

# 2023 Education Minnesota Voters Guide



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## Education Minnesota candidates' election statements

At the 2023 Representative Convention, delegates who reside in each Education Minnesota Governing Board Zone will have the opportunity to elect their at-large representative to the board for a three-year term. Last fall, filing forms were included in the Minnesota Educator magazine, inviting members to put their name in to be considered for at-large seats as well as statewide seats for education support professionals and higher education/statewide affiliate seats. Also open was filing for a director to the National Education Association Board of Directors. Many races only had one candidate and those members were elected by acclamation and approved by the current governing board.

Education Minnesota is governed by an elected board, made up of a member from each of the union's 26 election districts, eight election zones and three at-large positions. Our governing board meets throughout the year to set dues, adopt a budget and carry out directives passed at the annual meeting.

All candidates had the opportunity to submit a statement and/or photograph. These statements and photos appear here in the Minnesota Educator and on the Education Minnesota website. Members may view the statements online by going to [www.educationminnesota.org](http://www.educationminnesota.org), signing into the member portal and then clicking on the Elections tab.

### Governing Board At-Large Zone 5



Michelle Gottberg

#### **Michelle Gottberg**

##### ***United South Central-Educational Support Professionals***

Serving on the Governing Board this short time, I have learned so much. If re-elected I will encourage innovative ideas and forward-thinking so that our union can positively impact and support members and to do the best work, I can do to help the most people possible.



Matthew Wilmes

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##### ***Education Minnesota-Lewiston-Altura***

I listen, I learn, and then I lead. As an elected local and IO leader, I will continue representing our members, asking challenging questions, and engaging in crucial conversations. I'm involved at every level, from local and IO President to state-funded delegate at AFT and NEA conventions.

## Governing Board At-Large Zone 7



Katrina Geske

### **Katrina Geske**

#### ***North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Education Association***

If elected to the EM Governing Board, I will advocate for our students and our profession using a racial and social equity lens. This includes advocating for fully funded schools across the state. All students in Minnesota deserve a high-quality education, regardless of their zip code.



Glazell Toledo

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#### ***Education Minnesota-Intermediate School District 287 Local 2209***

I am running in hopes helping the voices of those who do not feel strong enough to stand be heard as well as offer perspectives that have not been well represented. In an ideal world, there would be no need to worry about equity. This is not an ideal world.

In solidarity,  
Glazell Toledo



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