

Governor Appoints Summer Strand to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced his appointment of Summer Strand to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC). The appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Ellen Nowak, effective March 1, 2023. This appointment is effective March 2, 2023, for a six-year term expiring in 2029.



“I’ve had the pleasure of working with Summer on the State Building Commission for the past several years and I am confident that she will be an asset to the PSC and to the people of Wisconsin in this new role,” said Gov. Evers. “Having worked in several roles within state government and with trade and industry professionals alike, Summer will bring a depth of experience, dedication to service, and collaborative skills necessary to be successful at the PSC. I have no doubt she’ll serve the people of Wisconsin well as we continue building our workforce, economy, and state infrastructure for the 21st century.”

Strand has a long history of public service. Strand currently serves on the State of Wisconsin Building Commission (SBC), having been appointed by Gov. Evers in 2019 to serve as the sole citizen member of the commission. Strand also previously served as the administrator of the Division of Facilities Development at the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) from August 2011 to May 2016, where she was secretary of the SBC and was responsible for helping develop and administer the approximately \$1 billion state building program for all state agencies and the UW System.

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communication skills will be an asset to the Commission as we take on many of the important issues Wisconsinites are facing today,” said Strand. “I am grateful for this opportunity and excited to get to work.”

Strand comes to the PSC from the Walbec Group, a construction and engineering company, where she is the director of government affairs, responsible for maintaining relationships and coordinating with a variety of stakeholders, associations, and industry groups. Additionally, she previously served as a program and policy analyst-advanced in the Division of State Facilities at DOA in 2011. From 2008 to 2011, Strand also served as chief of staff to State Sen. Jeff Plale in the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Strand is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin and earned her law degree from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in 2006, as well as her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002. She lives in Waunakee with her husband, Brandon, and their two kids.