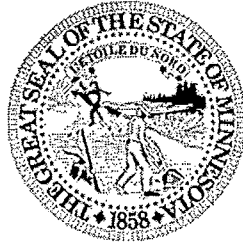


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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Katherine Wangberg

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

Deaf Community Member

Board of the Minnesota State Academies

Effective: July 5, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 June 30, 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of The Minnesota State Academies
Position: Deaf Community Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Katherine Jean Wangberg
Phone: (651) 964-1528
County: Beltrami
In House District: 02B
S House District: 8
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True

Part III: Appending Documentation

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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Part V: Signature

Signature: Katherine Wangberg
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KATHERINE J. WANGBERG

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EDUCATION

ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY CATIE CENTER
Graduation to Certificate (Interpreter)

January 2019
Saint Paul, MN

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
K-12 American Sign Language Teaching License via Portfolio

June 2012
Roseville, MN

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY
Master in Education/Special Education

December 2010
Bemidji, MN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Bachelor of Science, Child Psychology

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May 2009
Twin Cities, MN

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES President of the Senate
Deaf Interpreter
American Sign Language Interpreter

June 2018 - Present
Minnesota

BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL
American Sign Language Teacher
Teacher for grades 9-12 levels I & II American Sign Language & Deaf Culture.

August 2010 – Present
Bemidji, MN

BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL
Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher
Worked with Deaf/Hard of Hearing students individually. Taught math, reading, and social studies.

August 2010 – June 2014
Bemidji, MN

PARTNERSHIP IN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS
Family Deaf Mentor

February 2010 – September 2013
Bemidji Area

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY
American Sign Language Level II Instructor

January 2010 – May 2010
Bemidji, MN

BEMIDJI INTERDISTRICT REGION COUNCIL
Deaf Mentor/Language Facilitator

October 2009 – June 2010
Bagley, MN

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY EDUCATION
American Sign Language Level I Instructor

November 2009
Bemidji, MN

METRO DEAF SCHOOL
Paraprofessional and Battle of the Books Coach

June 2005 – July 2009
St. Paul, MN

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of the Minnesota State Academies Chair
Board of the Minnesota State Academies Vice Chair
Board of the Minnesota State Academies member

January 2022 - Present
January 2021 - December 2021
July 2019 - December 2020

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Worked 1:1 with a stroke victim
Presidential Campaign Volunteer
Intervener (1:1 with preschool student)
Assisted Volleyball Camp (Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf)

Winter 2009
September 2008
May – July 2008
August 2005

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AWARDS AND HONORS

Teacher of the year; Best of the Bemidji Area, Bemidji Pioneer
Teacher of the year; Best of the Bemidji Area, Bemidji Pioneer

2022
2019

QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Fluent in American Sign Language and English – Served 4 years on Minnesota State Academies Board - - Extensive experience teaching deaf/hearing people – Experience in working with children with special needs – Comfortable with people and animals – At ease working with ASL interpreters – Facilitated creation of Deaf Club at the University of Minnesota and Adult COED softball league – Graduated with 4.0 at Bemidji State University – University of Minnesota Dean’s List – Involved in sports and outdoor activities – Finished several marathons - Enjoy traveling, reading, staying active.

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October 19, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Board of the Minnesota State Academies as a Deaf Community Member again. I am currently serving as the Chair and my term will end in January 2023.

I am Deaf and a native user of American Sign Language. I have a M.S. in Education/Special Education and a B.S. in Child Psychology. I am currently an American Sign Language Teacher at Bemidji High School. I am also a Deaf American Sign Language Interpreter. I have also taught American Sign Language at Bemidji State University and for the Bemidji Community Education program. I also worked as a Family Deaf Mentor. I have worked with families & children for over ten years. I graduated from the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in 2005. Over the years I have been able to build my network of parents of deaf children, interpreters, educators, and people who have the means to reach deaf people in Greater Minnesota. I have started incorporating technology in my lessons and have been able to develop new ways to get in touch with people and to gather information from them. My educational background and work/personal experiences have prepared me for this position.

I am very interested in this position because I enjoy being able to help people gain accessibility. I love getting and staying in touch with people. I am originally from the Twin Cities; when I moved to Bemidji, the first thing I noticed was that Bemidji has a very small Deaf Community. I was able to figure out how to reach out to people outside of the Deaf community through several social media networks, e-mails, workshops, and people. I've participated in a lot of workshops and have been able to stay in touch with people who have wonderful resources. I also learned how to advocate for my rights as a deaf person and for my students' rights which requires more determination compared to the cities where accessibility isn't as sparse. Having grown up in both the Deaf and Hearing worlds, I am very comfortable with interacting with hearing people who do not know how to sign. I am also able to work with interpreters with ease. I enjoy sharing things about myself and teaching people to advocate for themselves. I enjoy meeting new people and am an extrovert person. I am comfortable meeting all types of people and sharing information. I feel that my skills, knowledge, and experience would be an important contribution to the students and staff of the Minnesota States as well as to the community. More information about my experience is on the attached resume.

I would be glad to provide you with any additional information needed. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Jean Wangberg