

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Charles Zelle

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

Chair

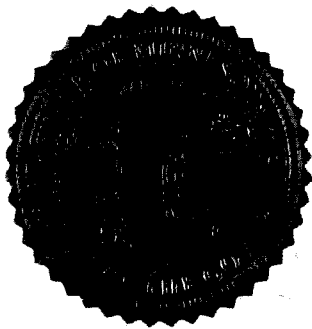
Metropolitan Council

Effective: January 10, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 10, 2023.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Reappointment

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Current Positions

Chair - Metropolitan Council, St. Paul, MN (Appointed 2020)

Regional Policy-making body, planning agency, and essential service provider, including transit, wastewater treatment, regional parks, and affordable housing.

Chairman - Jefferson Lines, Minneapolis, MN

Intercity bus company with regular route and charter operations in 14 heartland states.

Chair - Sawmill Trust Company, Sioux Falls, SD

Private multi-family financial management trust company.

Board Member of Brooks Resources, Bend, OR

Real Estate Developer in Central Oregon.

Community, Industry
and Civic Activities

- **Founding Member and Working Team Participant of the Itasca Project**
- **Life Director of the Guthrie Theater**
- **Trustee of the Camargo Foundation**
- **Executive Committee Member of the U. of M. Center for Transportation Studies**
- **Board Member of St. Paul Downtown Alliance**

Past Experience

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Transportation (2013 – 2019)

Led agency with over \$4 billion annual budget and over 5,000 employees. Championed a multi-modal, collaborative vision for Minnesota's transportation system. Led culture shift toward equity and inclusion and effective public engagement with long term goals of environmental health and economic prosperity for all Minnesotans.

President and CEO of Jefferson Lines, Minneapolis, MN (1990 – 2012).

Restructured and expanded Intercity bus company.

Manager - St. Anthony Main Riverfront Development, Minneapolis, MN (1979 – 1981 and 1985 -1990).

Associate - Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, New York, NY (1983 – 1985).

Manager of Industry and Regulatory Affairs - American Bus Association, Washington, DC (1977 – 1979).

Past Civic
Activity

Past Chair of civic and industry Boards, including:

American Bus Association

Maritime Task Force of the Council of Great Lakes

Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce

Guthrie Theater

Minneapolis Club

Meet Minneapolis

St. Paul Academy

Jerome Foundation

AASHTO Public Transportation Council

Mtd – American Association of State Transportation Officials

Eno Foundation Advisory Committee on Transitway Capital Cost

Education

Yale School of Management, MBA

Bates College, BA

St. Paul Academy and Summit School

Awards

George Rucker Award – Community Transportation Association

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Ray L. Lappegaard Distinguished Service Award – C.T.S.

Maintained Transit Operations Through Pandemic and Recovery.

- Prioritized health and Safety through messaging, mask enforcement, employee vaccinations/testing, new cleaning protocols and operator barriers.
- Rebuilding system, achieving 17% ridership increase in 2022 (120,000 – 140,000 rides per day) while expanding transit pass options.
- Addressing public safety and security through investments in real-time monitoring technology, community service officers, training, secure platform/station redesigns, new enforcement practices, cooperative security agreements and code of conduct rules. Efforts guided by Safety and Security Plan endorsed and monitored by full Council. Recruited and selected new Chief of Metro Transit Police, starting February 2023.
- Invested in enhanced workforce recruitment and retention.
- Launched Network Now project, which is finding ways to enhance schedules and operations to a post-pandemic world with speed and reliability investments.
- Developed and adopted a Zero Emissions Bus Plan.
- Initiated pilot program of on-demand Micro-Transit in North Minneapolis.

Advanced Transportation and Transit Vision Through Robust Regional Planning and Infrastructure Investments in an interconnected system of Highways and Transitways.

- Updated the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Research included the Travel Behavior Inventory (including Covid travel trends).
- Through the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) a Regional Solicitation provided \$570 Million in Federal funding for 147 projects.
- Light Rail and Bus transitways were advanced in various stages of planning and construction, including the Green Line Extension (70% complete with renegotiated cost and

timeline in place), the Blue Line Extension (undergoing a draft supplemental Environmental Review for a revised route), the Gold Line (under construction) and the Purple Line (in the planning stages). In late 2021, the Orange Line began service.

- In recent years, the Arterial Bus Rapid Transit System has expanded with the opening of the C and D Lines. Planning and construction is underway for a number of new ABRT Lines in the next 4 to 5 years, including B, E, F, G and H Lines.
- Transportation services operated by contract or independently have been supported through grants, consulting, and federal recovery funds.

Advancements Were Made Toward Vision of Clean Water for Future Generations.

- Developing 2050 Water Resources Policy Plan which will serve to continue the protection and improvement of water quality in more than 170 lakes, 20 streams and four rivers. New technology has simplified data collection for many partners.
- Collected and treated over 250 million gallons of wastewater daily through nine treatment plants, each achieving Peak Performance status.
- Invested substantial capital improvements (while holding rate increases below 5%) including acquiring a wastewater facility, a new city connection to the regional system, rehabilitation of 25 miles of pipe, and planning for additional plant investments.
- Developed and tracked Covid – 19 in wastewater with surveillance partners MDH and U of M Genomics Center while contributing to national research.
- Water efficiency and inflow and infiltration projects in dozens of cities and towns have been supported with grants.

Broader Housing Spectrum Was Created.

- An historic investment was made in Local Housing Incentives Account.
- Met Council was selected as one of nine sites for HUD's Mobility Demonstration Program.
- An affordable homeownership pilot grant was launched.
- Section 8 homeownership program is being explored.

Those Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness are Being Supported.

- Met Council Housing Agency has partnered with Met Transit's Homeless Action Team (Hat).
- Over 300 individuals and families have received 253 mainstream vouchers and 218 emergency housing vouchers so far.
- Expect continued collaboration with state and regional agencies and support groups.

Regional Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Have New Tools.

- Climate Action Work Plan was adopted.
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment was undertaken.
- Met Council became first regional agency to be designated "Gold" in the National SolSmart program.
- Launched Growing Shade tool which is promoting urban tree canopies especially in areas most in need.
- Tools for cities and towns is helping them plan for and adapt to climate change.

Regional Vision of Thrive MSP 2040 was Advanced While the Foundation of the Next Regional Plan for 2050 is being Developed.

- The review of nearly all 168 local comprehensive plans have been completed.

- Regional Economic Framework was adopted in partnership with the Center for Economic Inclusion and Greater MSP, leading to opportunities for Federal development grants.
- Regional Parks Equity Grant Program was launched.
- 2040 Parks Plan was updated including systems additions.
- Research and data compilations were undertaken in support of 2050 planning, including population and employment forecasts, census and land use trends, regional parks visitor study, 2050 community designations and 2050 vision and values.

Delivered Progress on Strategic Goals of Advancing Equity and Stewardship.

- Workforce development programs have been enhanced with six new career paths. In addition to a robust internship program, a new program for people with disabilities was launched.
- Employee diversity has increased and currently is 16.3% more diverse than the regional labor market.
- Racial Equity Training was provided for over 2000 employees, which included Cultural Competence Assessments.
- Procurement tactics include increasing micro-purchase threshold, creation of a market solicitation program and establishing construction wage rates.
- 174 small businesses were engaged directly through Mentor-Protégé, Meet and Greet and Orientations.
- Highest DBE participation was achieved in 2022 (18.2%).
- MCUB utilization of \$15,211,667 was achieved in 2022 (BIPOC - \$5,747,076).
- Four Resource Groups have been established.
- Financial oversight has been exemplary, as seen by the following: banking controls have been improved, no auditable findings in annual review, and maintaining AAA bond rating.

Your report has been successfully submitted to the Board.
 Submission date: January 08, 2023

2022 Annual statement of economic interest
Zelle, Charles A

Period covered

The period covered by this statement is all time served as a public official in 2022.

Agency information

Board records show that you are or were a public official with the following Agency(s):
 Metropolitan Council / Chair

Public official / employment information

Name: Zelle, Charles A	Registration number: 10508
Occupation: Chair	Employer (indicate if self-employed): Metropolitan Council
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Address line 2:	Address line 2:
City: Minneapolis State: MN Zip: 55416	City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55101
Daytime Telephone: 6127704691	
Email: charleszelle@gmail.com	

Sources of compensation

Name of source	Director	Officer	Owner	Member	Partner	Employer	Employee	Honorarium
Jefferson Partners LP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metropolitan Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sawmill Trust Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Business or professional activity categories

Business or professional activity	Employee	Contractor
Securities, commodity contracts, & other financial investments & related activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Securities

Name of security	Name of security
3 M Corporation	Blue Earth Blue Sky LLC
Brooks Resources Co	Eton Solutions LLC
Jefferson Bus Company	Jefferson Partners LP
STC Preferred Stock	Z and K Development Co LLC

Real property

County	Street address or section and range	City or township	Own	Mortgage (as seller)	Contract for deed as buyer or seller	Option to buy, interest worth more than \$2,500	Option to buy, interest worth more than \$50,000	Acreage
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hennepin	2100 East. 26th St	Minneapolis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Parl-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported