

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

**BOARD ACTION**

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT OF  
NORTHEAST HIGHER EDUCATION DISTRICT

**1 BACKGROUND**

2 Following the announcement of President Sue Collins' retirement, Chancellor Rosenstone  
3 initiated a national search for president of the Northeast Higher Education District in fall 2014.  
4 The executive search firm Greenwood/Asher was retained to assist with the recruitment for this  
5 position. A search advisory committee was appointed consisting of the following members:  
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7 Joe Opatz, Search Chair and President Emeritus  
8 Makayla Boyer, Student  
9 Cortez Killing, Student\*  
10 Kathleen Neustrom, OAS Intermediate, Upward Bound  
11 Brad Krasaway, Director of Student Life  
12 Darlene Freeman, Director, Upward Bound and Talent Search  
13 Joe Chlebeczek, Faculty  
14 Paul McLaughlin, Faculty  
15 Chris Koivisto, Faculty  
16 Lisa Bestul, Faculty  
17 Sue Aldrich, Faculty  
18 Carol Helland, Provost  
19 Karen Kedrowski, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
20 Laverne Hakly, Principal, Virginia High School\*  
21 Tom Jamar, President, Jasper Engineering  
22 David Ulrich, Vice President, Twin Metals  
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24 The following individuals provided support to the committee:  
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26 Carmen Bradach, Chief Human Resources Officer, Northeast Higher Education District  
27 Vicki DeFord, Chief Human Resources Officer, System Office  
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29 \*Withdrew during service for personal or professional reasons.  
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31 The position was advertised nationally in a variety of higher education and diversity publications.  
32 At the same time, the search consultant initiated an aggressive recruitment campaign. There  
33 were a total of 30 applicants. From this pool, the search advisory committee selected nine  
34 individuals for initial interviews and forwarded its assessment of the candidates to Chancellor  
35 Rosenstone. On the committee's recommendation, Chancellor Rosenstone selected three semi-  
36 finalists who participated in public interviews at the campus, including sessions with students,

37 faculty, staff, and community members. Reference and background checks were conducted.  
38 System office interviews were conducted by Chancellor Rosenstone, members of the chancellor's  
39 cabinet, and Trustees Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Dawn Erlandson and Phil Krinkie.

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41 After careful consideration of information received from each element of the interview process,  
42 the chancellor selected one candidate to recommend to the Board of Trustees for approval. At  
43 this time Chancellor Rosenstone recommends William Maki to be the next president of the  
44 Northeast Higher Education District.

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46 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

47 The Human Resources Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following  
48 motion.

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50 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

51 The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Rosenstone, appoints William  
52 Maki as president of the Northeast Higher Education District effective July 1, 2015, subject to  
53 the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in  
54 consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the Human Resources Committee, to  
55 negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of  
56 the MnSCU Personnel Plan for Administrators.

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58 *Date of Approval: March 18, 2015*

59 *Date of Implementation: July 1, 2015*