



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Angela Smith

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

Public Member - 5th Congressional District

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Effective: January 7, 2025

Expires: January 1, 2029

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 December 6, 2024.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE



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Reappointment

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Application for the position Public Member - 5th Congressional District

Application Date: 11/5/2024 2:42:06 PM

Note: If your application needs to be amended, including updates to any uploaded documents, contact open.appointments@state.mn.us. Please provide your name, board, position you've applied to, and any other documentation you'd like included in your application along with a brief summary of your request.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

Position: Public Member - 5th Congressional District
Seat: Public Member -5th Congressional District

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Angela Smith
Mailing Address: 6101 Gettysburg Ave N New Hope 55428
County: Hennepin
Mn House District: 43A
US House District: 5

Phone: (812) 360-3455
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Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: White or Caucasian
Gender: Female
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No
Heard about vacancy from: Worked with board before

Political Party: No Answer (Default)
Disability: No
Veteran: Yes
Age when applied: 50

Part V: Signature

Signature: Angela N Smith

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November 5, 2024

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing to express my continued interest in serving as the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) 5th Congressional District Public Member. Serving on the EQB is indeed a unique opportunity to influence the environmental direction of Minnesota. Public members play a pivotal role in bringing the voices of Minnesotans into decision-making processes, instigating fresh perspectives on environmental challenges and solutions. This aspect of collaborative governance deeply resonates with my own commitment to fostering inclusive approaches that harness the wisdom and experience of our diverse community.

I am enthusiastic about continuing to provide my knowledge and expertise around protecting and preserving MN's natural heritage, achieving climate resilience, and ensuring our resources are protected for future generations. My background in environmental management and planning, environmental reviews and permitting, and natural resources protection and restoration has equipped me with the skills and insights needed to actively contribute to these endeavors.

The range of projects undertaken by the EQB, from protecting pollinators to sustainable water management and oversight of the Environmental Review Program, is impressive. These initiatives demonstrate the EQB's proactive stance on addressing pressing environmental issues and I want to continue serving and helping the EQB in achieving its objectives.

I am driven to be part of the EQB's mission due to its collaborative approach, commitment to transparency, and focus on addressing pressing environmental challenges in Minnesota.

Thank you for considering my application to this integral Public Member position. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application in more detail and explore how I can best continue to serve the EQB and the constituents of the 5th Congressional District.

Sincerely,



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