



University of Minnesota Board of Regents



DEAN E. JOHNSON

Chair of the Board

At-Large

Elected: 2007, 2013. Term expires: 2019

Residence: Willmar. Spouse: Debbie Johnson

Dean Johnson has been a parish pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minnesota for 42 years. He also was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives (1978 to 1982) and the Minnesota Senate (1982 to 2006), where he served as minority and majority leader. A brigadier general in the United States Army National Guard, he was special assistant to the chief of chaplains, National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C., and received numerous awards and commendations, including the Legion of Merit. Johnson grew up on a farm near Lanesboro, Minnesota. He received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, a master of divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and, in 2002, a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.



DAVID J. MCMILLAN

Vice Chair of the Board

Congressional District 8

Elected: 2011. Term expires: 2017

Residence: Duluth. Spouse: Cari McMillan

David McMillan is Executive Vice President, Minnesota Power, where he has served in a variety of roles since 1989. He received a bachelor of arts degree in economics and history from the University of Minnesota Duluth and a law degree from the University of Minnesota. McMillan has extensive board experience, previously serving as the board chair of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, the Natural Resources Research Institute, the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion, and Goodwill Industrial Vocational Enterprises. Active in his community, he is a past member of the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center's Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of St. Luke's Hospital.



THOMAS J. ANDERSON

Congressional District 7

Elected: 2015. Term expires: 2021

Residence: Alexandria. Spouse: Angela Anderson

Tom Anderson is a licensed funeral director who owned and operated the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria for over 30 years. An active community member, Anderson has served on the board of the Alexandria Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission. He is also a board member of Ethos Home Health Care in Fargo-Moorhead and a former board chair of Knute Nelson Health Care in Alexandria. Anderson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Mortuary Science. He and his wife Angie have two children, Kreg and Jack.



RICHARD B. BEESON

Congressional District 4

Elected: 2009, 2015. Term expires: 2021

Residence: St. Paul. Spouse: Mary Don Beeson

Richard Beeson serves as Executive Vice President for Corporate Development & Government Relations at Sunrise Banks, following 20 years as President & CEO of Sunrise-owned Park Midway Bank in Saint Paul. Previously, he was employed with the city of Saint Paul Department of Planning & Economic Development as senior project manager. Beeson received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota in political science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Saint Thomas. He has served on the board of Women Venture, the Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, and numerous others, including as chair of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, the Central Corridor Partnership and as treasurer of the Saint Paul RiverCentre Authority.



LAURA M. BROD

At-Large

Elected: 2011. Term expires: 2017

Residence: Minneapolis

Laura Brod is Chief Executive Officer and Board Director for GeneSegues Therapeutics, a Minneapolis-based biopharmaceutical company specializing in the innovation of DNA and RNAi cancer therapeutics. She has been the catalyst and owner of three start-up businesses in a variety of industries and has specialized in strategy, communication, and collaborative partner engagement. Before being elected to the Board of Regents, she was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2002 to 2010, during which time she served as Assistant Majority Leader and Assistant Minority Leader. Brod has been honored by a number of national and international organizations as a fellow, including the Aspen Global Fellowship, the German Marshall Fellowship and the Aspen-Rodel Fellowship, and has participated in the Canadian Rising Leaders and Swiss Young Leaders programs. She has two college-aged children, James and Camille.



LINDA A. COHEN

At-Large

Elected: 2007, 2013. Term expires: 2019

Residence: Minnetonka. Spouse: Henry Cohen

Linda Cohen is a licensed psychologist and licensed marriage and family therapist. Previously, she was a consultant for TCF Bank, directing a business-education partnership with Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis, assistant director/interim director of Blake Middle School, and a senior administrative team member of the Blake School. Since 2000, Cohen is a member of the Board of Education of Wayzata School District, serving as vice-chair and chair. She also has been a member of the Advisory Council of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, member and chair of the steering committee of Minnesota Women Psychologists, and a member of the board of the Minneapolis Urban League. A graduate of the University of Minnesota with M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in educational psychology, Cohen also earned a M.A. degree in the history of science from Harvard University and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in chemistry of Wellesley College. She previously served a two-year term as Chair of the Board of Regents.



THOMAS W. DEVINE

Congressional District 2

Elected: 2012. Term expires: 2017

Residence: Chanhassen. Spouse: Pam Devine

Thomas Devine is Executive Vice President/Principal of The David Agency, a four generation insurance agency in Edina, Minnesota. Devine received a bachelor of arts Degree, BES, in Business and Architectural History from the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota. He has served as a volunteer on numerous University organizations and has had active involvement in many insurance industry boards. Devine is currently serving on the Task Force Working Group for the formation of the Minnesota HealthCare Exchange. He is past president of the Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters, Presidents Council: Northern Star Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Past National Officer of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity as Board President/CEO, Endowment Fund.



MICHAEL D. HSU

Congressional District 6

Elected: 2015. Term expires: 2021

Residence: Blaine. Spouse: Erika Hsu

Michael Hsu is a 1988 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a BS in Electrical Engineering where he was an Elmer L. Andersen National Merit Scholar and honors student. During college, he was a research aide at Honeywell's System and Research Center. Since graduating, Michael worked as a management consultant for Arthur Andersen, Andersen Consulting, now Accenture and Booz, Allen & Hamilton, now PwC Strategy&. He has worked for Fortune 100 and government clients, on engagements ranging from large-scale systems implementations, strategy, operations and cost reduction initiatives. He also attended the University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business. Currently, Michael is the President and Co-founder of TeeMaster Corporation. He resides in Blaine with his wife Erika, and children, Thor and Annika.



PEGGY E. LUCAS

Congressional District 5

Elected: 2013. Term expires: 2019

Residence: Minneapolis. Spouse: Dave Lucas

Peggy Lucas is a founder and partner in Brighton Development, a housing development company known for its small, inner-city infill projects and historic preservation. She is a two-time graduate of the University of Minnesota receiving both a BA and an MSW. Lucas and her husband served for two years in the Peace Corps in Iran. She is an active community volunteer serving for 18 years on the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission and currently serving on the board of Art Space. Her previous University activities include the University of Minnesota Foundation Board of Trustees, the Humphrey School Dean's Advisory Council and the Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council.



ABDUL M. OMARI

At-Large

Elected: 2013; Term Expires: 2019

Residence: Minneapolis

Abdul M. Omari holds a B.A. in global studies, a master's of public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and a doctorate in comparative and international development education from the University of Minnesota. Abdul's research is focused on the perceptions of mentoring and the role of Cultural Intelligence within mentoring relationships. Abdul is the founder of AMO Enterprise, which helps people better connect in individual and team settings through leadership seminars, keynotes, and mentoring. Abdul is devoted to civic and public service. He is an elected member of the Board of Regents at the University of Minnesota, serves on the Board of Directors for the YMCA Greater Twin Cities, AchieveMpls, and Civic Eagle. Omari is a proud native of Minneapolis, Minnesota with immigrant parents from Kenya and Jordan.



DARRIN M. ROSHA

Congressional District 3

Elected: 1989, 2015. Term expires: 2017

Residence: Independence. Spouse: Valorie Chadwick Rosha

Darrin Rosha is general manager and corporate counsel for Crutchfield Dermatology in Eagan. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Minnesota Army National Guard, currently serving as a military judge. Previously, he clerked for Judge Gerald Heaney of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and was an associate attorney at Briggs and Morgan before becoming a founding partner in the Rosha Legal Group in Long Lake. Rosha deployed to Basra, Iraq as Chief of Operational Law with the 34th Infantry Division "Red Bulls" from 2009-2010. He received a B.S. in Applied Economics in Agriculture, B.A. in Political Science, and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota. He served as an at-large regent from 1989-1995. Rosha, Valorie, and their three children live on a small horse farm in western Hennepin County.



PATRICIA S. SIMMONS

Congressional District 1

Elected: 2003, 2009, 2015. Term Expires: 2021

Residence: Rochester. Spouse: Lester E. Wold

Patricia Simmons is a retired physician, executive, and professor who was the founding chair of the Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at the Mayo Clinic. At Mayo she has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors, as Chair of the Executive Board of Mayo Medical Ventures, and as Executive Medical Director for Health Policy. She has been a national leader in her medical field, including president of her national professional society. Simmons, who received a bachelor's degree from Carleton College, magna cum laude, and a medical doctorate from the University of Chicago, completed her residency and fellowship at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. She has been actively involved in her local community, Minnesota's business community and cultural organizations, a frequent author and lecturer in her fields, and recipient of awards for excellence in teaching. Simmons previously served a two-year term as Chair of the Board of Regents.