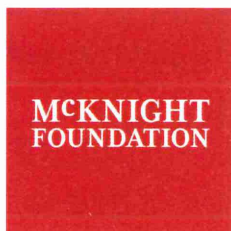


One Minnesota Annual Legislative Policy Conference



**Wednesday, February 12, 2020
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Humphrey School of Public Affairs
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Agenda

- 8:00 - 8:30** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 8:35** **Welcome** *Speaker Melissa Hortman*
- 8:35 - 9:15** **Minnesota's economic and demographic realities**
Moderated by Speaker Melissa Hortman
State economist Laura Kalambokidis
State demographer Susan Brower
- 9:15 - 9:45** **Redistricting: Understanding what's ahead**
Moderated by Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent
Matt Gehring, House Research
Alexis Stangl, Senate Research
- 9:45 - 10:45** **Negotiation skills and tools**
Moderated by House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt
Curt Stedron, National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- 10:45 - 11:00** **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:15** **Conversations about end of session, Part 1**
Introduction by Speaker Melissa Hortman and Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka
Moderated by One Minnesota planning team:
Rep. Fue Lee, Rep. Dave Baker, Sen. Michelle Benson, and Sen. Susan Kent
Review findings from pre-retreat poll; Conversation about results
- 12:15 - 1:00** **Lunch** and table conversations
- 1:00 - 1:45** **Conversations about end of session, Part 2**
Breakout sessions to work in small bipartisan groups; determine pros/cons of ideas from morning workshop; Prepare to report back in next session
- Group 1 (orange): Room 215, Wilkins Room
 - Group 2 (green): Humphrey Forum
 - Group 3 (blue): Cowles Auditorium
 - Group 4 (salmon): Room 205, Freeman Commons
- 1:45 - 2:45** **Next steps in examining end-of-session process**
Reconvene in full session; Review ideas from breakout session;
Leaders discuss next steps
- 2:45 - 4:00** **Reception with colleagues and guests**
U of M President Joan Gabel; Minnesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra

Speaker Bios



Laura Kalambokidis is Minnesota's State Economist, where she heads Economic Analysis at MMB, which is responsible for producing and presenting the state's revenue and economic forecasts. She is also a professor in the Department of Applied Economics and an Extension economist at the University of Minnesota, where she teaches public sector economics and does research on a range of federal and state tax policy issues. Prior to assuming her position at the university, she was a financial economist in the Office of Tax Analysis in the U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C.. Kalambokidis has been Minnesota's State Economist since 2013. She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan.



Susan Brower is the Minnesota State Demographer and directs the MN State Demographic Center. The center is the main provider of demographic data and analysis for the state. Prior to becoming the State Demographer in 2012, she was a researcher at Wilder Research in St Paul. Prior to that, she worked at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan, where she also earned her PhD in sociology. Brower also holds a master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.



Matt Gehring is a staff coordinator and analyst in the nonpartisan Research Department of the Minnesota House. He's been on the House staff since 2006, and works in a variety of subject areas, including government operations, state government finance, elections, and redistricting. He also is part of the House Research Department's legal counsel team. Matt was the primary nonpartisan staff person supporting the House during the 2010 redistricting cycle, and was involved in editing the new book "Redistricting 2020" and the "Redistricting Starter Kit", both published by the NCSL last year. In 2006 he earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota's Law School and master's degree in public policy from the Humphrey School.



Alexis (Lexi) Stangl is a lead counsel for the nonpartisan Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis (SCRFA) Office of the Minnesota Senate where she provides a variety of services to the Senate, including drafting bills and amendments, staffing committees, conducting research, and assisting Senators and staff. Lexi works in the areas of elections, redistricting, and transportation policy and finance. Lexi started with SCRFA in 2011. Lexi is a graduate of Hamline University School of Law and the University of Wisconsin-Superior.



Curt Stedron is the Legislative Learning and Development Principal at the National Conference of State Legislatures. He is a West Point graduate and former Army Officer who spent years as an award winning educator and state champion debate coach. Curt is also a successful entrepreneur, and his company, New Century Modern, has built over 40 custom homes in the Denver area.

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