Technical College – Wadena** Master plan of significant demolition and entire campus updating with capital development including library, administration and student services. renovation.

▲ **Century College – East Campus** – Master plan and capital development of new library and applied technology center.

▲ **Inver Hills Community College** – Master plan, capital development of library renovation and science renovations.

**1990-1999: State of Minnesota Dept of Administration: Agency Team Leader and Project Manager on 12 Community and Technical Colleges, Capitol Monuments, and Correctional facilities.**

▲ **Executed the first Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** : Project Manager for the \$2 million EIS and predesign that evaluated seven outstate sites for the Close Custody Correctional Facilities. First time either Dept of Admin or Corrections had undertaken and EIS

▲ **Project Manager for the Rush City Correctional Close Custody:** Capital budget development of \$89 million (largest project at that time in 1996) advocated with legislature for funding and using a new method of construction manager Owner at risk executed quick construction time and saved significant funds to allow for additional classroom and multipurpose work development space

▲ **Shakopee Women’s Facility** : evaluated predesign and design resulting in additional new and renovated space for improved security.

▲ **State of Minnesota Capitol Grounds:** working with nonprofit stakeholders and volunteers to design and execute

- **Minnesota Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

- **Korean War Veterans Memorial**

- **Women Suffrage Memorial**

- **Roy Wilkens Memorial**

▲ **Minneapolis Community Technical College** - phased collocation and renovation of community college and technical college and expansion of library and one-stop student services

▲ **Riverland Community College** – master plan combining technical and community college to linkage with library resource addition and health care/transportation activities renovation

▲ **Cambridge Community College:** new campus construction with environmentally sensitive development including library space and classrooms poised for future expansion

▲ **Anoka Ramsey Community College** – updating and modernizing for technology

▲ **Numerous small renovations, accessibility adjustments, modernization and technology updates working with multiple projects including integration of 1% Art Program**

▲ **Minnesota Judicial Center:** library relocation from four different buildings to central location using user input to allow maximum accessibility

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Successful speaker at many meetings and forums. Selected national, state and local venues on planning, programming, design, operations, sustainability issues, coordination and community issues relating to facilities planning, predesign, design, construction and operational management skills include;

**"Design in 7"** Chosen from the College of Design at University of Minnesota to represent architects in a 7 minute discussion of process and personal evolution. April 2022 <https://design.umn.edu/designin7>

**"Statewide Sustainability for State Agencies with 179d"** Minnesota Engineers Guild Annual Conference, Breezy Point, September 2021

**"Catalyzing Finance/Business Office -Advocate for Sustainability"** AASHE Oct 2019, Spokane, WA

**"Coordinating Business Office to Sustainability"** UMACS Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability - Sept 2019, at Carleton College, Northfield

**"Consumption, Cost Savings, Collaborations"** – CACUBO Sept 2019, Mpls, Mn

**"Advocating for Sustainability Effectiveness"** and **"Stretching Your Sustainability Leadership"** October 2018, AASHE, Pittsburg, PA

**"Planning for Efficient Campus Infrastructure"** panelist with two other campus representatives, August 2018, APPA, Washington DC

**"Operations Impact: Savings and Behavior Changes with Simple Metrics"**, with one other campus vice president, July 2018, SCUP, Nashville, TN

**"Women in Architecture – Table Talk"** panelist, November 2017, AIA Mn Convention, Mpls., MN

**"Breaking the Green Ceiling"** panelist, October 2017, AASHE, San Antonio TX

**"Collaborating to Achieve STARS: Why, What, How: Obstacles and Benefits"** panelist, August 2017, NACUBO, Mpls, MN.

**"Private Pubic Partnerships"** panelist with two other private developers and a campus representative for the New England Higher Education Board, April 10, 2017, Boston, MA

**"Communication Tools with Finance and Facilities"** co-presented with APPA at AASHE Conference and also **"Coordinating Sustainability with Finance Office"** with two Vice Presidents/CFO's, October, 2016, Baltimore, MD

**"Advancing Facilities with Key Facilities Metrics"** presented consumption issues of energy (BTU), electrical, water, waste and carbon to the SCUP Annual Meeting, July 2016, Vancouver, BC, and also to APPA/MAPPA Annual Meeting, July 2016, Nashville, TN

**"Collaborating with Existing Leaders in Finance and Facilities"** co-presented with APPA at Smart and Sustainable Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 2015

**"Strategic Planning for Sustainability"** co-presented with Arizona State University, Sept 2014, National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), Denver, CO

**"Learning Spaces"** Society of College University Planners (SCUP) July 2014 National Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA

**"Learning Places and Environmental Overlay"**, 9th Annual Smart and Sustainable Conference; sponsored by APPA , AASHE, Second Nature, University of Maryland, others, Feb 2014, Baltimore, MD

**"Space Analysis: Strategic and Planning Alignment"** co-presented with University of North Dakota at Planning and Budget, Sept 2013, NACUBO, Atlanta, GA

**"Campus Energy Efficiency IS a Financial Decision"** Higher Education Accounting Forum, NACUBO, April 2013 Mpls, MN

**"Learning Spaces: Planning and Executing Active Learning Spaces"**, coordinator and presenter Feb 2012, one day seminar co-sponsored by SCUP, Learning Spaces Collaboratory and MnSCU

**"Improving Space with Declining Funding"** Craig Michaels 2011 Campus Summit invited speaker, Ft Lauderdale, FL

**"Energy Benchmarking and Master Planning"** 2010 SCUP National Conference, Mpls

**"Mining Campus Space: Reduce, Reuse and Recycling Space to Improving New Program Needs"** Craig Michaels 2010 Campus Summit invited speaker, Phoenix, AZ

**"Sharing Approaches to Sustainability Across Campuses"** 2010 Center for Teaching and Learning, Duluth, MN



**“Sustainability, Benchmarking and LEED Primer”** 2010 Chief Finance and Facilities Officers (CFFO), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

**“Deferred Maintenance and Space Utilization in Capital Master Planning”** 2009 National AIA Conference, San Francisco, Ca.

**“Sustainable Predesign and Planning”** 2008 Upper Midwest Association on Campus Sustainability (UMACS), Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

**“Repurposing and Revitalization of Spaces”** 2008 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Firm Work with Minnesota State Colleges & Universities”** 2007 AIA Minneapolis Chapter

**“Coordinating Sustainability”** 2007 Association of University Real Estate University Officers (AUREO), Vancouver, BC

**“Facilities Renewal and Space Allocation in Master Planning”** 2007 SCUP National Conference, Chicago, IL

**“Facilities Condition Index and Space Utilization in Master Planning”** 2007 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Security: Now More than Ever”** 2007 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Matri-Architect”** 2007 National AIA Conference, San Antonio, Texas

**“Revitalization and Modernization in MnSCU”** 2007 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Integrated Planning Approaches”**, 2006 SCUP, Midwest Regional, Kansas City, Mo

**“Non-Traditional Field Professional Paths”** 2006 Association of Woman Contractors, St. Paul

**“Sustainable Processes in Master Planning”** 2006 Upper Midwest Association on Campus Sustainability (UMACS), St John’s University, St. Cloud

**“Planning Process Options for Capital Funding”** 2004 SCUP, Midwest Regional, Minneapolis MN

**“Campus Entries: Framework for Development”** 2004 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Essential Planning”** 2003 American Institute of Architects Minnesota State Convention, Minneapolis

**“Overview of Master Planning - No Right Way”** 2001 SCUP, Midwest Regional, Madison Wisconsin

**“Space Utilization – Variations to Success”** 2000 SCUP, National Conference, Denver Colorado

**“Predesign: Why we do it? Formatting and Methodologies”** 2001 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Master Planning: Long Range and Updating Methods”** 2000 CFFO, MnSCU

**“Visualizing Techniques for Strategic Planning in Groups”** 1996 Vital Communities Conference sponsored by Minneapolis Planning and Community Development Agency and Hennepin County

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