



# 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 Public Safety**

**Robert Jacobson**, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, in Ramsey County, effective January 2, 2023, for a term expiring January 4, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Walz".

Tim Walz  
Governor

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Executive Department



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**Governor Tim Walz**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Bob Jacobson**

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 Public Safety**

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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

Replacing: John Harrington

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



# BOB JACOBSON

## Skills Summary

My career has focused on leadership for a variety of organizations including law enforcement, fire service, training, child welfare, professional associations, and community organizations. Those efforts in concert with talented staff committed to serve have resulted in safer communities, highly effective community engagement strategies, positive results, transparent communications, and increased trust. My approach is to work with humility and collaboration while striving for results.

## Education and Certifications

### ***Organizational Leadership, Bachelor of Arts, Bethel University***

This course of study included a focus on "servant leadership" in private and public institutions and has served me well in my career in public service.

### ***Mini MBA for Government Managers, University of St. Thomas***

This certificate program focused on building leadership skills for those serving in governmental management positions.

### ***Senior Management Institute for Police, Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)***

This certificate program is for senior police executives and is an intensive course of study designed to foster nationwide relationships with other leaders. The focus is on training based on the latest management concepts and practices and addressing the most challenging issues of the day.

### ***Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)***

I have been a licensed peace officer since 1983, POST license number 8317


### ***MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management***

Certified State of MN Emergency Manager

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## **Experience**

### **MN Department of Human Services**

*Interim Deputy Assistant Commissioner August 2022 to present*

My role includes oversight of the Child Safety and Permanency Division within Children and Family Services. My work prioritized the submission of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Five Year Prevention Plan to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families (ACF). I am presently working with staff on implementation of the FFPSA Five Year Prevention Plan, working on child welfare issues and reviewing organizational effectiveness.

### **City of Stillwater**

*Interim Chief of Police October 2020 to January 2021*

I served as the Chief of Police and Emergency Management Director as the City initiated and concluded a search for a permanent police chief. I assisted in sustaining operations and leadership during a time of significant transition during the pandemic. Hiring, promotions, staff development, and community engagement were priorities during my interim duties.

### **MN Department of Human Services**

*Interim Inspector General August 2019 to January 2020*

As the Interim Inspector General, I worked with the Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI) and Deputy Commissioner Chuck Johnson to improve administrative fraud investigations related to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) while under significant public scrutiny and an ongoing investigation of leadership. The work included engaging in communication with legislators both Democrat and Republican to regain trust and faith in our investigative work.

### **MN Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA)**

*Director of Professional Development July 2016 to January 2019*

As the Director of Professional Development, I was responsible for planning and implementing all training for the MCPA including Chief Law Enforcement training, Leadership Training, annual Executive Training Institute (ETI) conferences and helped to implement regional training for wellness and other timely topics. I also assisted in developing and implementing a Peer Support Program for law enforcement and trained more than two hundred police executives.

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## **City of New Brighton**

*Director of Public Safety*

*October 1983 to July 2016*

I began my career as a police officer in 1983 and served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Lieutenant, Captain, Police Chief and ultimately appointed Director of Public Safety in March of 2000. As Director I oversaw a re-organization of police and fire services into one unified Department of Public Safety. The Department consistently received high levels of support from the community and earned several awards to include two International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Community Policing Awards and several top 5 finishes for National Night Out Activities that included numerous 1<sup>st</sup> place recognitions. The city also experienced historically low levels of crime.

## **Awards and Acknowledgements**

### ***Richard Schaller Award***

### ***MN Chiefs of Police Association***

Received the Richard Schaller Award for leadership and contributions to the State of MN in law enforcement. I also have received two "Presidents Awards" for leadership and support of initiatives for the Association. I have served as the presenter for statewide awards for this Association since 2012 and continue in that role today.

### ***MN Chiefs of Police Association***

I was a member of the Board of Directors for the MN Chiefs of Police Association from 2003 to 2012 and served as President in 2010 - 2011. I remain a Life Member of the Association.

### ***Association of MN Emergency Managers***

I was a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of MN Emergency Managers from 2001 to 2009 and served as the Association's President in 2003 - 2004. I remain a Life Member of the Association.

### ***Police Officer of the Year Honorable Mention Police Association***

### ***MN Chiefs of***

I was awarded the Police Officer of the Year Honorable Mention in 1986. This was awarded for response to the "Mounds View Pipeline Explosion" that occurred on July 8, 1986, and resulted in the deaths of a mother and her daughter. This incident directly led to the creation of the MN Office of Pipeline Safety within the MN Department of Public Safety.

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## Statement of economic interest for a public official

Official: Jacobson, Bob

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Statement last updated: 1/10/2023

Occupation:

Employer: Department of Public Safety  
445 Minnesota Street 1000 Bremer Tower  
St Paul, MN 55101

### Positions held

Agency	Position held	Appointment date	Appointment ends	Appointment authority
<a href="https://reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/54300000/">Public Safety, Department of (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/54300000/)</a>	Commissioner	1/2/2023	1/4/2027	Governor
<a href="https://reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/71700000/">Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/71700000/)</a>	Public Safety Commissioner	1/2/2023	1/4/2027	Statutory

### Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source	Director	Officer	Owner	Member	Partner	Employer	Employee	Honorarium
Public Employee Retirement Assoc								✓	
State of Minnesota								✓	

### Business or professional activity categories

None reported

## Securities

Name of security

Jackson Financial

State Farm

## Real property

None reported

## Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported