

History of Regent Elections

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) was established in law in 1988 to assist with the recruitment, screening, and recommendation of candidates to the legislature for the election of regents to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. In 2005, the recommendation process was changed in law to require the RCAC to make recommendations to the governor who then recommend candidates to the legislature. The governor's role was eliminated by a law change in 2007.

This document summarizes the recommendations of the RCAC, the joint legislative committee, the legislature, and the governor back to 1989, the first year of recommendations by the RCAC.

History of Regent Elections, Appointments, and Recommendations of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) and the Joint Legislative Committee

Year	Recommendations of RCAC and Joint Committee	Elected to Six-Year Terms Unless Otherwise Noted
2018	First District*: Mary Davenport (S) Brooks Edwards (S) Jeanne Hankerson Wendy Shannon Randy Simonson	Randy Simonson**
<p><i>* This vacancy opened due to the resignation of Regent Patricia Simmons. RCAC was not involved in this election. Instead, the Legislative Coordinating Commission collected applications for the vacancy, which were all forwarded directly to the Joint Committee.</i></p> <p><i>** Randy Simonson was not recommended by the Joint Committee, but was nominated at the joint convention.</i></p>		
2017	Second District: Ian Benson Jim Carter Sandra Krebsbach Steve Sviggum (S)*	Steve Sviggum (S)
	Third District: Tom Devine (I) Walter Erickson Darrin Rosha (I) (S) Tammy Lee Stanoch	Darrin Rosha (I) (S)
	Eight District: David McMillan (I) (S) Curt Teberg	David McMillan (I) (S)
	At Large: Tom Devine (I) (S) Kent Molde Kendall Powell John Regal	Kendall Powell**

(I) Incumbent regent (A) Appointed by governor (S) Slate of candidates recommended by the joint legislative committee
 (F) Forwarded by the joint education committee to the joint convention without recommendation

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<p><i>* Steve Sviggum was not recommended by the RCAC, but was recommended by the Joint Committee.</i> <i>** Kendall Powell was not recommended by the Joint Committee, but was nominated at the joint convention.</i></p>		
2015	<p>First District: Claire Bender Randy Simonson (S) Patricia Simmons (S)</p> <p>Third District: Michael Belzer (S) Paula Prah (S)</p> <p>Fourth District: Richard Beeson (I) (S) Thomas Sorel</p> <p>Sixth District: Michael Hsu (S) Steven Laraway</p>	<p>Patricia Simmons (S)</p> <p>Darrin Rosha – two years**</p> <p>Richard Beeson (I) (S)</p> <p>Michael Hsu (S)</p>
	<p>Seventh District: Thomas Anderson (S) Michael Yost</p>	<p>Thomas Anderson (S)</p>
<p><i>* Steve Sviggum was not recommended by the RCAC, but was recommended by the Joint Committee.</i> <i>** Darrin Rosha was nominated at the joint convention, and was elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term following the death of Regent David Larson.</i></p>		
<p>March 4, 2015 Joint Convention February 10, 2015 Joint Committee</p>		
2013	<p>Fifth District: Dennis Nguyen Ertugrul Tuzcu Peggy Lucas (S)</p> <p>At-Large: Linda Cohen (I) (S) Dean Johnson (I) (S) Peggy Lucas Kelly Smith</p> <p>Student At-Large: Drew Coveyou Abdul Omari (S) Christopher Tastad</p>	<p>Peggy Lucas (S)</p> <p>Linda Cohen (I) (S) Dean Johnson (I) (S)</p> <p>Abdul Omari (S)</p>
<p><u>Committee nominations:</u> <i>Rules adopted by the joint committee provided that all candidates recommended by the RCAC were considered nominated for any position for which they were eligible.</i></p>		
<p>March 6, 2013 Joint Convention February 26, 2013 Joint Committee</p>		
<p><u>Legislative Nominations</u> At-Large: Ertugrul Tuzcu nominated</p>		

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2012	Regent Steve Sviggum resigned (March 2012).	
	Second District: Thomas Devine (F) Robert Vogel (F)	Thomas Devine – 5 years
	<i>The RCAC did not put forward recommendations.</i>	
April 4, 2012 Joint Convention		
April 3, 2012 Joint Committee		
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>		
	Second District: Thomas Devine nominated Robert Vogel nominated	
2011	Second District: Laura Brod Thomas Devine Steve Sviggum (S)	Steve Sviggum (S)
	Third District: David Larson (I) (S) Norman Rickerman Roby Thompson, Jr.	David Larson (I) (S)
	Eighth District: William Burns Robert Kennedy David McMillan (S) Robert Ostlund	David McMillan (S)
	At-Large: Allen Anderson Steven Hunter (I) Robert Kennedy	Laura Brod (S)
<u>Committee nominations:</u> <i>Rules adopted by the joint committee provided that all candidates recommended by the RCAC were considered nominated for the at-large position.</i>		
February 21, 2011 Joint Convention		
February 16, 2011 Joint Committee		
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>		
	Second District: Thomas Devine nominated	
	Eighth District: William Burns nominated	
	At-Large: Steven Hunter (I) nominated	

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2009	<i>Law changes removed the governor's role in the recommendation process and restored the requirement for the RCAC to recommend candidates directly to the joint committee as defined in law. (Laws 2007, ch. 144, art. 2, §§ 45 to 46)</i>	
	First District: Patricia Simmons (I) (S) Randy Simonson	Patricia Simmons (S)
	Fourth District: Richard Beeson (S) Anita Pampusch	Richard Beeson (S)
	Sixth District: Kjell Bergh Kathryn Roberts John Frobenius (I) (S) nominated at joint committee	John Frobenius (S)
	Seventh District: Clyde Allen, Jr. (I) (S) Ann Rasmusson	Clyde Allen, Jr. (S)
March 9, 2009 Joint Convention February 26 and March 3, 2009 Joint Committee		
2007	<i>Law changes required the RCAC to make recommendations to the governor who then recommended candidates to the joint committee, defined in law. (Laws 2005, ch. 107, art. 2, §§ 47 to 50)</i>	
	Fifth District: Peter Bell (I) (F) – <i>Governor recommends</i> Pat O'Connor Jacob Sullivan	Venora Hung
	At-Large: Linda Cohen (S) – <i>Governor recommends</i> John Derus Rondi Erickson Dean Johnson Cynthia Leshner (I) (F) – <i>Governor recommends</i>	Linda Cohen (S) Dean Johnson
	Student At-Large: Stephen Barrows Maureen Cisneros Venora Hung (F) – <i>Governor recommends</i>	Maureen Cisneros (Ramirez)
March 8, 2007 Joint Convention February 27, 2007 Joint Committee		
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>		
	Fifth District: Peter Bell nominated Venora Hung nominated	
	Student At-Large: Maureen Cisneros nominated Andy Post nominated	
	At-Large: Dean Johnson nominated Cynthia Leshner nominated	

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2006	Regent Richard McNamara resigned (December 2005) and Cynthia Lesher was appointed by Governor Pawlenty.	
2005	Second District: Dallas Bohnsack (I) (S) Bruce Endler	Dallas Bohnsack (S)
	Third District: David Larson (S) Kate Rubin	David Larson (S)
	Eighth District: Anthony Baraga (I) (S) Edward Borowiec	Anthony Baraga (S)
	At-Large: Steve Hunter (S) Scott W. Johnson Margaret Leppik	Steve Hunter (S)
February 16, 2005 Joint Convention February 14, 2005 Joint Committee		
2003	First District: Al DeBoer Dwight Gourneau Patricia Simmons (S)	Patricia Simmons (S)
	Fourth District: Gregory Filice Marcia Hanson David Metzen (I) (S)	David Metzen (S)
	Sixth District: John Frobenius (S) Steven Hunter Maureen Reed (I)	John Frobenius (S)
	Seventh District: Clyde Allen, Jr. (S) Art Brandli Roger Moe	Clyde Allen, Jr. (S)
<u>Governor's 2001 and 2002 Appointments With No Further Recommendations by Advisory Council:</u>		
	Fifth District: Peter Bell (I) (S)	Peter Bell – 4 years (S)
	At-Large: Frank Berman (I) (S) Jean Keffler (I) Richard McNamara (I) (S) LaKeesha Ransom (Student) (I) (S)	Frank Berman – 4 years (S) Richard McNamara – 4 years (S) LaKeesha Ransom – 4 years (S) Maureen Reed – 2 years (S)
March 3, 2003 Joint Convention February 26, 2003 Joint Committee		

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2002	Regent Michael O’Keefe resigned and Peter Bell was appointed by Governor Ventura.	
2001	<i>No Election. Governor makes appointments to fill vacancies</i>	
	At-Large (3 seats): Frank Berman William Dolan Jacqueline Fraedrich David Johnson (Peter) Jay Kiedrowski Warren Larson (I) John MacFarlane Richard McNamara (S) Patricia Spence (I) (S)	Frank Berman – appointed Jean Keffler – appointed Richard McNamara – appointed
		Ray Waldren (S) nominated at joint committee
	At-Large Student: Angela Bos (S) LaKeesha Ransom	LaKeesha Ransom – appointed
	Fifth District: Michael O’Keefe (I) (S) Franklin Pass	Michael O’Keefe – appointed
2001 No Joint Convention. The joint education committee met on February 20, 2001, and recommended a slate of regent candidates. A joint convention of the House and Senate was not convened to elect regents before the session adjourned.		
2000	Vacancy from death of Regent William Peterson and no appointment by Governor Ventura	
1999	Second District: Dallas Bohnsack (S) Rholan Larson	Dallas Bohnsack (S)
	Third District: Richard Clarke William Hogan (S)	William Hogan (S)
	Eighth District: Anthony Baraga (S) Fred Friedman Frances Gardeski Thomas Renier	Anthony Baraga (S)
	At-Large: David C. Johnson William Peterson (S)	William Peterson (S)
February 18, 1999 Joint Convention February 16, 1999 Joint Committee		
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>		
	Second District: Julie Bleyhl nominated	
	At-Large: Julie Bleyhl nominated	

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1997	First District:	H. Bryan Neel (I) (S) Thomas Stoa	H. Bryan Neel (S)
	Fourth District:	W. Andrew Boss Carol Ericson David R. Metzen (S)	David R. Metzen (S)
	Fifth District:	William E. Drake Michael O'Keefe (S)	Michael O'Keefe (S) to remainder of Keffeler term
	Sixth District:	George Allen Barbara B. Klemme Maureen K. Reed (S)	Maureen K. Reed (S)
	Seventh District:	Bob S. Bergland (S) Herbert W. Chilstrom	Bob S. Bergland (S)
February 27, 1997 Joint Convention February 19, 1997 Joint Committee			
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>			
	First District:	Thomas Stoa nominated	
	Fourth District:	Carol Ericson nominated	
	Seventh District:	Bob Anderson nominated	
1996	Resignation of Regent Jean Keffeler and appointment of Michael O'Keefe by Governor Carlson		
1995	At-Large (2 seats):	Warren Larson Richard McNamara (S) Patricia Spence (S) Emily Anne Staples Tuttle Bilone W. Young	Warren Larson Patricia Spence (S)
	At-Large Student:	Jessica Phillips (S) Cecil Smith	Jessica Phillips (S)
	Fifth District:	Jean B. Keffeler (I) (S) Michael M. Vekich	Jean B. Keffeler (S)
May 3, 1995 Joint Convention May 1, 1995 Joint Committee			
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>			
	At-Large:	Bilone Young nominated Mike Vekich nominated Warren Larson nominated	

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1994	Resignation of Regent Ann Wynia Fourth District: Gerald Christenson Hyon T. Kim (S) Elsa Vega-Perez Billie Young	Hyon T. Kim (S) to remainder of Wynia term
<hr/> April 21, 1994 Joint Convention April 18, 1994 Joint Committee		
1993	Regent Alan Page resigned and Lawrence Perlman was appointed by Governor Carlson Second District: Kenneth Albrecht Julie Bleyhl (S) Dallas Bohnsack Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr. Third District: Lurline Baker-Kent M. Elizabeth Craig William E. Hogan (S) Michael P. Sullivan Eighth District: Edith H. Michalski Thomas Reagan (S) At-Large (2 seats): Marvin Berman Charles M. Denny, Jr. Mary Kim William Lahr David R. Metzen Lawrence Perlman (A) (S) William Peterson (S) Sandra L. Vargas	Julie Bleyhl (S) William E. Hogan (S) Thomas Reagan (S) William Peterson (S) Lawrence Perlman (S) to remainder of Page term
<hr/> April 28, 1993 Joint Convention April 26, 1993 Joint Committee		
<hr/> <u>Legislative Nominations</u> Second District: Dallas Bohnsack nominated Third District: M. Elizabeth Craig nominated At-Large: Mary Kim nominated Sandra L. Vargas nominated Marvin Borman nominated		

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1991	First District:	James H. Manahan (S) H. Bryan Neel III Karen E. Nielson Nedra M. Wicks	H. Bryan Neel III
	Fourth District:	David L. Beaulieu Arthur William (Bill) Sands, Jr. Ann Wynia (S) Biloine (Billie) W. Young	Ann Wynia (S)
	Sixth District:	Wendell R. Anderson (I) (S) Michael E. Hart Christine Anderson Morrison Gerald W. Timm	Wendell R. Anderson (S)
	Seventh District:	Gretchen U. Beito Jay D. Myster Mary N. Preisler Stanley D. Sahlstrom (I) (S)	Stanley D. Sahlstrom (S)
April 17, 1991 Joint Convention April 5, 1991 Joint Committee			
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>			
	First District:	H. Bryan Neel nominated Eduardo Wolle nominated	
	Seventh District:	Jay D. Myster nominated	
	Fourth District:	Arthur Williams Sands Jr.	
1990-1991 Regent Jack Grabek resigned and Thomas Reagan was appointed by Governor Perpich			
1989	Student:	David Gerald Minkkinen Randall Scott Peterson Geoffrey Andrew Pollak Darrin Michael Rosha (S)	Darrin M. Rosha (S)
	Fifth District:	Karen O'Link Bachman Jean Burhardt Keffeler (S) Alan Cedric Page (S) Terry Tinson Saario	Jean Burhardt Keffeler (S)
	At-large (2 seats):	Alan Cedric Page (S) Yvonne Corker Condell Gordon Melburn Donhowe (withdrew) Luella Gross Goldberg Lester Christensen Krogh Vernon Lee Moore Mary J. Page (S) James Patrick Shannon Gary Hilton Stern	Alan Cedric Page (S) Mary J. Page (S)

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May 3, 1989 Joint Convention		
<u>Legislative Nominations</u>		
Fifth District:	Alan C. Page nominated	
Student:	David Minkinen nominated Randall Peterson nominated	
At-Large:	Luella Goldberg nominated Cy Carpenter nominated James Shannon nominated Vernon Moore nominated	
Sources:	<i>Regent Candidate Advisory Council</i> , Report to the Minnesota Legislature, 1989 - 2011 Minutes of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council <i>Journal of the House</i>	