

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

<b>INFORMATION ITEM</b>
<b>Overview of the Board of Trustees Retreat on October 22-23, 2008</b>

Chancellor James McCormick will join Dr. Kent Eklund, facilitator, to provide a brief overview of the schedule and agenda for the Board of Trustees retreat at Bemidji State University on October 22-23, 2008. The focus of the retreat will be 2020 planning.

*Presented to the Board of Trustees: September 17, 2008*



**Kent E. Eklund**

Kent Eklund serves as vice president for Fairview Health Services and president of the Fairview Foundation. He leads the integration of Fairview's mission and values with the Fairview community and church relations, corporate social responsibility and philanthropic activities. Dr. Eklund joined Fairview Health Services in September 2003.

Before association with Fairview, Dr. Eklund served as president of Cincinnatus, Inc., a consulting firm offering expertise and support in strategic planning, market research, leadership search and transition support, governance best practices and confidential counsel. He also has held positions as Parkside Senior Services president and CEO, Ebenezer Society president and CEO and Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent Financial for Lutherans) vice president of market development.

Eklund serves on the non-profit boards of Search Institute, Courage Center and the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. For Fairview, Dr. Eklund is a part of the Ebenezer, Fairview University Medical Center – Mesabi, Fairview Red Wing Medical Center and Institute on Media and the Family boards. He also serves on the Park Midway Bank corporate board.

Eklund's public service background includes appointment as commissioner of two departments under Minnesota Governor Al Quie and election as mayor for the City of Northfield, Minnesota. During that time, he also was chair of the St. Olaf College political science department.

Eklund holds a B. A. from Augustana College and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania with specialization in planning and organization theory.

Dr. Eklund was the facilitator for the Board of Trustees last retreat on October 30 and 31, 2007.