



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Walz
Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

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January 3, 2023

Via email

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate
3107 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senate President Champion:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law.

Commissioner of Corrections

Paul Schnell, Minnesota Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive Suite 200, St. Paul, Minnesota, in Ramsey County, effective January 2, 2023, for a term expiring January 4, 2027.

Sincerely,

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Tim Walz
Governor

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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Paul Schnell

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

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Corrections

Effective: January 2, 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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 2, 2023.



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Tim Walz

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 2, 2023
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Paul Patrick Schnell

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Minnesota Department of Corrections , St. Paul, MN Commissioner	January 2019 – Present
Inver Grove Heights Police Department , Inver Grove Hts., MN Chief of Police	December 2017 – Jan. 2019
Maplewood Police Department , Maplewood, MN Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police	July 2013 – June 2017
Hastings Police Department , Hastings, MN Chief of Police/Co-Emergency Manager	June 2010 - July 2013
Saint Paul Police Department , Saint Paul, MN Inspector/Sergeant – Public Information Officer Sergeant – Patrol Sergeant - Investigator Police Officer	September 1999 - June 2013 May 2009 - June 2010 August 2007 – May 2009 January 2006 – August 2007 September 1999 – August 2005

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Additional Past Experience

Adjunct Faculty Member; Metropolitan State University-School of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Saint Paul, MN
Adjunct instructor; University of St. Thomas/St. Catherine University, School of Social Work, Saint Paul, MN
Administrative Lieutenant; Metropolitan Transit Police, Minneapolis, MN
Deputy Sheriff/Sergeant; Carver County Sheriff's Department, Chaska, MN
Correctional Program Coordinator; Carver County Court Services, Chaska, MN
Case Manager; Volunteers of America – Correctional Services; Minneapolis, MN
Program Manager; Reentry Services, St. Paul, MN

EDUCATION & LICENSURE

Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership | Saint Catherine University, Saint Paul, MN
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work | University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul, MN
Licensed Social Worker – Minnesota Board of Social Work

AWARDS

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association "Richard Schaller Award" Recipient, 2017
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women Inspire Award Recipient, 2016
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault AWARE Award Recipient, 2012.
Saint Catherine University, St. Paul - Commencement Speaker/Medal of Valor recipient, May 2012.
Dispute Resolution Center "Kay Pranis" Restorative Justice Award Recipient, 2011
St. Paul Police Department "Officer of the Year," 2003

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board Member, Minnesota Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; 2018 – 2019
Board Member, Tubman (formerly Harriet Tubman Center); 2014 - 2017
Board Member, Police Chief Representative – Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; 2014 – 2017
Board Member/Director, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association; 2012 – 2015
Board Member/Chair, 180 Degrees (501c3 organization); 2006 – 2014

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Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Schnell, Paul P

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Statement last updated: 1/3/2023

Occupation: Commissioner

Employer: State of MN - Department of Corrections

1450 Energy Park Drive, Ste. 200

St. Paul, MN 55108

Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
Corrections, Department of (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/50900000/)	Commissioner	1/2/2023	1/4/2027	Governor
Sentencing Guidelines Commission (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/17900000/)	Corrections Commissioner	1/2/2023	1/4/2027	Statutory
Peace Officer Standards and Training, Board of (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/16100000/)	Chief of Police Member	3/17/2015	1/14/2018	Governor



Sources of income

Name of source Relationship to source

Director Officer Owner Member Partner Employer Employee Honorarium

State of MN



Business or professional activity categories

None reported

Securities

Name of security

ICMA-RC

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MSRS - Deferred Compensation

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Real property

County	Address or section information	Owner	Mortgagee	Contract for deed	Option to buy \$2500
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Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported