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Walz, Flanagan Announce Appointments to the Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan today announced the following appointments to the Governor's Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction.

"The Advisory Council, along with the recently appointed Addiction and Recovery Director, will provide valuable insight from a variety of perspectives, including those with lived experiences and those from communities that are disproportionately impacted by addiction," said Governor Walz. **"This partnership will work to ensure that individuals at all stages of recovery, and their families, have a voice to improve access to the resources they need."**

"Minnesota continues to fight against the growing opioids crisis, especially in our Native and Black communities that are disproportionately affected. I am grateful to these community leaders for partnering with our Administration, and with their unique professional and personal experiences, leadership, and dedication to this work, we will be better poised to create more effective solutions," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. **"I look forward to seeing what this Council will accomplish over the next four years."**

Farhia Budul – Minneapolis, MN

Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

Member

Effective: January 3, 2023

Term Expires: January 1, 2024

Colin Cash – Onamia, MN

Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

Member

Effective: January 3, 2023

Term Expires: January 4, 2027

Kyle Christianson – Moorhead, MN

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Autumn Dillie – Minneapolis, MN

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John Donovan – Big Lake, MN

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Beth Elstad – Duluth, MN

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Wendy Jones – St. Paul, MN

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Fiyyaz Karim – St. Paul, MN

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Term Expires: January 4, 2027

Pamela Lanhart – Burnsville, MN

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Term Expires: January 1, 2024

Jeffrey Lind – Bemidji, MN

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Term Expires: January 4, 2027

Bobby Marines – Rochester, MN

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William Messinger – St. Paul, MN

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Kate Noffke – St. Paul, MN

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Anderson Saint Georges – Detroit Lakes, MN

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Term Expires: January 4, 2027

Kimberly Stokes – Britt, MN

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Term Expires: January 1, 2024

LaTricia Tate – Minneapolis, MN

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Member

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Term Expires: January 4, 2027

Arden Two Bears – Minneapolis, MN

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Term Expires: January 4, 2024

Travis Winship – Minneapolis, MN

Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction

Member

Effective: January 3, 2023

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About the Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction:

Governor Walz signed legislation during the 2022 Legislative Session establishing the role of Addiction and Recovery Director, the Subcabinet on Opioids, Substance Use, and Recovery, and its corresponding Advisory Council. The advisory council will meet to identify opportunities for and barriers to the development and implementation of policies and strategies to expand access to effective services for Minnesotans. The advisory council will also examine services and supports needs and provide opportunities for Minnesotans who have experienced addiction.

Additional information about the Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioids, Substance Use, and Addiction can be found on the [Secretary of State’s website](#).

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are seeking qualified and diverse individuals who are passionate about using their knowledge, skills, and lived experiences to serve the state of Minnesota. A list of boards and commissions, including open positions, can be found on the [Minnesota Secretary of State’s website](#).