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SIX CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (TCAC) voted April 8th to recommend six candidates to Governor Pawlenty for appointment to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees. The TCAC recommended candidates for the following positions coming to term on the Board: one at large, one in the first congressional district, and one in the eighth congressional district.

Over the past three months, members of the TCAC recruited, screened, and interviewed candidates. Of those candidates interviewed, council members voted to recommend the following six candidates to the Governor for appointment to the Board of Trustees (in alphabetical order):

First Congressional District: Duane Benson

Eighth Congressional District: Thomas Renier and Jo Ann Roche

At-Large: William Betten, Jesse Bethke Gomez, and Janet Mohr

The TCAC is a 24-member advisory council established by the Legislature to recruit, screen, and recommend candidates to the governor. The governor appoints one trustee from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and seven at-large trustees, including three student trustees. The terms of board members are six years.

The Board of Trustees oversees administration of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, which serves approximately 390,000 students annually. The board provides leadership in such areas as academic programs, fiscal management, personnel, admissions requirements, tuition and fees, and rules and regulations. The board also appoints the chancellor, who serves as chief executive officer of the system.

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