

# Duties of the Governor and Lt. Governor

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# Official Duties of the Governor

- General direction, administration, and supervision of the affairs of the executive branch of Minnesota state government
- Serve as Commander-in-Chief of the Minnesota National Guard, and oversee emergency responses
- Review, veto, or sign into law legislation and rules, call special sessions of the legislature when needed
- Chair the State Executive Council, the State Board of Investment, the Land Exchange Board, and the Board of Pardons
- Appoint state department heads, members of state boards and commissions, and judges to the state's ten judicial districts, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court
- Issue extradition papers, proclamations, and writs of special elections

# Official Duties of the Lt. Governor

- Assist the governor in carrying out the functions of the executive branch
- Serve as a member of the State Executive Council
- Serve as Vice-Chair of the State Capitol Preservation Commission
- Chair the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board (CAAPB)
- Preside as the convening authority until the President of the Senate is elected and takes an oath of office on the first day of a regular legislative session
- Exercise powers delegated by the Governor
- Succeed the Governor if there is a vacancy