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Applications Sought for University of Minnesota Board of Regents

(St. Paul, MN, November 5, 2026) - The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) is currently accepting applications for four positions open on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents in 2027. The positions to be filled are from Minnesota's 1st, 4th, 6th, and 7th Congressional Districts. The application deadline is Friday, December 4, 2026.

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Minnesota system and its five campuses, Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and the Twin Cities. Regents are unpaid volunteers who serve six-year, staggered terms. Four of the twelve Regent seats are open for election every two years.

According to RCAC Chair Matt Hill, ideal candidates will have a deep interest in higher education and an understanding of the role of the University of Minnesota as a major land grant and research institution. They will have experience and a willingness to learn about governance and oversight of large complex institutions, a strong sense of fairness and appreciation for diversity, good listening skills and an awareness of the importance of the University's education mission in challenging economic times.

"Regents are stewards of Minnesota's flagship research university and its land-grant mission," said Hill. "The best candidates will bring sound judgment, a commitment to both access and excellence, and the willingness to ask hard questions on behalf of students, faculty, and the state."

The RCAC, established by the Minnesota State Legislature, is responsible for recruiting, screening, and recommending Regent candidates to the Legislature for election to the Board of Regents. From the pool of applicants, the RCAC will invite selected candidates for public interviews in early January of 2027, and then will submit to a Joint Legislative Committee the names of two to four candidates for each open Regent position. The Joint Committee, in turn, makes recommendations of candidates to the Joint Convention of the Legislature, which elects regents to fill the vacancies.

Application materials are available on the RCAC Application Webpage (https://www.rcac.mn.gov/application.html).

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