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Governor M. Michael Rounds

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Catholic; Republican; Businessman.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from South Dakota State University; licensed pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings; a lifelong resident of Pierre; owner, with his shares in trust, Fischer, Rounds & Associates, Inc., an insurance and real estate agency.

Served ten years in the South Dakota Senate from District 24; six years as Majority Leader; served on the State Affairs, Retirement Laws, Commerce, Education, Taxation, Local Government and Legislative Procedure Committees.

Governor, 2003 – Present. Chairman, Western Governors Association, 2005 – 2006. Executive Committee, National Governors Association, 2004 – 2006. Vice Chairman, Midwestern Governors Association, February 2007 – February 2008; Chairman, February 2008 – February 2009.

Past civic leadership includes serving as Board President of the Oahe YMCA, Vice President of the Home and School Association of St. Joseph's School, President of the Pierre – Fort Pierre Exchange Club and Exalted Ruler of the Pierre Elks Lodge.

Recognized in 1999 as the South Dakota Independent Insurance Agent, "Agent of the Year"; awarded the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Guardian of Small Business in both 1992 and 1998; received the Pierre Economic Development Corporation's Special Recognition Award in 1997; received the South Dakota State Employees Association's Outstanding Friend of SDSEO Award for 1999 – 2000, the South Dakota Counseling Association's Special Contribution Award in 1995, the Spirit of Sioux Falls Award in 2005 and the 2006 Williamson Militiaman Award.



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Children: Laura, Sara and Christopher

Republican.

Executive Director of Children's Home Society of South Dakota.

Graduated in 1975 from University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in Government, Minors in Mathematics and Psychology; earned Juris Doctorate Degree in 1978 from Northwestern University, School of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

Served six years in the South Dakota Senate, 1997 – 2003; Lieutenant Governor, 2003 – Present. Admitted to practice law in the states of Illinois and South Dakota; associated with Supena and Nyman, Chicago, Illinois, and with Shand Morahan & Associates, Evanston, Illinois. Vice President and Trust Officer, First Bank of South Dakota (later known as US Bank), 1981 – 1990; Director of Development, Children's Home Foundation of South Dakota, 1990 – 2002. Named Chief Operating Officer of Children's Home Society of South Dakota in 2002 and Executive Director in 2003.

Past President, Board of Directors, Children's Home Society of South Dakota; past Board Member, Sioux Falls Area Court Appointed Special Advocates, South Dakota Law Foundation and South Dakota Guardianship Program; Member, Sioux Falls Elks Lodge and Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club; Development Committee, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

Former Governors Dakota Territory

William Jayne1861 – 1863	William A. Howard.....1878 – 1880 ^a
Newton Edmunds.....1863 – 1866	Nehemiah G. Ordway1880 – 1884
Andrew J. Faulk.....1866 – 1869	Gilbert A. Pierce1884 – 1887
John A. Burbank1869 – 1874	Louis K. Church.....1887 – 1889
John L. Pennington1874 – 1878	Arthur C. Mellette.....1889

Former Governors State of South Dakota

Arthur C. Mellette, R1889 – 1893	Merrill Q. Sharpe, R1943 – 1947
Charles H. Sheldon, R.....1893 – 1897	George T. Mickelson, R.....1947 – 1951
Andrew E. Lee, P.....1897 – 1901	Sigurd Anderson, R.....1951 – 1955
Charles N. Herreid, R.....1901 – 1905	Joseph J. Foss, R.....1955 – 1959
Samuel H. Elrod, R1905 – 1907	Ralph E. Herseth, D1959 – 1961
Coe I. Crawford, R.....1907 – 1909	Archie M. Gubbrud, R1961 – 1965
Robert S. Vessey, R1909 – 1913	Nils A. Boe, R.....1965 – 1969
Frank M. Byrne, R1913 – 1917	Frank L. Farrar, R1969 – 1971
Peter Norbeck, R.....1917 – 1921	Richard F. Kneip, D.....1971 – 1978 ^b
William H. McMaster, R ..1921 – 1925	Harvey Wollman, D.....1978 – 1978
Carl Gunderson, R1925 – 1927	William J. Janklow, R.....1979 – 1987
William J. Bulow, D1927 – 1931	George S. Mickelson, R.....1987 – 1993 ^c
Warren E. Green, R.....1931 – 1933	Walter D. Miller, R.....1993 – 1995
Tom Berry, D.....1933 – 1937	William J. Janklow, R.....1995 – 2003
Leslie Jensen, R1937 – 1939	M. Michael Rounds, R.....2003 –
Harlan J. Bushfield, R.....1939 – 1943	

a. William A. Howard died April 10, 1880.

b. Richard F. Kneip resigned July 24, 1978, to become Ambassador to Singapore.

c. George S. Mickelson died in a plane crash on April 19, 1993

R – Republican

D – Democrat

P – Populist

Former Lieutenant Governors^a State of South Dakota

James H. Fletcher, R.....	1889 – 1891	Robert Peterson, D.....	1935 – 1937
George H. Hoffman, R.....	1891 – 1893	Donald McMurchie, R.....	1937 – 1941
Charles N. Herreid, R.....	1893 – 1897	A. C. Miller, R.....	1941 – 1945
D. T. Hindman, R.....	1897 – 1899	Sioux Grigsby, R.....	1945 – 1949
John T. Kean, R.....	1899 – 1901	Rex Terry, R.....	1949 – 1955
George W. Snow, R.....	1901 – 1905	L. R. (Roy) Houck, R.....	1955 – 1959
John E. McDougall, R.....	1905 – 1907	John F. Lindley, D.....	1959 – 1961
Howard C. Shober, R.....	1907 – 1911	Joseph H. Bottum, R.....	1961 – 1963
Frank M. Byrne, R.....	1911 – 1913	Nils A. Boe, R.....	1963 – 1965
E. L. Abel, R.....	1913 – 1915	Lem Overpeck, R.....	1965 – 1969
Peter Norbeck, R.....	1915 – 1917	James Abdnor, R.....	1969 – 1971
William H. McMaster, R..	1917 – 1921	William Dougherty, D.....	1971 – 1975
Carl Gunderson, R.....	1921 – 1925	Harvey Wollman, D.....	1975 – 1978 ^c
A. Clark Forney, R.....	1925 – 1927	Lowell C. Hansen, II, R....	1979 – 1987
H. E. Covey, R.....	1927 – 1929	Walter Dale Miller, R.....	1987 – 1993
Clarence E. Coyne, R.....	1929 ^b	Steve T. Kirby, R.....	1993 – 1995 ^d
John T. Grigsby, D.....	1929 – 1931	Carole Hillard, R.....	1995 – 2003
O. K. Whitney, R.....	1931 – 1933	Dennis Daugaard, R.....	2003 –
Hans Ustrud, D.....	1933 – 1935		

- a. The organization of the Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Lieutenant Governor.
- b. Clarence E. Coyne died May 27, 1929, and John T. Grigsby was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Harvey Wollman resigned July 24, 1978, to assume the office of Governor. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy.
- d. Steve T. Kirby was appointed May 20, 1993, to replace Walter D. Miller, who assumed the Office of Governor on April 20, 1993, after the death of Governor George S. Mickelson.

R – Republican

D – Democrat



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Christian; Republican.

White Lake High School, 1982; Bachelor of Science degree with highest honors in Animal Science from South Dakota State University, 1987; Member and Vice President, South Dakota State University FarmHouse.

Secretary, South Dakota Future Farmers of America, 1982 – 1983; Assembly of God Teen Bible Quiz State Coordinator, 1990 – 2002. Received the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government Award from the South Dakota Municipal League and the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor Award from South Dakota Kids Voting. Appointed, National Governors Association representative, United States Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, 2005 – Present. Election Committee Co-Chairman, National Association of Secretaries of State.

Farmer, 1980 – Present; Uniform Commercial Code Supervisor in Secretary of State's Office, 1987 – 1989; Election Supervisor in Secretary of State's Office, 1989 – 2002 State; Assistant Secretary of State, 2002 – 2003; Secretary of State, 2003 – Present.



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Republican.

Bennett County High School, Martin; South Dakota State University, Brookings, 1969;
University of South Dakota Law School, Vermillion, 1972.

Chief Deputy Attorney General for South Dakota, January 1991 – 2002; private practice of law in Martin, Bennett County, South Dakota, December 1972 – December 1990; Bennett County State's Attorney from March 1973 – December 1990; Rosebud Sioux Tribe Election Board, General Counsel, 1977 – 1981; Rosebud Sioux Tribe Credit Committee, Counsel, 1985 – 1990; co-authored several Titles in Rosebud Sioux Tribal Code (with Dallas Brost), 1986; Juvenile Court Prosecutor, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, 1978 – 1980; Ethics Committee, State Bar of South Dakota, 1996 – Present; Region II Trial Lawyer of the Year, 1999; National Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation; South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, 1990 – Present; Bar Commissioner, State Bar of South Dakota, 1993 – 1996; Board Director, Dakota Plains Legal Services 1974 – 1990, Board Chairman 1980 – 1990; South Dakota State's Attorneys Association, 1973 – 1990, President, 1983 – 1984; National District Attorneys Association Board of Directors, 1988 – 1990.

Attorney General, 2003 – Present.



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Spearfish High School, 1983; Black Hills State University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Business, 1993; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; New Mexico Highlands University, Masters in Public Administration, 1996; Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

U.S. Army: Berlin, Germany, 1983 – 1985; Ft. Hood, Texas, 1985 – 1986; Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Operation Desert Storm, 1991 – 1992; South Dakota Army National Guard (842nd Engineers & 200th Engineers), 1996 – 2000; U.S. Army Reserve, 2001 – Present.

Executive Director, South Dakota Association of County Officials, 1996 – 2002; Assistant Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office, 1996; Peace Corps Campus Coordinator and Grant Administrator, 1995 – 1996; South Dakota West River Bush/Quayle Campaign Coordinator, 1992; South Dakota Senate Intern for Senator Mary McClure, 1988.

South Dakota Teenage Republican, 1980 – 1983; South Dakota 2nd place volunteer hours for a College Republican, 1992; U.S. Army Occupation Medal, Berlin, Germany, 1983 – 1985; Outstanding U.S. Soldier Award in Europe, 1984; U.S. Army Achievement Medal, Third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983 – 1992; U.S. Army Commendation Medal, Third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983 – 1992.

Member of Pierre/Fort Pierre Rotary; South Dakota American Legion; South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars.

State Auditor, 2003 – Present.



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Lutheran; Republican; Vivian High School, 1966; Boys State; Northern State University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and English, 1970; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Who's Who in American Politics; Who's Who in the Midwest; Who's Who in America; Blue Key Honor Fraternity.

Teacher, Hill City, 1970 – 1972; Legal Secretary, 1972; private English tutor, Tokyo, Japan, 1973; District Representative for U.S. Congressman James Abdnor, 1974 – 1978.

Hughes County Teenage Republicans Advisor, 1976 – 1978; Co-Advisor, South Dakota College Republicans, 1980 – 1985; Jaycees, Outstanding Young Man, 1975; South Dakota Elk of the Year, 1982; Oahe Chapter Professional Secretaries International Boss of the Year, 1982; South Dakota Outstanding Young Citizen, State Jaycees, 1983; State Teenage Republican Counselor and State Advisor, 1973 – 1994; General Chairman, Pierre/Fort Pierre United Way Campaign, 1990. President, South Dakota Elks Association, 1999 – 2000; Director, Elks National Hoop Shoot Regional (SD, ND, and MT) Free Throw, 1997 – Present, State Director 1973 – 1997; Member, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Kiwanis, Yelduz Shrine and Masons; Consistory; Boys State Speaker, 1993 – Present; Board of Directors, United Way 1989 – 1997; March of Dimes Community Committee, 1992 – 2006; Board of Governors, Pierre Players, 1994 – 1997, Chairman, 1996 – 1997; and Treasurer, South Dakota Heritage Fund, 1982 – Present.

State Auditor, 1979 – 2003. Longest serving Constitutional Officer in the history of South Dakota. In 1998 received one hundred percent of the popular vote and the first time in South Dakota's history a Constitutional Officer had no statewide opponent. State Treasurer, 2003 – Present. Unopposed again in 2006. Named Toll Fellow, an Outstanding Emerging Leader by the Council of State Government, 1993; National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, 1979 – Present, President, 2007 – 2008; National Association of State Comptrollers, 1981 – 2003, Executive Board, 1992 – 2001 and President, 1998-99; National Association of State Treasurers and Midwestern Association of State Treasurers, 2003 – Present; chosen by the U.S. State Department and NASACT to represent the State Treasurers in a governmental exchange with Malaysia, State of Borneo, 2004; and named by USAID and NAST to present the keynote address to the State Treasurers of Mexico, Mexico City, 2006. Contributed a chapter to Leadership Secrets of Government Financial Officials, July 2005, published by the Association of Governmental Accountants and NASACT. Member of South Dakota Investment Council 2003 – Present; Board of Finance, 1979 – Present; Public Deposit Protection Commission, 2003 – Present.



Commissioner Jarrod Johnson

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Roman Catholic; Republican.

Brandon Valley High School, 1988; South Dakota State University, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, 2001.

Rancher/Farmer.

Appointed Member, Interior Royalty Policy Committee, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2009 – Present; Chairman, Western States Land Commissioners Association Interstate Transmission Task Force, 2008 – Present; Western States Land Commissioners Association, 2007 – Present; Appointed Member, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, 2007 – Present; Member, Public Lands Committee, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, 2007 – Present; Past President, Minnehaha Cattlemen's Association; Past President, Sioux Basin Cattlemen's Association; Member, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association; Member, South Dakota Stock Growers Association; Member, South Dakota Corn Growers Association; Member, South Dakota Wildlife Federation; Member, Ducks Unlimited.

Commissioner of School and Public Lands, 2007 – Present.

Former Secretaries of State Dakota Territory

John Hutchinson1861 – 1865	Oscar Whitney1873 – 1874
S.L. Spink1865 – 1869	George A. Hand1874 – 1883
T.M. Wilkins.....1869 – 1870	J.M. Tellre.....1883 – 1886
G.A. Batchelder1870 – 1872	Michael L. McCormack....1886 – 1889
Edwin S. McCook.....1872 – 1873 ^a	L.B. Richardson1889

Former Secretaries of State State of South Dakota

A.O. Ringsrud, R1889 – 1893	Goldie Wells, D1937 – 1939
Thomas Thorson, R.....1893 – 1897	Olive A. Ringsrud, R1939 – 1943
William H. Roddle, R1897 – 1901	Mrs. L.M. Larsen, R1943 – 1947
O.C. Berg, R1901 – 1905	Annamae Riff, R.....1947 – 1951
David D. Wipf, R.....1905 – 1909	Geraldine Ostroot, R1951 – 1957
Samuel C. Polley, R.....1909 – 1913	Clara Halls, R.....1957 – 1959
Frank Glasner, R1913 – 1915	Selma Sandness, D.....1959 – 1961
Frank M. Rood, R1915 – 1919	Essie Wiedenman, R1961 – 1965
C.A. Burkhart, R.....1919 – 1922 ^b	Alma Larson, R.....1965 – 1973
Clarence E. Coyne, R.....1922 – 1927	Lorna B. Herseth, D.....1973 – 1979
Gladys Pyle, R1927 – 1931	Alice Kundert, R.....1979 – 1987
Elizabeth Coyne, R1931 – 1933	Joyce Hazeltine, R1987 – 2003
Myrtle Morrison, D.....1933 – 1937	Chris Nelson, R.....2003 –

a. Edwin S. McCook was assassinated in September 1873, by Peter P. Wintermute.

b. C.A. Burkhart died and Clarence E. Coyne was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R –Republican

D – Democrat

Former Attorneys General Dakota Territory

Alexander Hughes.....1883 – 1884	Tristram Skinner.....1889
Charles F. Templeton.....1887 – 1888	George S. Engle1886 – 1887
George Rice1885 – 1886	Johnson Nickeus1889

Former State Auditors State of South Dakota

L.C. Taylor, R.....1889 – 1893	W.W. Warner, R.....1939 – 1945
J.E. Hipple, R.....1893 – 1897	Steve E. Anderson, R.....1945 – 1950 ^a
H.E. Mayhew, R.....1897 – 1899	James O. Gilkerson, R.....1950 – 1951
James D. Reeves, R.....1899 – 1903	Lawrence E. Mayes, R.....1951 – 1956 ^b
J.F. Halladay, R.....1903 – 1907	Fay A. Allbee, R.....1956 – 1958 ^c
John Hirning, R.....1907 – 1911	Oscar Brosz, R.....1958 – 1959
Henry B. Anderson, R.....1911 – 1915	Harriett Horning, D.....1959 – 1961
J.E. Handlin, R.....1915 – 1919	Betty L. Larson Casey, R..1961 – 1963
Jay E. Reeves, R.....1919 – 1923	Al Hamre, R.....1963 – 1967
Edward A. Jones, R.....1923 – 1929	Lloyd Jorgenson, R.....1967 – 1969
William M. Dunn, R.....1929 – 1933	Alice Kundert, R.....1969 – 1979
George O'Neill, D.....1933 – 1937	Vernon L. Larson, R.....1979 – 2003
Raymond A. Kelly, D.....1937 – 1939	Richard L. Sattgast, R.....2003 –

a. Steve E. Anderson resigned and James O. Gilkerson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

b. Lawrence E. Mayes resigned January 15, 1956, and Fay A. Allbee was appointed to fill the vacancy.

c. Fay A. Allbee resigned August 31, 1958, and Oscar Brosz was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R – Republican

D – Democrat

Former State Treasurers Dakota Territory

G.G. Irish.....1861 – 1863	John Clementson.....1875 – 1877
J.O. Taylor.....1863 – 1864	W.H. McVay.....1878 – 1883
M.K. Armstrong.....1865 – 1868	J.W. Raymond.....1883 – 1887
T.K. Hovey.....1869 – 1870	J.D. Lawler.....1887 – 1888
E.A. Sherman.....1871 – 1874	Joseph Bailey.....1889

Former State Treasurers State of South Dakota

Wilbur F. Smith, R.....1889 – 1891	John N. Thompson, R..... 1942 – 1943
W.W. Taylor, R.....1891 – 1895	E.V. Youngquist, R 1943 – 1945 ^b
Kirk G. Phillips, R1895 – 1899	Hazel Dean, R 1945 – 1947
John Schamber, R1899 – 1903	C.E. Buehler, R 1947 – 1951
C.B. Collins, R.....1903 – 1907	Theodore Mehlhaf, R 1951 – 1955
C.H. Cassill, R1907 – 1909	Ed T. Elkins, R 1955 – 1959
George G. Johnson, R1909 – 1913	Al Hamre, R 1959 – 1963
A.W. Ewert, R.....1913 – 1917	Lloyd Jorgenson, R 1963 – 1967
G.H. Helgeson, R.....1917 – 1921	Al Hamre, R 1967 – 1969
W.S. O'Brien, R1921 – 1923	Neal Strand, R 1969 – 1973
James L. Driscoll, R.....1923 – 1927	David Volk, R 1973 – 1990
A.J. Moodie, R.....1927 – 1931	Janis Y. Kelley, R..... 1990 – 1991 ^c
A.C. Goodhope, R.....1931 – 1933	G. Homer Harding, R 1991 – 1994
Frank G. Siewert, D1933 – 1937	Richard D. Butler, D 1995 – 2003
W.H. Hinselmann, D.....1937 – 1939	Vernon L. Larson, R..... 2003 –
W.G Douglas, R.....1939 – 1942 ^a	

- a. W. G. Douglas resigned August 20, 1942, and John N. Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 b. E. V. Youngquist died July 8, 1945, and Hazel Dean was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 c. David Volk resigned July 31, 1990, and Janis Y. Kelley was appointed to fill the vacancy until G. Homer Harding was elected in 1991.

R – Republican

D – Democrat

Former Commissioners of School and Public Lands^a State of South Dakota

Osmer H. Parker, R.....1889 – 1891	Bernard Linn, R..... 1949 – 1971
Thomas H. Ruth, R1891 – 1895	Ralph Ginn, R..... 1971 – 1972 ^c
John L. Lockhart, R1895 – 1899	George D. Kane, D..... 1972 – 1979
David Eastman, R1899 – 1903	John J. "Jack" Gerken, R.. 1979 – 1983
C.J. Bach, R1903 – 1907	F. Julian Cheney, R 1983 ^d
O.C. Dokken, R.....1907 – 1911	David L. Volk, R..... 1983 – 1984 ^e
F.F. Brinker, R1911 – 1913 ^b	John J. "Jack" Gerken, R.. 1984 ^f
Fred Hepperle, R.....1913 – 1917	Sheldon E. Cotton, R..... 1985 – 1987
N.E. Knight, R1917 – 1925	Timothy H. Amdahl, R..... 1987 – 1990
O.P.J. Engstrom, R.....1925 – 1933	Curtis J. Johnson, D..... 1991 – 2003
Ben Strool, D1933 – 1939	Bryce Healy, D..... 2003 – 2007
Earl A. Hammerquist, R....1939 – 1943	Jarrod Johnson, R 2007 –
John A. Lunden, R1943 – 1949	

- a. The organization of Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Commissioner of School and Public Lands.
 b. F.F. Brinker resigned February 26, 1913, and Fred Hepperle was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 c. Ralph Ginn died May 26, 1972, and George D. Kane was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 d. F. Julian Cheney died January 16, 1983, and David L. Volk was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 e. David L. Volk resigned July 25, 1984, and John J. "Jack" Gerken was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 f. John J. "Jack" Gerken resigned November 8, 1984, and Sheldon E. Cotton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R – Republican

D – Democrat



Commissioner Gary Hanson

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Republican.

Washington High School, 1968; Northern State University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1972.

Owner Real Estate/Insurance/Income Tax Service Companies, 1973 – 1988; South Dakota State Senator, 1983 – 1988; Sioux Falls Utilities Commissioner, 1988 – 1994; Sioux Falls Mayor, 1994 – 2002; Public Utilities Commissioner, 2003 – Present.

President, Sioux Falls Board of Realtors, 1985 – 1986; Co-Founder and Chairman, Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, 1989 – 1994; Chairman, South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, 2002 – 2003; Chairman, Senate Committee for Government Audit and Operations; Vice Chairman, Senate Committee for Taxation; Community Drug Concerns Task Force; Governor Mickelson's Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force; Chairman, Governor Rounds' Underground Pipeline Task Force; Co-Founder, Great Plains Waicipi; Chairman, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, 2005 and 2008; South Dakota Energy Task Force; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Joint Board on Economic Dispatch; Executive Board of Directors and past Treasurer, Organization of MISO States; Steering Committee, National Wind Coordinating Collaborative; Executive Committee, Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative; National Association of Regulatory Commissioner's Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment; Member, MidAmerican Regulatory Commissioners, 2003 – Present.

Past Board of Directors, Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory Board; DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center; Sioux Falls Jaycees; Northern State University Foundation; Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems; Co-Founder, Multicultural Center; South Dakota Water Congress; Sister Cities Association; Licensed Auctioneer, Appraiser, Real Estate Broker and Soccer Coach.

Distinguished Alumnus, Northern State University; Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota; Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year; International Lions' Melvin Jones Fellow; YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame; Habitat for Humanity's 'Hat's Off' Award; 'Spirit of Downtown' Sioux Falls Award; White Cane Safety Award; Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's 'Mayor of the Year'; Life Member, Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation; Children's Care Hospital 'Wings of Love' Award; DAV 'Outstanding Legislator' Award.



Commissioner Dustin “Dusty” Johnson

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Children: Maxwell and Benjamin

Lutheran; Republican.

TF Riggs High School, Pierre, 1995; University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1999; Stene Center at the University of Kansas, Masters in Public Administration, 2002. Harry S. Truman Scholar; Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Mortar Board; President, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Mike Rounds on economic development, energy, transportation, and corrections issues, 2003 – 2005; County Manager’s Office, Johnson County, Kansas, 2001 – 2002; Truman Fellow with U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Washington, D.C.

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, 2005 – Present; NARUC, Electricity Committee, 2005 – Present, NARUC Board of Directors, 2008 – Present; MidAmerican Regulatory Commissioners, 2005 – Present; Western Interconnection Reliability Advisory Board, 2006 – Present; Chairman, Governor’s Energy Task Force Transmission Committee, 2005; Co-Chairman, Commissioners National PMA Working Group, 2005; Coordinator, South Dakota Energy Smart, 2007 – Present.

Chairman, South Dakota Rural Development Council, 2006 – 2008; Co-Chair, Vision 2020 Government Structures Committee, 2008 – Present; Adjunct Professor, Dakota Wesleyan University, 2007 – Present; Member, Open Government Task Force, 2007; Chairman, Festival of Lights Committee, 2008 – Present; Member of the following Board of Directors: SD Rural Development Council, 2003 – 2008; Capital Area United Way, 2003 – 2005; Davison County Republicans 2002 – 2004; Tridentia Housing Corporation, 2004 – 2005; Abbott House Center for Girls, 2008 – Present; W.O. Farber Fund, 2008 – Present.

Public Utilities Commissioner, 2005 – Present, Chairman, 2006 – 2007, 2009 – Present.



Commissioner Steve Kolbeck

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Children: Wilson, Alex, Joe and Mary

Steve was elected to the Public Utilities Commission in November 2006 and sworn in to office in December 2006. He is serving his second year as the Commission's Vice Chairman. He is a native of Salem, South Dakota. Steve attended Northern State University and holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications from Mitchell Technical Institute.

Steve is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the association's Committee on Telecommunications. He holds appointed positions as a member of the Federal – State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations and NARUC's Ad Hoc Committee on National Wireless Consumer Protection Standards. Steve is also a leader in industry organizations, holding offices as Treasurer of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference and Chairman of the Regional Oversight Committee.

Steve has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, having held positions with Northern Telecom (now Nortel Networks), AT&T, South Dakota Network (now SDN Communications) and Alliance Communications.

Prior to joining the commission, Steve served as a Brandon, South Dakota, City Councilman for three years.

Former Public Utilities Commissioners^a Dakota Territory

William M. Evans.....1886	N.T. Smith 1887 – 1888
W.H. McVay1886	Judson LaMoure 1889
Alexander Griggs.....1886 – 1888	John H. King..... 1889
A. Boynton1887 – 1888	Harvey J. Rice 1889

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Harvey J. Rice1890	Windsor Doherty, D, Dist. 3 1935 ^d
John H. Kingz.....1890 – 1892	Fred B. Ray, D, Dist. 3 1936 – 1937
Albion D. Chase1890–1892	C.L. (Roy) Doherty, R, Dist. 3.... 1937 – 1971
Charles E. McKenny1892	C.A. (Chris) Merkle, R, Dist. 2... 1939 – 1969
Frank P. Phillips1892	Fred L. Lindekugel, R, Dist. 1 ... 1943 – 1967
George A. Johnston, R, Dist. 11895 – 1897	Harvey Scharn, R, Dist. 1 1967 – 1973
E.F. Conklin, R, Dist. 21895 – 1897	Winston Barness, R, Dist. 2 1969 – 1975
J.R. Brennan, R, Dist. 31895 – 1897	Jack M. Weiland, D, Dist. 3 1971 – 1977
W.T. LaFollette, P, Dist. 11897 – 1901	P.K. Ecker, D, Dist. 1 1973 – 1979
Alexander Kirkpatrick, P, Dist. 2 1897 – 1903	Norma Klinkel, D, Dist. 2 1975 – 1981
William H. Tompkins, P, Dist. 3 .1897 – 1899	Charolette Fischer, R, Dist. 3 1977 – 1983
William G. Smith, R, Dist. 31899 – 1917	Jeff Solem, R, Dist. 2 1981 – 1987
Frank LaCocq, Jr., R, Dist. 11901 – 1907	Kenneth Stofferahn, D, Dist. 1 ... 1979 – 1997
D.H. Smith, R, Dist. 2.....1903 – 1909	Dennis Eisnach, D, Dist. 3 1983 – 1989
George Rice, R, Dist. 1.....1907 – 1913	Laska Schoenfelder, R, Dist. 3 ... 1989 – 2001 ^e
F.C. Robinson, R, Dist. 2.....1909 – 1915	Jim Burg, D, Dist. 2 1987 – 2005
John J. Murphy, R, Dist. 11913 – 1943	Pam Nelson, D, 1997 – 2003
P. W. Dougherty, R, Dist. 21915 – 1919 ^b	Robert Sahr, R, 2001 – 2006
Frank E. Wells, R, Dist. 31917 – 1919 ^c	Gary Hanson, R, 2003 –
John W. Raish, R, Dist. 21919 – 1933	Dustin “Dusty” Johnson, R, 2005 –
Dawes E. Brisbine, R, Dist. 31919 – 1935	Steve Kolbeck, D, 2006 – ^f
F.S. Pickert, D, Dist. 21933 – 1939	

- a. The Public Utilities Commission was originally an appointive office and called the Board of Railroad Commissioners. In 1897, state law was amended making it an elective office. On July 1, 1939, the name was changed from the Board of Railroad Commission to the Public Utilities Commission.
- b. P.W. Dougherty resigned and John W. Raish was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Frank E. Wells resigned and Dawes E. Brisbine was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- d. Windsor Doherty resigned and Fred B. Ray was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- e. Laska Schoenfelder died in March 2001. Robert Sahr was appointed to fill vacancy in December 2001.
- f. Robert Sahr resigned in November 2006. Steve Kolbeck was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 4, 2006.

R – Republican

D – Democrat

P – Populist