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Executives at the retail giant,  
seeking to reverse a sales slump,  
keep bringing up one word.

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PEOPLE

# Aeon names new CEO Rachel Robinson

## Nonprofit developer owns over 4,800 affordable housing units in metro

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Affordable housing developer Aeon has named a new president and CEO.

The Aeon board of directors announced Tuesday that Rachel Robinson, the current deputy commissioner at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, will lead the Minneapolis-based nonprofit that owns over 4,800 units of affordable housing in the Twin Cities. She will begin in the role March 30.

Robinson will replace the former president and CEO, Eric Anthony Johnson, who stepped down from the role in May of last year. He had led the organization since 2022.

Aeon's current chief financial officer, Caroline Horton, had been serving as the interim president and CEO. St. Paul-based executive search consulting firm Ballinger | Leafblad led the effort to select Aeon's new CEO.

"Aeon is a bold leader in preserving and creating quality, affordable homes, and this is a pivotal moment for Aeon and the communities we serve," Martha Nevanen, Aeon board chair, said in a statement. "Rachel is a mission-focused leader who deeply understands the fundamentals and complexities of housing development, ownership and management."

Robinson has more than 20 years of experience working with mission-focused organizations, including in areas of real estate development, finance and operations, according to the announcement.

She was appointed deputy commissioner for Minnesota Housing in 2019. Before that, she founded and managed the Naturally Occurring



TWIN CITIES HEADSHOTS  
Rachel Robinson will be the new CEO and president for Aeon.

Affordable Housing Impact Fund at the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund. She first got her start in the affordable housing sector in housing development and management roles at consultant JLPope Associates and nonprofit CommonBond Communities.

"I'm just really eager to get back

to that tangible work of building and creating and preserving and being the place people call home," Robinson said. "I've missed the nonprofit sector and really admire Aeon."

Robinson said she's committed to figuring out what the future will look like for affordable housing.

"We don't have enough affordable housing. We need to make sure that homes are high quality, that people can rely on the ability to pay rent, so they have money for everything else in their lives," she said. "That mission is so incredibly important, that's not going to change. And as housing providers, we're all going to be navigating the future space and continuing to deliver on the mission."

Aeon is behind a 72-unit affordable project in partnership with St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis and is one of two developers seeking to redevelop part of the former Kmart site along Lake Street in Minneapolis.

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While trying to figure out if you can block off six months in your 2031 calendar



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**Six Flags sells Valleyfair:** Shakopee amusement park Valleyfair has been sold as part of a seven-park deal by Six Flags Entertainment Corp. worth \$331 million. The parks were purchased by Kansas City, Missouri-based EPR Properties, a real estate investment company that will partner with Enchanted Parks, an amusement park operator, to manage the properties.



2

**Fhima's closes in downtown:** Fhima's Minneapolis closed over the weekend after more than seven years in its historic space in City Center. Chef and owner David Fhima said that maintenance costs on the space — which once housed Forum Cafeteria and Goodfellows — exceeded rent. He's considering other locations.



3

**Medtronic buying Scientia Vascular:** The medtech giant signed a deal to acquire Scientia Vascular, a company that's developed neurovascular devices used for stroke treatment, in a deal worth \$550 million. The acquisition will address a missing piece in Medtronic's neurovascular product portfolio, said Linnea Burman, president of Medtronic's neurovascular unit.



4

**Doran plans apartments in Uptown:** The developer planning a 228-unit apartment building in the retail heart of Uptown Minneapolis has purchased part of the Seven Points property for \$3 million. The move marks a big step forward for Bloomington-based Doran Cos., which revived the project in 2025 after a years-long hiatus.



5

**Enclave buys France Avenue site:** Enclave Cos. has purchased the site of the former Macy's furniture store along France Avenue in Edina as part of its plan to build apartments, office and retail spaces, and more. Demolition of the site will begin this spring; afterward, the developer plans four mixed-use and residential buildings there.



6

**Expo 2031 organizers unveil proposal for USA pavilion:** Expo 2031 Minnesota USA recently announced the pavilion's planned concept: "Where the American Dream Meets the Living World." If selected as the site for Expo 2031, the pavilion will serve as the centerpiece of a larger planned 240-acre Expo site and remain after the six-month event. The exact location hasn't been determined, but will be in Dakota County.

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RESTAURANTS

## Restaurant vets open Italian spot in Robbinsdale

Twin Cities restaurant veterans are planning a new upscale restaurant in downtown Robbinsdale.

Risata Cucina celebrated a grand opening March 9 at 4168 W. Broadway St., in the space once occupied by Nonna Rosa's.

Brendan Denne and Bryan Gooding are behind the new Italian restaurant. Denne was the executive chef who helped open Colita and Rosalia with Daniel del Prado's restaurant group. He also helped open IE by Travail with Robbinsdale-based Travail Collective and worked as that group's culinary director.

Gooding helped open Lake & Irving Restaurant & Bar, one of Uptown Minneapolis's longest-running eateries. He's also worked as a restaurant consultant.

Their focus is on affordability. While a wine purveyor usually picks what they want to serve, the duo picked a price point and built the wine list from there. The pastas will be around \$20. Risata also will serve entrees like chicken parmesan, pork shoulder all'Amatriciana, swordfish picatta and brick chicken scarpariello, reports Minnesota Monthly magazine.

Denne said Italian cuisine lends itself well to affordability. It's mostly tomatoes, flour and cheese.

The building seats about 99 in its 3,500 square feet. There's also a 1,500-square-foot patio.

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# MIAMI GROUP BUYS MPLS. BUILDING FOR CIGAR SHOP



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## New owners looking for other hospitality operators to fill space

After sitting vacant for years, a new plan is crystallizing for the former Seven Steakhouse & Sushi building in downtown Minneapolis.

An entity connected to Miami-based Magnum Group acquired the building at 700 Hennepin Ave. for \$1.3 million last month, according to a recently published certificate of

real estate value.

The new owner, Magnum CEO Sam Rehani, plans to use part of the ground floor for a high-end retail shop selling Nicabanos and Flor de Castillo cigars as well as S.T. Dupont pens and lighters, some of which can fetch thousands of dollars. The upper levels will have a Nicabanos-branded lounge that includes cigar and hookah smoking on the rooftop terrace.

"We do luxury things always," Rehani said in a call. "We keep things very, very high-end."

He's currently searching for

*New plans are in the works for 700 Hennepin Ave. in Minneapolis, the former home of Seven Steakhouse.*

restaurant or hospitality operators for part of the space. The building is roughly 36,000 square feet, and Rehani said he's only using about 5,000 square feet, meaning there's a lot of space to fill.

The building will get a comprehensive upgrade and modernization while preserving its architectural character. Rehani expects construction to take six to eight months before opening the retail portion.

This is Magnum's first purchase in Minneapolis, and Rehani said he's looking to buy more properties in the market. He sees a lot of potential in downtown Minneapolis and said the price was good. The county values the building at roughly \$2.6 million.

The property was sold by Tom McCarver and Steve Boynton, who are executives at Blue Ox Media Group, which mostly owns billboards around the metro. Blue Ox itself was not part of the ownership.

McCarver said he and Boynton kept the rights to the billboards on the roof of the building. "That's our main thrust," he said, adding that they're planning to modify it to "live it up a little bit."

Seven Steakhouse has been shuttered since late 2022 after a few tumultuous years of closing and reopening. Seven co-owner Erick Patterson previously told the Business Journal that the business closed because of the building's condition, which included a leaky roof.

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WHAT'S NEXT

## Cannabis shop takes over vacant space in Stillwater

A new cannabis dispensary is taking over the former Devil's Advocate building in Stillwater.

The Leon family, which runs Acapulco Mexican Restaurant and Joseph's Family restaurant, sold the building at 14200 60th St. N. in Stillwater for \$1.385 million last month, according to a recently published certificate of real estate value. Stillwater City Council gave the buyer, ABJKM

Holdings LLC, approval in November to operate a cannabis business at the address.

The shop will be a Mango Cannabis, reports the Pioneer Press. A timeline for opening isn't clear; the buyers could not be reached.

"We just decided to sell it versus run another restaurant," said Sam Leon, one of the sellers of the roughly 5,500-square-foot building.

Erik Forsberg, owner of Devil's Advocate, was not part of the sale. He did not own the Devil's Advocate real estate, but did partner with the Leon family in other investments. That partnership dissolved in August when he sold his stakes. Devil's Advocate at 1070 Nicollet Mall is still open, serving burgers, pizzas, pastas, steaks and more.

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# How Target plans to win back customers

Retailer used 'delight' 17 times in investor presentation as it tries to reverse sales slump

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"Delight" was the word of the day at Target Corp.'s recent financial meeting with investors. Executives used the word 17 times throughout their hour-long presentation that laid out the retailer's strategy for 2026 and beyond. The company says its ambition is simple: To be the most delightful experience in retail.

"Target's new chapter is all about fueling growth, and we'll do so by playing our own game and making big changes to delight our guests," said CEO Michael Fiddelke. "Delight is our standard."

From Chief Merchandising Officer Cara Sylvester: "Shopping for food at Target should feel distinctly Target. Delightful, joyful."

Delight isn't new idea for Target: Its 2002 annual report to shareholders included this line: "Our focus on delighting our guests is also a key factor in driving our growth." And "surprise and delight" was a common refrain among Target insiders during the retailer's "Tar-Zhay" heyday — the same period that Fiddelke began working at Target as an intern, in 2003.

The phrase clearly still resonates with corporate leaders, especially as Target looks to win back shoppers and reverse 13 quarters of year-over-year sales declines.

So what does it mean?

In its 2024 annual report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Target says a core element of its strategy is "delighting with newness, style and value by strengthening our owned-brands portfolio, curating leading national brands, and expanding the breadth and depth of signature partnerships."

To Carol Spieckerman, retail analyst and president of Bentonville, Arkansas-based Spieckerman Retail, the term is aspirational, positive and customer-centric, she said, adding that delight is a "dif-

ferentiation promise."

Target laid out that differentiation promise in the meeting. It plans to bring more "irresistible and trending" emerging brands into its grocery section. The beauty section will be more immersive with more help from workers. Target plans to elevate the style of its home section.

Steve Sanders, a marketer and adjunct professor at University of Colorado Boul-

der, said delight in retail starts with the fundamentals. It's operational efficiency, like the delight of getting a package from Amazon in two days. It's the in-store experience, like the fun of exploring new snacks at Trader Joe's. It's merchandise selection. "Target has lost all of that" in recent years, he said. Now he sees Target going back to what made it the chosen retailer for so many. He compared it

to Starbucks Corp.'s updated strategy to go back to the basics of creating an inviting coffeehouse experience.

Despite years of challenges, Target didn't lay out a whole new direction. It instead touted what some might call a return to form, doubling down on what has worked in the past.

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# Tamara Kangas, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

Nonprofit's leader on her new role, first main-stage pay and theater's future

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Less than a year into an unexpected leadership role, Tamara Kangas Erickson has taken her new responsibilities as Chanhassen Dinner Theatres' new president and artistic director in stride.

Kangas Erickson stepped into the top role last April to replace former president, Michael Brinidisi, who died two months earlier. She was already a longtime leader and part-owner of the theater, but excited about the opportunity to take on the artistic director role.

Kangas Erickson sat down with the Business Journal to talk about directing her first main stage show from conception to performance, how the dinner theater is positioned to weather the theater industries current struggles, and the growing Chanhassen Dinner Theatres retail and restaurant complex. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

**How has it been over the past year and how has your acclimation to the new role been?** It's been really seamless. Most of the administrative side of the position I was deeply involved in already, so that has not been anything really different. Really, what has been new and exciting is the artistic director piece.



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**How has the experience of directing a main stage play for the first time been?** It's been great to come at it from a new perspective. I mean, I've worked on almost every show here since 2004. There has definitely been an aesthetic

and mine is different, so I knew I wanted to try some new things.

We chose "Guys and Dolls" last April, and we've been working on it every day since. It was the first show that I was able to be involved from the very beginning – choosing the

**"We chose 'Guys and Dolls' last April, and we've been working on it every day since. It was the first show that I was able to be involved from the very beginning."**

Tamara Kangas Erickson of Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

play, the scenic design, the costumes and just working on every element. It's been great to get this first one under my belt.

**Independently run theaters and restaurants across the country are struggling right now. As a combination of the two, what are you feeling?** We are really fortunate that we get to provide something that's very unique and that people can come and have this sort of experiential evening that's really beyond theater. So, with that, we haven't seen the same challenges as a lot of other theater organizations.

We hear a lot from people, especially older audiences that they think it's a safe experience to come here. They don't have to drive downtown. They don't have to find parking. They don't have to find the restaurant or make sure that the reservation is going to coordinate with their show-time. We make sure it all happens.

**What's it like being in Chanhassen as a small business and as a theater?** Chanhassen itself is a booming suburban community. There's a lot of development, a lot of buildings going up, a lot of changes in town, but we're oddly like a little island. We draw a lot from the Twin Cities metro and from Chanhassen proper, but really, we bring in people from the five-state area.

We could be part of a larger entertainment and tourist community here, but it's a little disjointed. We could use more support in terms of getting more viable hotels out here.

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MIKE'S RED TACOS

San Diego brand Mike's Red Tacos has signed a 15-unit franchise deal for Minnesota.

## RESTAURANTS

### San Diego taco brand inks 15-unit deal for MN

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Mike's Red Tacos has inked an agreement with a local franchise veteran to open 15 locations in Minnesota.

It's a market entry for the birria taco business, which was launched by name-sake Mike Touma in a food truck in 2021 and currently only has two locations, both in San Diego. It's now embarking on an effort to add hundreds of locations nationwide.

In Minnesota, Michael McGuire and his

family business, 825 Ventures, is set to open Mike's locations across the state over the next five years, according to a recent news release. McGuire and sons Kavrin and Dillon operate upwards of 23 Jersey Mike's locations throughout the state, as well as some Little Ceasars pizzerias.

The 15-unit deal is part of a larger franchising initiative from the restaurant chain with plans to open over 200 Mike's locations in the U.S.. Markets that have already signed multiunit deals besides Minnesota include California, Michigan, New England, Nevada, Texas and more..

CNBC had a profile on Mike's Red Tacos earlier this month, noting that the nationwide rollout is backed by investors Bill Phelps and Andrew Feghali, early supporters of the Dave's Hot Chicken franchise. Dave's already has seen significant success in Minnesota with another franchising family bringing 30 locations to Minnesota. Just last month, two more of the hot chicken restaurants were confirmed to open in the coming months, one in Eden Prairie and the other in the Stillwater area.

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4	<b>Cunningham</b> ⑥ cunningham.com	201 Main St. SE #325 Minneapolis, MN 55414 612-379-3400	\$35.2 million	\$87.32 million	45	116	244	Craig St. Clair, cstclair@cunningham.com; Nathan Harris
5	<b>BWBR Architects Inc.</b> ⑤ bwbr.com	380 St. Peter St. #600 St. Paul, MN 55102 651-290-1952	\$34.67 million	\$57.23 million	58	144	167	Terri Ulrick, tulrick@bwbr.com
6	<b>EAPC Architects Engineers</b> * eapc.net	539 Bielenberg Dr. #115 St. Paul, MN 55125 612-552-4600	\$31 million	NA	4	21	183	Daniel Abeln, dan.abeln@eapc.net
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2	<b>St. Croix Marina</b> ② <a href="http://stcroixmarina.com">stcroixmarina.com</a>	16 1st St. Hudson, WI 54016 715-386-8239	300	St. Croix River	Mechanical service department, supply and apparel store, fuel dock, transient docks, online payment system	Jeff Holmes, <a href="mailto:jeff@stcroixmarina.com">jeff@stcroixmarina.com</a>
3	<b>Sunnyside Marina</b> ③ <a href="http://sunnysidemarina.com">sunnysidemarina.com</a>	6413 St. Croix Trl. N Stillwater, MN 55082 651-439-2118	273	St. Croix River	Shower and laundry facility, ship store, lounge, business center, picnic areas	Melinda Tasler, <a href="mailto:melinda.tasler@sunnysidemarina.com">melinda.tasler@sunnysidemarina.com</a>
4	<b>Minnetonka Marina</b> ④ <a href="http://minnetonkamarina.com">minnetonkamarina.com</a>	23500 Smithtown Rd. Shorewood, MN 55331 952-474-0600	258	Lake Minnetonka	Travel-lift services, gated and paved parking, free Wi-Fi	Georgette Jabbour, <a href="mailto:gigi@minnetonkamarina.com">gigi@minnetonkamarina.com</a>
5	<b>Twin City Marina</b> ⑦ <a href="http://twincitymarina.net">twincitymarina.net</a>	4455 64th St. E Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 651-455-9110	250	Mississippi River	Repair and maintenance services; private boaters clubhouse with showers, restrooms, laundry; transient dockage	Mike Reis
6	<b>St. Paul Yacht Club</b> ⑤ <a href="http://stpaulyachtclub.org">stpaulyachtclub.org</a>	375 W. Water St. St. Paul, MN 55107 651-292-8964	240	Mississippi River	Launch and haul out, clubhouse facilities	Mike Shimshock, <a href="mailto:mike@stpaulyachtclub.org">mike@stpaulyachtclub.org</a>
7	<b>Bayport Marina</b> ⑥ <a href="http://bayportmarina.com">bayportmarina.com</a>	200 5th Ave. S Bayport, MN 55003 651-439-2040	231	St. Croix River	Mechanical services, refinishing services, seasonal maintenance, canvas department, full-service fuel dock, shower facilities	Kori Derrick-Cisewski, <a href="mailto:kori@bayportmarina.com">kori@bayportmarina.com</a>
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8	<b>Tonka Bay Marina</b> ⑧ <a href="http://tonkabaymarina.com">tonkabaymarina.com</a>	220 Tonka Bay Rd. Tonka Bay, MN 55331 952-474-0292	184	Lake Minnetonka	Parking, gas discounts, shore power, water, club house, service/repair	Randy Schneewind
10	<b>Windmill Marina</b> ⑩ <a href="http://windmillmarina.com">windmillmarina.com</a>	16065 32nd St. S Afton, MN 55001 651-436-7744	169	St. Croix River	Mechanical and maintenance services, boat storage, public access	Scott Baken, <a href="mailto:scott@windmillmarina.com">scott@windmillmarina.com</a>
11	<b>Watergate Marina</b> ⑪ <a href="http://watergatemarina.net">watergatemarina.net</a>	2500 Crosby Farm Rd. St. Paul, MN 55116 651-695-3780	160	Mississippi River	Repair and maintenance services, insurance estimates, private cruise boat rental	JP Lindrud
12	<b>River Heights Marina</b> ⑫ <a href="http://riverheightsmarina.com">riverheightsmarina.com</a>	4455 66th St. E Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 651-455-4974	125	Mississippi River	Slips, storage, bar and restaurant, gas dock, pumpout, launch ramp, transient dockage, supplies	Joe Harms
13	<b>Bean's Greenwood Marina</b> ⑬ <a href="http://greenwoodmarina.com">greenwoodmarina.com</a>	21945 Minnetonka Blvd. Greenwood, MN 55331 952-474-7942	120	St. Alban's Bay	Covered slips, fuel, marine products, marine services, winter services	Angie Bean; Aaron Bean
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17	<b>Lost Lake Slips &amp; Mound Harbor Area</b> ⑰ <a href="http://cityofmound.com">cityofmound.com</a>	2415 Wilshire Blvd. Mound, MN 55364 952-472-0600	47	Lake Minnetonka	Transient dockage, canoe and kayak rack rentals	Kevin Kelly, <a href="mailto:kevinkelly@cityofmound.com">kevinkelly@cityofmound.com</a>
18	<b>Lindbo Landing</b> ⑱ <a href="http://lindbo-landing.com">lindbo-landing.com</a>	285 West Point Rd. Tonka Bay, MN 612-599-1894	42	Lake Minnetonka	On-site security, restrooms, nonmotorized watercraft access	Don Westman
19	<b>Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club, Westonka Sailing</b> ⑳ <a href="http://umyc.org">umyc.org</a>	4580 Enchanted Pt. Shorewood, MN 55364 952-491-0212	30	Upper Lake Minnetonka	Marina and sailing club with instruction, racing, cruising and social events	Keith Morical, <a href="mailto:info@umyc.org">info@umyc.org</a>
20	<b>Gray's Bay Marina</b> ㉑ <a href="http://minnetonkamn.gov">minnetonkamn.gov</a>	Gray's Bay Blvd. Minnetonka, MN 55345 952-939-8390	29	Lake Minnetonka	Three launch lanes, parking lot with space for trailers	Kaylee Coonan, <a href="mailto:kcoonan@minnetonkamn.gov">kcoonan@minnetonkamn.gov</a>

<sup>1</sup> Includes wet slips and dry racks

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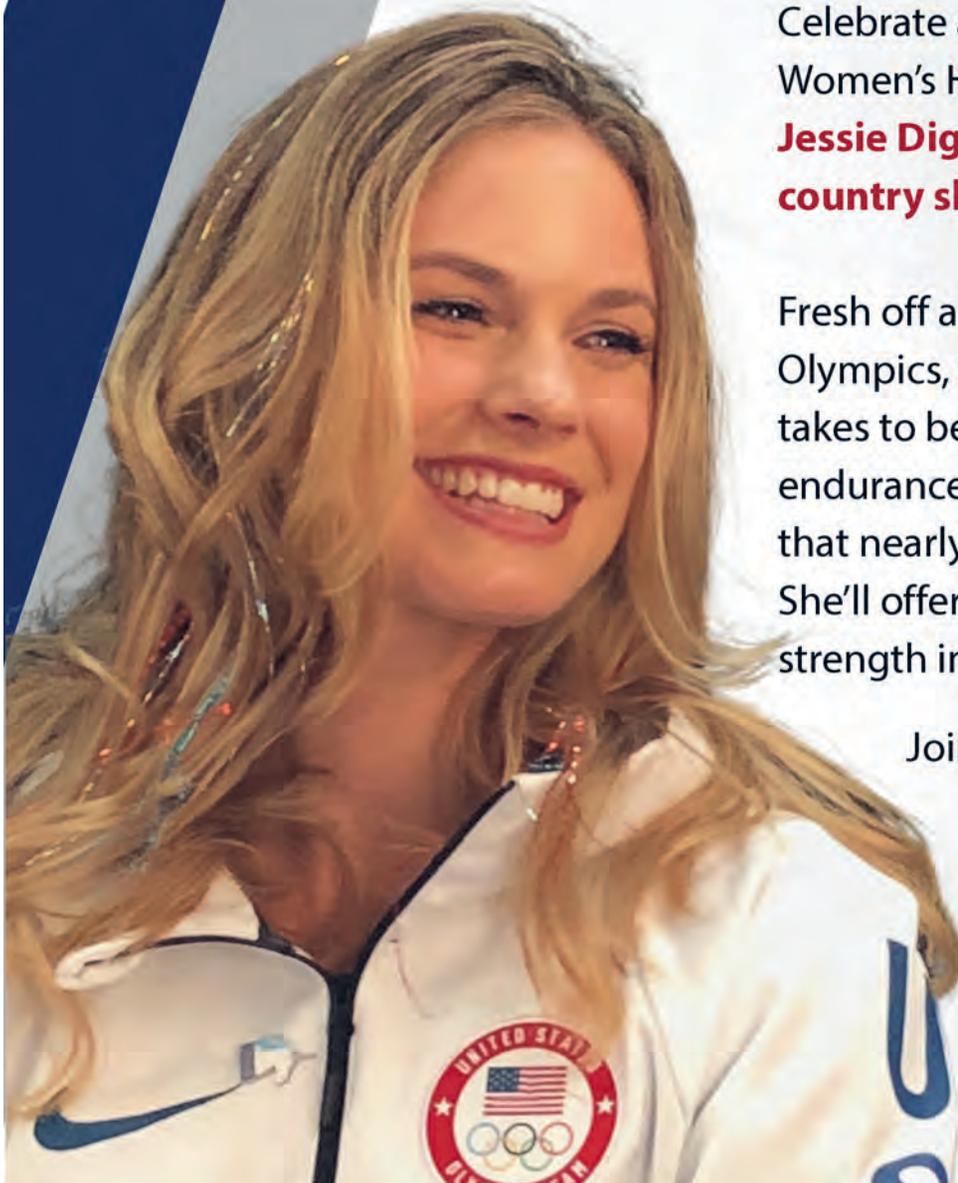
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Mastel's Health Foods has a small book section.

# MASTEL'S KEEPS WELLNESS ADVICE OFF THE INTERNET

*Two friends bought the 50-year-old business in 2023. They're rejecting online sales and multilocation growth.*

**T**ucked in the quaint St. Paul neighborhood of Macalester-Groveland is an 800-square-foot storefront stuffed to the brim with over 5,000 locally sourced wellness products.

Mastel's Health Foods is an independently owned, complementary medicine store, meaning it provides nonmainstream treatments like supplements and medicinal herbs that are meant to be used alongside conventional medical care.

As such, it performs a balancing act every day from supporting people seeking solutions to illnesses without acting as a medical professional to keeping up with wellness trends without modernizing into online shop-



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ping. The storefront aims to be a safe space for those looking to take control of their health backed by knowledgeable staff and personalized experiences.

Established by namesake John Mastel in 1968, the store was born out of Mastel's disillusionment with conventional medicine while dealing with several long-term illnesses. He originally opened Mastel's Health Foods on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and St. Clair Avenue, but in 1977 relocated the shop to its longtime home at 1526 St. Clair Ave.

After over 30 years of running the store and working a day job at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Mastel retired to

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**"When you're helping people find supplements, you're talking to people about their health. It's deeply personal."**

Lauren Gaffney, Mastel's Health Foods co-owner





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## EDITOR'S NOTE

This story is part of our Icons series — in-depth profiles that shine the spotlight on the beloved businesses that make the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area tick. Twice per month over the course of the coming year, we'll tell their stories, explore how they met challenges along the way, and share their success strategies.

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*Mastel's co-owners Lauren Gaffney, left, and Alina Hornfeldt stand outside of their store in St. Paul.*

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focus on his hobby farm in Afton. But after garnering a devoted customer base of St. Paulites and beyond, the small store continued to thrive despite Mastel's departure.

In 2002, Macalester College student Lauren Gaffney joined Mastel's as a sales associate. Fifteen years (and a few promotions) later, Gaffney brought on longtime best friend Alina Hornfeldt as Mastel's marketing manager. After discovering they make great business partners as well as friends, the pair purchased the business and the building in 2023 from Mastel, who was at that point in his 80s.

Now Gaffney and Hornfeldt lead the 50-year-old business, maintaining Mastel's original vision while modernizing it at the same time. Its unique selling point remains its knowledgeable staff, wide variety of products and personalized shopping experience.

#### **That personal touch you can't get online**

The demand for wellness products right now is substantial. Globally, the wellness economy generated \$6.8 trillion in 2024, over \$600 billion of which came from traditional or complementary medicine, according to research done by the Global Wellness Institute.

Locally, major retailer Target Corp. has been expanding its wellness offerings. Just this January, Minneapolis-based Target announced a 30% expansion of its wellness products including things like supplements, protein and functional beverages.

Despite the increasing demand, Gaffney and Hornfeldt aim to keep Mastel's basically the same as it was when it opened. They've expanded the amount of products, but have not expanded digitally like many others in their field. The pair's aim is to maintain Mastel's signature personal touch.

"When you're helping people find supplements, you're talking to people about their health. It's deeply personal," Gaffney shared. "And we really do go there with people on the sales floor. We'll get into some pretty personal conversations."

Mastel's receives calls on a daily basis asking questions like, "How much water should I drink?" "How often should I take my supplements: Before or after eating?" To call a busi-

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At left, Mastel's co-owners Lauren Gaffney (kneeling) and Alina Hornfeldt look over products in their store. Above, Gaffney helps a customer. Below left to right, magnesium glycinate is one of the top selling items at Mastel's. Ryan Creel fields a call from a customer at Mastel's Health Foods; Creel has been with the store on and off for 17 years. Products at Mastel's



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ness and ask these questions may seem silly to some, but Gaffney and Hornfeldt pride themselves on the fact that people call to ask at all.

“They trust us,” Hornfeldt said. “They know that we’re a safe place. We really try to protect [that].”

Mastel’s staff of 15 includes multiple employees who have been with the store for 20 to 30 years, and some have over 50 years working in the wellness industry. It’s this expertise and knowledge that customers have come to rely on, as well as something Gaffney and Hornfeldt foster via robust employee training.

“Fifteen years ago, when you started seeing a lot of online supplement sales happening, I thought, ‘Well, there’s no way we can compete,’” Gaffney said. “I thought the internet was it for us, but it really has been proven year after year that people want somebody to talk to about this stuff.”

Besides product advice, a large part of customer conversations is spent demystifying complementary



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**Address:**  
1526 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul

**Founded:** 1968

**Ownership:**  
Lauren Gaffney and Aline Hornfeldt

**Employees:** 15

*At left, Therese Goddard, left, talks with a customer at Mastel's Health Foods. Goddard has been with Mastel's for 29 years.*

medicine, supplements and everything in between.

### Demystifying complementary medicines

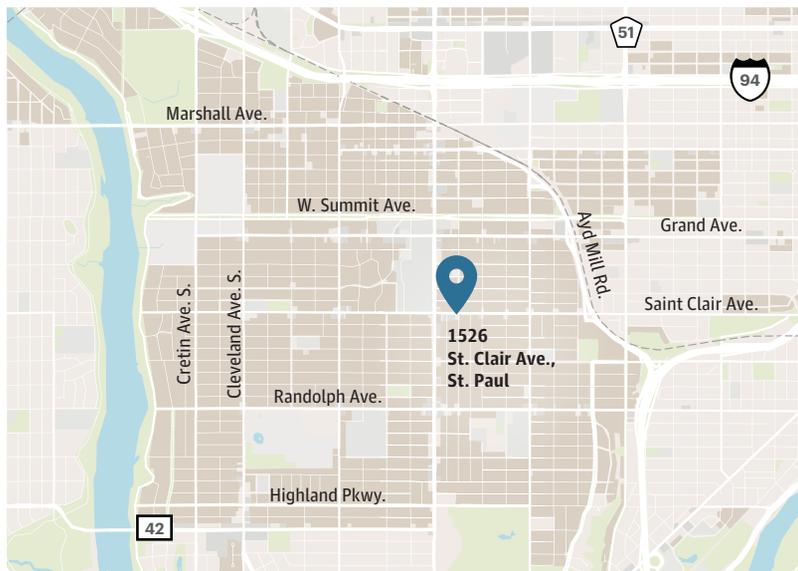
As the wellness industry grows and products proliferate, consumers are faced with confusion, price gouging and even counterfeiting. But Mastel's leaders hope consumers will come to them for clarity – and fair prices.

“We help people kind of demystify what's online, or just find the same thing for maybe quite a bit less,” Gaffney said. “It might not be in the cutest bottle, but it might be more effective.”

In order to further this goal, Gaffney and Hornfeldt work to educate folks on supplements and complementary medicines both inside and outside the walls of Mastel's. Staff gives presentations at gyms and tables at business expos, while Gaffney and Hornfeldt host a weekly radio show called the Wellness Minute on local station WDGY-AM.

### Solidifying, not expanding

Three years into Mastel's new era of



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ownership, the business is poised for the future, despite not doing so the way most would expect.

For Gaffney and Hornfeldt, ensuring Mastel's longevity has nothing to do with expansion, not online nor with more stores.

“We bought a very established business, so I feel like we are charged with keeping its legacy going,” Gaffney said.

The pair aim to take it slow and steady, solidifying control of inventory, operations and vendor connec-



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Alina Hornfeldt,  
Mastel's Health Foods co-owner

tions. Ultimately, they'd like to grow the store in terms of square footage, extending into the upper floors of their building to use as more office space, a classroom and community space.

But when it comes to expanding to multiple storefronts, that's off the table for Gaffney and Hornfeldt, stating they'd rather focus inwards than spread themselves too thin.

“I don't think there always has to be constant growth,” Hornfeldt said. “I like a job where I enjoy my job. I don't need to work 80 hours a week. As long as our people are well taken care of and we can maintain.” ❧

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## IN THE TWIN CITIES

### FEATURED

#### CONSTRUCTION | NEW HIRE

#### Chris Aud

Clean Response  
CEO

Clean Response, the premier privately owned emergency water restoration company in the Twin Cities, is proud to announce the appointment of Chris Aud as Chief Executive Officer. This hire marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the company as it sets its sights on geographic expansion and growth into new industries. For three decades, Clean Response has built its reputation on exemplary service and communication for commercial, HOA, and multifamily clients. As the company broadens its reach, it remains committed to delivering that same standard of quality to a wider client base.

Aud brings over 25 years of executive leadership experience, most recently with Cargill, Inc. His proven ability to build high-performing teams and drive strategic growth makes him the right leader to guide Clean Response forward. Aud holds an MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of



Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from St. Olaf College.

### FEATURED

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES | PROMOTION

#### Eric Stephenson

Dahl Consulting  
Director of Strategic Solutions

Eric Stephenson has been promoted to Director of Strategic Solutions at Dahl Consulting, recognizing his continued growth into a trusted strategic sales leader across the organization. Over the past several years, Eric has expanded his impact beyond individual contribution to lead overarching strategic sales efforts for both Dahl Consulting and its sister company, Doherty Staffing Solutions. In this role, he drives employment-related solutions with key strategic accounts, partners closely with Business Development Managers to help close new opportunities, and expands existing client relationships. Eric delivers integrated workforce solutions including EOR/ payrolling, vendor management systems (VMS), and statement of work (SOW) management, with a strong focus on long term value, operational efficiency, and client outcomes. Known for his collaborative, consultative approach, Eric also joins Dahl Consulting's



Leadership Team, where he will help shape strategy and support continued growth.

### FEATURED

#### INSURANCE | PROMOTION

#### Jonathan Diessner

Kraus-Anderson Insurance  
President

A third-generation leader in the family-owned enterprise, Jon joined Kraus-Anderson in 2009 in property management with KA Realty before moving to the insurance agency in 2011 as a property & casualty producer. After building a book of business, he advanced into managerial leadership, serving as executive vice president in 2020 and succeeding his father, Dennis Diessner, as chief operating office in January 2024. Under his leadership, the agency has delivered consecutive record sales years, expanded its team through targeted strategic additions, and continued to strengthen long-standing client relationships, many spanning more than 40 years.



### FEATURED

#### MEDIA | NEW HIRE

#### Hannah Robinson

Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal  
Promotional Sales Account Executive

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## IN THE TWIN CITIES

### ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERING

Promotion



**Erica Larson**

*Pope Design Group*  
President

Erica Larson is now President of Pope Design Group. She has been with the firm for over 24 years, and became the company's first female and youngest owner in 2014. Erica oversees the firm's Healthcare studio and Business Development and Marketing departments. She is a Certified Interior Designer, a Certified Healthcare Interior Designer (AAHID), Evidence-Based Design Accredited and Certified, a LEED Accredited Professional, and a licensed Architect in the State of Wisconsin.

### ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERING

Promotion



**Gonzalo Villares**

*Pope Design Group*  
Vice President & COO

Gonzalo Villares is now Vice President of Pope Design Group. He started at Pope Design Group in 2004, and his career path as an architect and leader at the firm has included becoming a Team Manager and Director of Operations, Principal, Chief Operating Officer and Managing Principal. Gonzalo has 27 years of experience and is a licensed Architect in 30 states, including Minnesota and North Dakota.

### CONSTRUCTION

New Hire



**Megan Perzichilli**

*PCL Construction*  
Integrated Construction Services (ICS) Manager

Megan Perzichilli has joined PCL Construction as an Integrated Construction Services manager. She brings more than 17 years of experience in construction, virtual design and real estate development, with a background in operational excellence and technology integration. Perzichilli leads PCL's Integrated Construction Services group, including quality, scheduling, virtual design & construction, and AI integration, with a focus on process improvement, resource allocation and workflow optimization.

### CONSTRUCTION

New Hire



**Rob Colacicco**

*Westin Construction Company*  
Senior Project Manager

Westin Construction is excited to welcome Rob Colacicco to the team. With over 26 years of commercial General Contracting experience Rob has a proven track record of delivering complex commercial construction ground up, remodel and TI projects in a variety of sectors including retail, educational, government, restaurant, office and gaming. With a strong background in construction engineering, he brings a solutions-driven approach to managing Project schedules, budgets, and teams.

### NONPROFIT

New Hire



**Kelley Zarwell**

*Project for Pride In Living*  
Senior Director of Property Management

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) welcomes Kelley Zarwell as Senior Director of Property Management. Kelley brings decades of experience in affordable, workforce, and market-rate housing, including leadership roles at CommonBond Communities and Bigos Management. She will guide PPL's property operations to help meet the region's growing need for quality, affordable housing.

### LAW

Board of Directors



**Janel M. Dressen**

*Anthony Ostlund Louwagie Dressen & Boylan*

Board of Directors of TKDA

Janel M. Dressen has been appointed to the Board of Directors of TKDA, a Minnesota-based engineering and architecture company. Dressen is a shareholder, litigator, and CEO at Minneapolis-based Anthony Ostlund, one of the Midwest's largest law firms focused solely on commercial litigation. She has more than 25 years of experience representing business owners in complex disputes, earning a reputation for precision and tenacious advocacy in shareholder, ownership, and business valuation matters.

### LAW

New Hire



**Suzanne Grandchamp**

*Hellmuth & Johnson*  
Attorney

Suzanne Grandchamp has joined Hellmuth & Johnson as a partner in the firm's Family Law practice group. She focuses her practice on representing clients in a wide range of family law matters, including dissolution, paternity, modifications, and third-party custody and parenting time disputes. She earned her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law and her B.A. from the University of Minnesota. She is licensed to practice in Minnesota and is also a California Licensed Professional Fiduciary.

### LAW

New Hire



**Samuel Landman**

*Hellmuth & Johnson*  
Attorney

Sam Landman has joined Hellmuth & Johnson as a partner in the firm's Trusts & Estates group. Landman focuses on advising business owners, entrepreneurs, and professionals on sophisticated trust and estate planning, tax, and business matters. He earned his J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law, LL.M. in Taxation from the College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, and B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia.

### OTHER

New Hire



**Jared Brown**

*Carlson Private Capital Partners*  
Managing Director

CPC is excited to announce the addition of Jared Brown as Managing Director. Jared brings extensive experience and investment expertise across a variety of industries. Jared will be focused on new platform investment partnerships and strategic investments with family and founder-owned businesses. Jared joins CPC from Norwest Equity Partners and has also spent time at KRG Capital and William Blair.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Promotion



**Amy Toppen**

*Lakeside HR Group*  
Director of Service Delivery

Lakeside HR Group has promoted Amy Toppen to Director of Service Delivery. In this role, she will lead both the Recruiting and Consulting divisions, bringing greater alignment and consistency to service delivery across the firm. Since joining Lakeside, Amy has helped evolve the consulting operating model and strengthen internal processes to support growth. Her leadership will further enhance client experience and advance Lakeside's commitment to high-impact, people-first partnerships.

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Current Week	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
Week Prior	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
2026	13	359	16	12	783	64	0	63
2025	11	376	24	14	824	72	1,659	72

NOTE: Records collected from Jan. 1 through the current reporting period

**Top Liens**

The following includes a sampling of the top federal, state and mechanic's liens collected by American City Business Journals through March 6, 2026.

**Federal Tax Liens Filed**

Dollar value of all federal tax liens collected this week:

**\$379,332**

Total new federal tax liens collected this week: 4

**Federal Tax Liens Released**

Dollar value of all released federal tax liens recorded this week:

**\$101,761**

Total released federal tax liens this week: 4

**State Tax Liens Filed**

Dollar value of all state tax liens collected this week:

**\$278,431**

Total new state tax liens collected this week: 9

**State Tax Liens Released**

Dollar value of all released state tax liens recorded this week:

**\$399,809**

Total released state tax liens this week: 20

**Mechanic's Liens**

Dollar value of all mechanic's liens collected this week:

**\$864,952**

Total new mechanic's liens collected this week: 9

**Lawsuits**

Lawsuits include plaintiff, defendants, nature of action (if available), case number and date filed. Information is collected through March 6, 2026.

PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	SUIT TYPE	CASE NUMBER	DATE FILED
US Bank NA	Ikramo Husein/Amimas Trucking Services LLC	contract	19HACV261353	02/27/26
Shelley Kreibich	Prime Therapeutics LLC	employment	19HACV261362	02/27/26
iHeartMedia + Entertainmen Inc.	WindRider International LLC	contract	27CV263080	02/27/26
Yasin Usmaïl	Rivkin Apartment	transcript judgment	27CV263092	02/27/26
Brittanni Hues	Coloplast A/S/Coloplast Corp./Coloplast Manufacturing US LLC	product liability	27CV263093	02/27/26
Winel Polanco	Coloplast A/S/Coloplast Corp./Coloplast Manufacturing US LLC	product liability	27CV263094	02/27/26
Divine Healing Home Care LLC	SilverCare LLC/dba Parkwood Assisted Living/SilverCrest Properties LLC et al.	contract	27CV263107	02/27/26
SCF RC Funding IV LLC	MN Stores LLC/Mehul Shah	contract	27CV263119	02/27/26
National Funding Inc.	Galol Trucking LLC/Dahir Moalin Ali	foreign judgment	19HACV261326	02/26/26
Patterson Dental Supply Inc.	Mojgan Mazhari/Mojgan Mazhari DDS PLLC	contract	19HACV261337	02/26/26
Western National Insurance Group	Home Depot USA Inc.	property damage	19HACV261339	02/26/26
Michael Casper	Walser Automotive Group LLC	personal injury	27CV262991	02/26/26
Brooklyn Park Economic Development Authority	I Alexander Agency LLC	contract	27CV263001	02/26/26
1745 University LLC	Mindfully Healing Inc./Mitch Olson/Carrie Morgando	contract	27CV263011	02/26/26
Fossia Mohamed	MOAC Mall Holdings LLC	personal injury	27CV263045	02/26/26
Masaood Yunus	SHAED Inc.	employment	27CV263060	02/26/26
Jonathan Palmer	Hallie Q. Brown Community Center Inc.	employment	62CV261412	02/26/26
Debra Novak/George Novak	Regions Hospital/Health Partners Inc.	malpractice	62CV261415	02/26/26
Carolyn Brown	C.C. Apartments LLC	personal injury	62CV261420	02/26/26
Jamie L. Stegeman	A&C Automotive	transcript judgment	02CV261500	02/25/26
Carl S. Phelps	Jacob Bocht/dba Crusade Contracting LLC	transcript judgment	19HACV261302	02/25/26
Janice B. Hanson/Willard J. Hanson	JMG Network/Paul D. Jones	transcript judgment	19HACV261307	02/25/26
Summit Hill Electric LLC	Mike s Custom Mechanical Inc./Michael Scott Fisher et al.	contract	27CV262954	02/25/26
Taylor Leary	Recast Software Inc.	employment	27CV262975	02/25/26
Earth Forward Group LLC	Minneapolis Climate Action and Renewable Energy Partners Inc.	contract	27CV262977	02/25/26
Rubus Station LLC	Doran Construction Co. LLC/Shady Oak Apartments LLC	contract	27CV262984	02/25/26
James Tyson	Common Bond Communities	transcript judgment	62CV261382	02/25/26
Cintas Corp.	Fredy Auto Repair LLC	contract	62CV261398	02/25/26

# Residential Real Estate Transactions

A sampling of new residential deed transactions collected by American City Business Journals through March 6, 2026.

Current week	Prior week	Current year	Prior year
123	85	1,361	1,570
Year-to-date totals include deeds recorded from Jan. 1 through the most recent collection date.			

## ANOKA COUNTY

**Richard J. Stream Revocable Trust to John Smalkoski/Leta Fox/Teresa Fox et al.**, Property Address: 10200 Mississippi Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids 55433, Lots 62-63 Talbot's River Lots ID 21-31-24-44-0059, \$1,000,000.

**Susan Hafferman to Benjamin S. and Catherine Hoffman**, Property Address: 15758 Austin St. NE, Ham Lake 55304, Lot 8 Block 3 Enchanted Estates ID 14-32-23-44-0011, \$950,000.

**Grecia and Bradley Williams to Scott and Kelley Beitz**, Property Address: 3365 117th Ln. NE, Blaine 55449, Lot 3 Block 3 The Lakes at Radisson ID 10-31-23-44-0052, \$875,000.

**Jonathan Homes of MN LLC to Edao Bukula/Amene Ussen Chiri**, Property Address: 4762 131st Ct. NE, Blaine 55449, Lot 1 Block 2 Preserve at Lexington Waters ID 01-31-23-12-0106, \$850,000.

**Dane Allen Homes Inc. to Alexander and Leah Bisch**, Property Address: 4472 166th Ave. NW, Andover 55304, Lot 2 Block 4 Legacy at Petersen Farms ID 07-32-24-34-0022, \$815,000.

**Kjell D. Erickson to Benjamin Daniels**,

Property Address: 706 Benton St., Anoka 55303, Lot 16 Block 6 N.D. Shaw's Addition ID 12-31-25-22-0004, \$772,500.

## CARVER COUNTY

**Joseph E. Jonasen and Diane M. Jonasen to Jonathan R. Ellwein**, Property Address: 2386 Weston Ridge Ct., Chaska 55318, Lot 3 Cortina Woods 5th Addition ID 30-1390370, \$800,000.

## DAKOTA COUNTY

**Melissa Pendino and Michael Pendino to Chad Daniels and Kayla Daniels**, Property Address: 17783 Ketchikan Ct., Lakeville 55044, Lot 11 The Oaks Of Lakevilla ID 22-75890-02-110, \$740,000.

## HENNEPIN COUNTY

**The Blake Rice Revocable Trust and Blake Rice to Kenneth D. Keacher**, Property Address: 3465 CR 44, Minnetrista 55364, Lot 3 Hawks Nest ID 26-117-24-23-0004, \$6,100,000.

**Thomas G. Wintz Revocable Trust and Thomas G. Wintz to Pamela K. Anderson Qualified Personal Residential Trust**, Property Address: 2680 Shadywood Rd., Excelsior 55331, Lot 15 Registered Land Survey No. 846 ID 21-117-23-24-0037/21-117-23-24-0046, \$2,995,000.

**Gene P LLC to Dover Apartments Property Group LLC**, Property Address: 515 5th Ave. SE, Minneapolis 55414, Lots 1/2/12 Mill Companys Addition ID 23-029-24-14-0004, \$2,900,000.

**Allister Tudor Jones and Denise Carolyn Jones to Cynthia K. Larson Living Trust and Cynthia K. Larson**, Property Address: 20355 Lakeview Ave., Excelsior 55331, Lot 3 Snures 1st Addition ID 24-117-23-32-0055, \$2,300,000.

**Angela M.B. Peterson and Timothy G. Peterson to John Robert Emmons and Kelsey Japs**, Property Address: 2749 Dean Pkwy., Minneapolis 55416, Lots 3/4 Walton Hills ID 32-029-24-42-0045, \$2,000,000.

**Wyatt Pannhoff and Nicole Pannhoff to Charles Zierhut and Lindsey Zierhut**, Property Address: 2125 Heritage Trl., Maple Plain 55359, Lot 2 Heritage Glen ID 23-118-24-13-0008, \$1,750,000.

**John D. Kinsey and Stacie Kinsey to Humble Beginnings Real Estate LLC**, Buyer Address: 20 Howells Tpke., Middletown, N.Y. 10940; Property Address: 176 Peninsula Rd., Medicine Lake 55441, Lot 15 Medicine Lake Park First Division ID 25-118-22-23-0003, \$1,650,000.

**2500 Pillsbury LLC to The Fellowship LLC**, Buyer Address: 3040 12th Ave. S. #2, Minneapolis 55407; Property Address: 2500 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404, Lots 1/2 J.T. Blaisdells Revised Addition ID 34-029-24-24-0055, \$1,400,000.

**Ryan Williams and Rashmi Seneviratne Williams to Dale R. Petersen and Ann S. Petersen**, Property Address: 1910 Katrinka Rd., Hamel 55340, Lot 2 Mohawk Estates 2nd Addition ID 03-118-23-12-0005, \$1,164,000.

**Keith Dickson Wilcock Revocable Trust and Samuel Corey Wilcock to James F. Blake Revocable Trust**, Property Address: 19875 Andover Place, Excelsior 55331, Lot 13 Amesbury North ID 25-117-23-21-0013, \$1,150,000.

**Jessica A. Schmidt to Dirk Alexander Tedmon and Todd Allen Mulder**, Property Address: 16326 Sohm Ct., Eden Prairie 55347, Lot 3 Eden Prairie Woods ID 29-116-22-14-0007, \$1,015,000.

**Charles A. Zierhut and Lyndsey M. Zierhut to Sadie Mae Vahle and Casey Nicholas Anderson**, Buyer Address: 5855 Comstock Ln. N., Plymouth 55446; Property Address: 5865 Comstock Ln. N., Plymouth 55446, Lot 2 Terra Vista 2nd Addition

ID 05-118-22-13-0046, \$999,000.

**RCAF Acquisition Trust and US Bank Trust NA to Julie Lahren**, Property Address: 1600 Kenwood Pkwy., Minneapolis 55405, Lot 4 Kenwood Crest ID 28-029-24-32-0077, \$985,000.

**Martha Freeman O'Hara and Stephen C. O'Hara to Dennis Branca and Emilie Branca**, Property Address: 4720 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419, Lots 5/6 Rearrangement Of The Fifth Division Of Remington Park ID 16-028-24-12-0046, \$942,500.

**The Martha Freeman O'Hara Trust and Martha Freeman O'Hara to Dennis Branca and Emilie Branca**, Property Address: 4720 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis 55419, Lots 5/6 Rearrangement Of The Fifth Division Of Remington Park ID 16-028-24-12-0046, \$942,500.

**Deborah Fiorella Franke and Craig W. Franke to Daniel Wolf**, Property Address: 1760 Waterford Ct., Golden Valley 55422, Lot 21 Hidden Lakes PUD No. 74 ID 18-029-24-41-0037, \$920,000.

**KCL LLC to Travis O'Brien**, Property Address: 3930 Cottage Ln., Minnetonka 55305, Lot 10 Orchard Knobs ID 23-117-22-12-0023, \$885,000.

**Adam Younger and Anna Kristina Johns to George Ashenmacher and Emma Ashenmacher**, Property Address: 8501 Westmoreland Ln., St. Louis Park 55426, Lot 28 Westwood Estates 2nd Addition ID 06-117-21-43-0025, \$870,000.

**Icon Properties LLC to Emmalee Ericksen and Joshua Dobbins**, Property

Address: 4617 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 55407, Lot 11 Vinton Heights Addition To Minneapolis ID 14-028-24-22-0203, \$846,687.

**M/I Homes of Minneapolis St. Paul LLC to Daryl J. Hoffman and Susan C. Hoffman**, Property Address: 4678 Wolfberry Curve, Excelsior 55331, Lot 2 Woodland Cove 11th Addition ID 34-117-24-44-0061, \$843,760.

**Frank S. Bates Living Trust and Frank S. Bates to Cole Harstad**, Buyer Address: 12100 Cambridge Ct., Minnetonka 55305; Property Address: 4025 Cedar Lake Ave., St. Louis Park 55416, Lot 24-26 Cedarhurst ID 31-029-24-41-0022, \$835,551.

**Barlin M. Abdi to Eta Yang**, Property Address: 5370 Fountain Ln. N., Plymouth 55446, Lot 8 Aspen Hollow 3rd Addition ID 05-118-22-34-0086, \$825,000.

**3509 & 3513 Hennepin Ave. LLC to Honey Bee Property Solutions LLC**, Buyer Address: 202 N. Cedar Ave., Owatonna 55060; Property Address: 3509/3513 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 55408, Lots 7/8 J.B. Tabours Second Addition ID 04-028-24-42-0053/04-028-24-42-0052, \$800,000.

**Matthew Haralson and Sierra A. Haralson to Charles Pollak and Bridget Pollak**, Property Address: 5141 Ewing Ave. S., Minneapolis 55410, Lot 14 Auditors Subdivision No. 374 ID 17-028-24-32-0020, \$800,000.

**Madrid Hills LLC to Ian Andrew Blodger and Victoria Blodger**, Property Address: 16329 Mayfield Dr., Eden Prairie 55347, Lot 5 Fairfield Of Eden Prairie 2nd Addition

ID 20-116-22-11-0069, \$789,000.

## RAMSEY COUNTY

**Blake and Emily Frels to Ryan T. and Jennifer L. Anderson**, Property Address: 11 Donbush Rd., N. Oaks 55127, Tract K Registered Land Survey No. 454 ID 133023410032, \$950,000.

**John T. and Marie L. Nesheim to Esther M. Soria/Christopher Leonard**, Property Address: 1856 Highland Pkwy., St. Paul 55116, Part of Lots 8-9 Block 3 Lane's Highland Park ID 162823210006, \$863,000.

**Charles Cudd Co. LLC to Mark A. Jacobsen/Barbara Fuller Jacobsen**, Buyer Address: 12727 W. Desert Vista Trl., Peoria, Ariz. 85383; Property Address: 42 Spring Farm Rd., N. Oaks 55127, Tract HHH Registered Land Survey No. 639 ID 093022210139, \$832,473.

**Jeffrey W. Hahn/Leah G. Olstad Hahn to Ann and Stuart Hartly**, Property Address: 3970 Evergreen Place, Shoreview 55126, Lot 5 Block 1 Evergreen Valley ID 263023110059, \$775,000.

## SCOTT COUNTY

**Lawrence P. Zielke Trust and Joan A. Zielke to Kevin Burkart and Laura Burkart**, Property Address: 6082 150th St. SE, Prior Lake 55372, Lots 8/9 Eastwood ID 25-117007-0, \$2,750,000.

**Kevin Burkart and Laura J. Burkart to Sara Lynn Winkler and Christopher John Winkler**, Property Address: 5344 Candy Cove Trl. SE, Prior Lake 55372, Lot 2 Candy Cove Park ID 25-027002-0, \$1,875,000.

**Randall S. Nelson and Mary L. Nelson to Guy R. Astell**, Property Address: 15807 West Ave. SE, Prior Lake 55372, Lot 14-16 Point Beautiful ID 25-041010-0, \$1,100,000.

**Paola Bernardi Sipe to 8574 McGuire Court Trust**, Property Address: 8574 McGuire Ct. E., Shakopee 55379, Lot 15 Riverview Estates ID 27-053015-0, \$825,000.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

**TPG AG EHC SD LEN Multi State 1 LLC to US Home LLC**, Buyer Address: 16355 36th Ave. N. #100, Plymouth 55446; Property Address: 8876 Binder Way, Woodbury 55129, Lot 10 Westwind ID 33-028-21-14-0050, \$1,464,288.

**Mary L. Kenzie to Igor Grad and Jodi Grad**, Property Address: 14995 42nd St. S., Afton 55001, Lot 2 Valliswood 2nd Addition ID 28-028-20-11-0006, \$1,062,000.

**Hanson Builders Inc. to Casey Schwan and Alyssa Ann Schwan**, Property Address: 4181 Arbor Dr., Woodbury 55129, Lot 13 Arbor Ridge 2nd Addition ID 29-028-21-21-0077, \$873,000.

**Mary S. Anderson Trust and Mary S. Anderson to Tom Gatza and Lindsay Gatza**, Property Address: 399 Locust St., St. Paul 55115, Lot 4 Locust Addition ID 20-030-21-41-0047, \$850,000.

**Abel Alfonso and Caleb Johnson to Brandt Papaicovou Revocable Trust and Randa L. Brandt**, Buyer Address: 1287 Rivercrest Rd. N., Lakeland 55043; Property Address: 2665 Oriole Ave. N., Stillwater 55082, Lot 7 Foxridge ID 21-029-20-13-0008, \$770,000.

# Commercial Real Estate Transactions

A sampling of new commercial deed transactions collected by American City Business Journals through March 6, 2026.

## HENNEPIN COUNTY

**Duchossois Milestone Real Estate LLC to Roers Eden Prairie Apartments LLC**, Buyer Address: 2 Carlson Pkwy. N. #400, Plymouth 55447; Property Address: 6436 City West Pkwy., Eden Prairie 55344, Lot 1 Primeland 5th Addition ID 01-116-22-24-0053/01-116-22-24-0052, \$5,250,000.

**Jaxel Properties LLC to 9401 Winnetka Avenue North LLC**, Buyer

Address: 8245 93rd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park 55445; Property Address: 9401 Winnetka Ave. N., Brooklyn Park 55445, Lot 1 Northcross CPU Options Addition ID 07-119-21-44-0008, \$4,100,000.

**Bernie Family LP to JBB Properties MN LLC**, Buyer Address: 2985 Cedar Crossing, Minnetonka 55305; Property Address: 2721 Nevada Ave. N., New Hope 55427, Lot 3 King Industrial Park ID 20-118-

21-34-0014, \$3,480,000.

**BKLHM LLC to Lupient Rochester Properties LLC**, Buyer Address: 7100 Wayzata Blvd. #200, Golden Valley 55426; Property Address: 9300 Bryant Ave. S./9301 E. Bloomington Fwy., Bloomington 55420, Lots 1/3 Hayden Murphy Addition ID 09-027-24-44-0050/09-027-24-43-0012, \$3,250,000.

**JP Excelsior LLC to Bell Bank**, Buyer Address: 520

Main Ave., Fargo, N.D. 58103; Property Address: 712/720 Galpin Lake Rd., Excelsior 55331, Lot 1-3 Galpin Hill Addition ID 34-117-23-42-0026/34-117-23-42-0044, \$2,650,000.

**14301 West 62nd Street LLC to FCPT Holdings LLC**, Buyer Address: 161 Ottawa Ave. NW #401, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503; Property Address: 14301 W. 62nd St., Eden Prairie 55346, ID 03-116-22-22-0003, \$2,311,000.

**Advance Realty Inc. to Khosa Beverage Inc.**, Buyer Address: 11716 Arnold Palmer Ct., Blaine 55449; Property Address: 115 W. Grant St., Minneapolis 55403, Lots 1/2 J.S. Johnsons Addition ID 27-029-24-31-0186, \$2,000,000.

**Roers Eden Prairie Apartments LLC to Griffen Plymouth LLC**, Buyer Address: 20840 Channel Dr., Excelsior 55331; Property Address:

6436 City West Pkwy., Eden Prairie 55344, Lot 1 Primeland 5th Addition ID 01-116-22-24-0053/01-116-22-24-0052, \$1,800,000.

**Robert G. Haverstock Jr. to Vital 24 LLC**, Buyer Address: 2443 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 55405; Property Address: 2400/2408/2412 Hennepin Ave. et al., Minneapolis 55405, Lot 1-3 Hennepin Avenue Addition ID 33-029-24-

13-0105/33-029-24-13-0106/33-029-24-13-0040/et al. (5 parcels), \$1,377,000.

## RAMSEY COUNTY

**Gateway Senior LP to Riverwood Rentals LLC/Graham Place Senior LLC/BKL Investments LP et al.**, Buyer Address: 2505 Silver Ln. NE, Minneapolis 55421; Property Address: 1745 Graham Ave., St. Paul 55116, Lot 2 Block 1 Gateway Village

ID 212823130139, \$1,701,000.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Schlangen Properties LLC to Burns Family 2006 Trust and W. Scott Burns**, Buyer Address: 1044 Will Ave., Oxnard, Calif. 93036; Property Address: 5990 Neal Ave. N., Stillwater 55082, Lot 1 Jacob Addition ID 06-029-20-11-0014, \$1,488,000.

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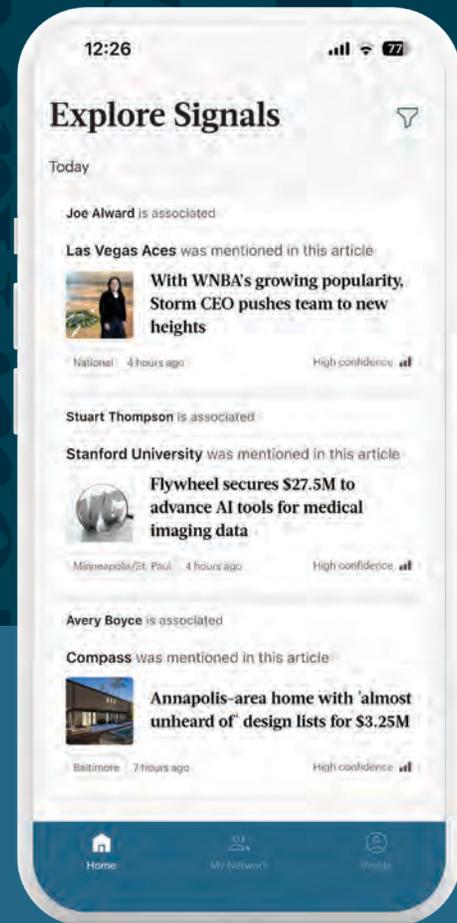
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# MEET OUR 2026 POWER SHIFT 25 EXECUTIVES



**BY KIM JOHNSON**  
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**T**hroughout 2025, the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal tracked the promotions and hirings of dozens and dozens of new CEOs, presidents, managing principals and executive directors as part of our regular news coverage. Toward the end of the year, MSPBJ's editors and publisher chose 25 of them to feature in our third annual Power Shift 25.

Our 2026 PS25 executives represent a cross section of industries and organization sizes. Some have been with their companies for years, rising through the ranks, while others are fresh faces and even recent transplants to Minnesota.

But there's at least one thing

they all have in common: Their organizations chose them to carry on the baton of growth, excellence and leadership in our community.

So who are these individuals, besides some of the newest movers and shakers in the Twin Cities? We emailed them a brief survey earlier this year to find out more about them – their personal and professional goals for the year; their alma maters; their hobbies; their first jobs; their favorite movies, TV shows and books; even where they are from and how some of these globe trotters have landed in the Twin Cities. Read through the pages of this publication and visit our website at MSPBJ.com to find out more about these noteworthy executives.

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# DARIO ANSELMO

President, Minneapolis Renaissance Coalition

**T**he Minneapolis Renaissance Coalition named Dario Anselmo president in October. He succeeded the organization's founding president, Erin Fitzgerald, who stepped down to focus on her business, Edina-based commercial real estate investment firm Willow Peak.

Anselmo oversees daily operations for the coalition, which includes more than 150 leaders from the public and private sectors. Working with the city of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Downtown Council, the Minneapolis Foundation and other partners, the coalition aims to revitalize downtown Minneapolis following the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw an uptick in remote and hybrid work, emptying office buildings across the country.

Anselmo previously served as the coalition's vice president and treasurer. A former legislator and former owner of the Fine Line music venue, he is now leading efforts to develop a vision for the Warehouse District, including proposals for a skate park and dog park.

"The Minneapolis Renaissance Coalition has brought new energy, fresh ideas and meaningful momentum to downtown," he said in a statement to the Business Journal. "This next phase ensures that the work continues with greater stability, resources and influence."

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT ANSELMO

**Favorite film, book or TV show:** Film: "Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid," book: "Catch 22"

**First job:** Lunds — carryout

**Where I'm from:** Duluth, moved to the Twin Cities when I was 8

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** (Finish) Developing a master plan for Warehouse District and a meaningful economic tool to help spur more real estate repurposing in Minneapolis

**And a personal one:** Mountain bike (more)



## FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:** Orono High School; attended Whittier College and University of Minnesota — left to start a personal computer tech company before graduation, age 21

**Boards and committees I serve on:** Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, government affairs committee

**Hobbies:** Biking, skiing, book club, reading, political reform ideation

**Family:** Wife, Jeanne; adult children, Andrew, Aidan and Ali

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## MATTHEW CALDWELL

President and CEO, Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx



### FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** U.S. Military Academy, Northwestern University School of Law, Northwestern Kellogg School of Management

**T**he Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx's new owners, Marc Lore and Alex Rodriguez, conducted a nationwide search before naming Matthew Caldwell CEO in April 2025. Caldwell signed a 10-year contract and will oversee day-to-day business operations and high-level strategy to guide the franchises' long-term success.

Caldwell joins the organizations after most recently serving nearly a decade as president and CEO of the Florida Panthers. During his tenure, the NHL franchise won two Stanley Cup championships and set records in ticket sales, television viewership and sponsorship revenue. When he was appointed in 2016, Caldwell was the youngest CEO in U.S. professional sports at age 36. His tenure in Florida culminated with the Panthers being named the 2025 Sports Business Journal Team of the Year.

His experience outside of professional sports includes serving as a vice president at Goldman Sachs. He is also a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

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**Boards and  
committees:**  
Medical Alley,  
Minnesota  
Hospital  
Association,  
Minnesota  
Business  
Partnership,  
Girls on the Run  
Minnesota

**Hobbies:**  
Anything and  
everything in, on  
or near the water



# DR. EMILY CHAPMAN

President and CEO, Children's Minnesota

**Dr.** Emily Chapman became the first female president and CEO in the 100-year history of Children's Minnesota when she was appointed in August 2025. She stepped into the role after serving as senior vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer since 2017. She succeeded Dr. Marc Gorelick, who had served in the roles for eight years and announced in January 2025 his planned retirement.

In her new role, Chapman oversees one of the nation's largest pediatric health systems, which offers more than 60 pediatric specialties across two hospitals and multiple clinics throughout the Twin Cities. It reported 2024 revenue of \$1.16 billion.

During her more than 30-year career in the field, Chapman has fostered a culture of continuous improvement aimed at reducing health care harm. She also has worked to define inequity and disrespect as preventable harms, increasing accountability for addressing health disparities.

Chapman began her career practicing general pediatrics as an owner and president of Wayzata Children's Clinic. She also has contributed to medical education, serving as associate director of medical education at Children's Minnesota and as associate program director of the pediatric residency program at the University of Minnesota.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

**MORE ABOUT  
CHAPMAN**

**Favorite TV show:**  
"The West Wing"

**First job:** Delivering huge bouquets of balloons to unsuspecting recipients. As a mime. With a kazoo.

**Where I'm from:** Born and raised in the mid-Atlantic and lured here by my late husband who sold Minneapolis to raise our family saying, "The Midwest is a great place to be from."

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Help every member of my team see the beauty in their day-to-day contribution to the children of our community



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# ANNA COSKRAN

President, NTH Inc.

**A**nna Coskran became president of NTH Inc. in June 2025. She succeeded founding president of the firm, Tina Hoye, following the latter's retirement.

Coskran leads the Minneapolis-based real estate and project management firm after more than two decades advising organizations on aligning real estate decisions with business strategy.

An owner of the firm, Coskran also heads NTH's business development efforts and works closely with clients on strategic planning, site selection, financial analysis and lease negotiations. Her local portfolio spans a wide range of projects, from redeveloping an abandoned brewery to leasing office space in downtown towers. Recent clients include the Minnesota Star Tribune and law firm Stinson. Her current work includes supporting redevelopment efforts tied to the Destination Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota.

Coskran serves on the Minneapolis Downtown Council board and its executive and governance committees, as well as the City of the Lakes Rotary Club board. She's also a member of the Minnesota Commercial Association of Realtors.

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT COSKRAN

**First job:** I started out babysitting neighborhood kids. My first official job was as a cashier at the local drugstore. One memorable high school summer, I worked through a temp agency taking a wide assortment of assignments, including a few weeks answering phones at a funeral home.

**Where I'm from:** I was born in Washington, D.C., but consider Minneapolis home. It's where I grew up. My early years included time in Kenya, then back to D.C., before my family settled in Minneapolis when I was 6.

**A personal goal I have for the year:** Focus on balance — being intentional about personal time while staying fully engaged in meaningful professional work. I also enjoy trying new things. To my daughter's potential embarrassment, I may attempt a surf class on an upcoming vacation. I anticipate more falling than graceful balancing!



## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:**  
Macalester College,  
Augsburg University

**Boards and committees:**  
Minneapolis Downtown Council/  
Downtown Improvement District,  
Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club

**Family:** My husband and I met while I was studying abroad in college — a life-shaping detour. We have two adult children who are fantastic people and continue to inspire me.

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### FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:** California State University, Sacramento

**Boards and committees I serve on:** Board member, Greater MSP; board member, Red Wing Shoe Co.; board member and committee member for community impact and executive committees, Greater Twin Cities United Way; involved with MS Society and International Mountain Bicycling Association



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## DEREK CUNZ

President and CEO, M.A. Mortenson Co.

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erek Cunz began serving as CEO of M.A. Mortenson Co. on Jan. 1, succeeding Dan Johnson, who retired after spending his entire 38-year career with the company.

Cunz, who has served as president since 2022, has been with the Golden Valley-based construction, development and engineering services firm since 1996 and has played a key role in many of the family-owned company's marquee projects for decades.

In 2003, he worked on the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Mortenson's first project to use virtual design and construction. After overseeing business development at the company's Denver office, he relocated to Minneapolis in 2010 to lead Mortenson's sports and entertainment group. During that time, Mortenson grew into one of the nation's most prolific sports stadium builders, with projects including U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Allianz Field in St. Paul, and Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. It's also become one of Minnesota's largest private companies, reporting 2024 revenue of \$6.7 billion and employing over 8,000 people.

Cunz also provides strategic oversight for the company's expanding energy storage and electric vehicle infrastructure businesses.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

### MORE ABOUT CUNZ

**First job:** My first paying job was delivering newspapers seven days a week starting on my first day of seventh grade!

**Where I'm from:** I was born in the San Francisco Bay Area. After graduating from college, I worked for a few years in California. I then joined Mortenson and spent the first half of my career traveling for the company. I moved to Boston, Northern Ireland, Los Angeles and Colorado (twice), before settling down in Minneapolis in 2010. It's been a great place to live, work and raise our family.

### FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** Elon University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Boards and committees I serve on:** Ralph Lauren since August 2018, HeliosX since February 2025, CEOs Against Cancer since April 2025

**Hobbies:** Travel, cooking, reading, art, music (listening, not playing), hiking and skiing

**Family:** Husband, Mike; dog, Mulligan



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## LINDA FINDLEY

President and CEO, Sleep Number Corp.

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inda Findley joined Sleep Number Corp. as its new CEO in April 2025 after spending years leading publicly traded consumer brands that combine digital and physical products. She succeeded the retiring Shelly Ibach, who had led the Minneapolis-based mattress manufacturer since 2012.

Findley most recently served as CEO of Blue Apron Holdings Inc. from 2019 to 2024, where she led a turnaround strategy that culminated in the company's 2023 sale to Wonder Group, a grocery delivery business founded by Marc Lore, for \$103 million. Before that, she was chief operating officer at Etsy Inc., overseeing product, design, marketing and customer engagement. In that role, she helped drive sales growth by expanding the platform globally.

Her background also includes senior executive roles at Evernote Corp. from 2012 to 2015, as well as leadership of global marketing, business development and customer service for Alibaba.com. She also serves on several boards.

In 2024, Sleep Number's sales were \$1.68 billion, down 10% from the year before. However, it remains one of the largest publicly traded companies in Minnesota, and it employs around 4,145 people, according to Business Journal research.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

### MORE ABOUT FINDLEY

**Where I'm from:** North Carolina. I moved to Minneapolis in April 2025 for the role at Sleep Number.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Sleep Number is in a turnaround. We have an amazing product, brand and team, and we are driving towards returning this business to growth.

**And a personal one:** Come through my first winter in Minneapolis learning how to cross-country ski. I have always been a downhill skier, but this is a great place for cross country.

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# SAARA HASSOUN

President, Minnesota Aurora FC

**S**aara Hassoun was promoted to president of Minnesota Aurora FC in October, just six months after joining the club as chief of staff. She oversees sponsorships, sporting operations and marketing as the club, which competes in the United Soccer League, builds its presence in women's soccer. Founded in 2021, the Aurora is reportedly the largest community-owned women's team in the country with over 5,000 owners. Their home field is TCO Stadium at Eagan's Viking Lakes.

Hassoun joined the Aurora after serving as chief of staff at New York's Gotham FC, which competes in the National Women's Soccer League. While there, she managed soccer operations and directed business functions on the sporting side of the organization. Earlier in her career, she co-founded HT Sports Consulting, a firm focused on using data to improve athlete well-being. The firm previously partnered with Minnesota Aurora FC, helping the club add a mental skills coach for the 2023 season.

Aurora Board Chair Allie Schmidt cited Hassoun's ability to balance day-to-day operations with long-term strategic vision in a statement announcing the promotion. Hassoun succeeded Jessica Poole, who is now general manager for the Chicago Tempest, a women's pro rugby team. Hassoun is also a global sports fellow at Harvard University, where her research focuses on player well-being in women's soccer.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT HASSOUN

**Favorite book:** "Bel Canto," by Ann Patchett

**First job:** Hostess at the Iron Cactus

**Where I'm from:** I'm originally from Austin, Texas (Hook 'em Horns!). I moved to the Twin Cities to join Minnesota Aurora because I was deeply inspired by the club's mission and the opportunity to grow women's sports in a community that genuinely shows up for it.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** To strengthen our organization's foundation by aligning growth in women's sports with disciplined business practices that support responsible, long-term sustainability, while staying rooted in our mission and community



## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** Bachelor of Arts, University of Southern California; master's, University of Cambridge Judge School of Business; fellowship, global sports initiative, Harvard University

**Hobbies:** Reading, crochet, and trying new restaurants

**Family:** Husband, Dillon

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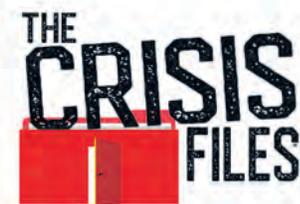


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# KARLA HENDERSON

President and CEO, Project for Pride in Living

**K**arla Henderson brings more than 20 years of experience in community development and urban planning to her role as president and CEO of Project for Pride in Living, a nonprofit that provides affordable housing and career readiness services to more than 8,000 people annually.

She joined the 50-year-old organization in March 2024 as senior vice president of housing stability, overseeing housing operations, resident services, and property development and management. She was elevated to CEO in January 2025, succeeding Paul Williams, who retired.

As SVP, Henderson also led the Minneapolis-based organization's equitable development approach to financing and service delivery for affordable housing projects, with a focus on expanding access while strengthening long-term housing stability.

Before joining PPL, Henderson served as director of community development for the city of Bloomington, where she helped create Hatch Bloomington, a public-private partnership designed to support small businesses through new investment and technical assistance.

Henderson serves on the boards of Land Bank Twin Cities and the Mall of America Community Foundation.

PPL has around 300 employees and revenue of roughly \$41 million, according to Business Journal research.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT HENDERSON

**Favorite TV show:** "Survivor" — outwit, outplay, outlast. I've watched every season. I couldn't do it; I would only last an hour. A lot of people think the show is about physical challenges in the wild and winning a million dollars, but it's really about human endurance, strategy and social dynamics, and that is something I find fascinating and admire.

**First job:** When I was 16, I worked a summer job at the Detroit Zoo selling popcorn and hot dogs at a concession stand. I will never forget watching a baby giraffe come into the world that summer. It was amazing!



## FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:** Michigan State University

**Boards and committees:** Land Bank Twin Cities, Mall of America Community Foundation, East Metro Mental Health Roundtable, Ecolab Homelessness Roundtable

**Hobbies:** Cheering for Minnesota sports, restaurant exploring, plant enthusiast

**Family:** I am the second oldest of five. My son and I moved to Minnesota to be closer to my older sister, Kim, and her children, who are young adults.

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### FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:**  
University of  
Northern Iowa

**Boards:** Children's  
Minnesota, Ad  
Council

**Hobbies:**  
Renovating  
100-year-old  
homes has  
become a hobby.  
I'm a former  
competitive  
runner who isn't  
ready to hang  
up her shoes.  
And, along with  
sports, creative  
projects with my  
daughters from  
sewing to painting  
to competitive fort  
building occupy  
our weekends.

**Family:** Husband,  
Jason; daughters,  
Stellan (6) and  
Harper (8)



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# JESSICA HENRICHS

CEO, Colle McVoy

**J**essica Henrichs became CEO of Colle McVoy following the departure of Christine Fruechte, who led the Minneapolis-based advertising agency for nearly 17 years.

Henrichs stepped into the role at the start of 2025 after helping drive significant growth and transformation at the agency over the past five years. In that span, she led a restructuring of the agency, uniting strategy and experience design; creative and public relations; and media and data science to better leverage Colle McVoy's mid-sized agency model.

Henrichs also leveraged pitches and long-standing client relationships to bring brands — including Frank's RedHot, La-Z-Boy, Haribo, Whirlpool and Perdue — to Colle McVoy's roster, which already included Target Corp., 3M Co. and U.S. Bancorp. According to Adweek, those new clients accounted for 90% of the agency's revenue growth over the past five years. Henrichs, herself, was named in 2024 to the Adweek 50 list, which recognizes individual leaders in the industry.

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

### MORE ABOUT HENRICHS

**First job:** Corn detasseling at age 12. It's exactly what it sounds like. Professionally, my first "real job" was working as an associate producer for CNN Entertainment and "Larry King."

**Where I'm from:** I'm originally from Peoria, Illinois. My life and career took me to L.A., Hawaii, Sacramento, Boston, Chicago and now the Twin Cities. We moved here with a baby and a toddler (just ahead of the pandemic) in order to be close to family.

### FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:**  
University of  
Colorado,  
University of Utah

**Boards and committees:**  
Advisory board,  
Mobility Impact  
Partners; former  
president of the  
board, National  
Association of City  
Transportation  
Officials; founding  
board member,  
Open Mobility  
Foundation

**Hobbies:** I ski,  
surf and open  
water swim.  
Since moving  
to Minnesota, I  
started cross-  
country skiing.

**Family:** Husband,  
David; cat, Starsky



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# ROBIN HUTCHESON

Chair, Metropolitan Council

**R**obin Hutcheson became chair of the Metropolitan Council after Gov. Tim Walz nominated her for the role in December 2025. She leads the state-funded regional planning agency, which is responsible for transit operations, wastewater treatment, water resources, regional parks and the distribution of affordable housing funding. Her term runs through Jan. 4, 2027.

Hutcheson most recently served in senior leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Transportation following appointments by President Joe Biden. As administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, she oversaw an agency of more than 1,200 employees and led research initiatives aimed at improving roadway safety nationwide. She later served as deputy assistant secretary for policy, where she helped shape core transportation components of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and authored the \$5 billion Safe Streets for All grant program. Earlier in her career, Hutcheson served as director of public works for the city of Minneapolis and as board president of the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

The Met Council is one of the largest employers in Minnesota, reporting 4,700 employees in the state, according to Business Journal research. Its 2026 preliminary operating budget is \$1.8 billion, according to the agency's website.

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

### MORE ABOUT HUTCHESON

**Where I'm from:** I'm originally from Stamford, Connecticut, and I spent nearly 30 years in the Intermountain West between Colorado and Utah. I also spent a few years in Europe during my husband's post-doc. I was recruited to Minnesota in 2016 to be the public works director for the city of Minneapolis, and instantly my quality of life was better. I know I can't live anywhere else now. I believe the Twin Cities to be the best metropolitan area in the United States.

## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** Delhi School of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University

**Boards:** I'm honored to serve on the boards of organizations I care deeply about, including U.S. Bancorp, the American Red Cross, PBS and Carnegie Mellon Business School.

**Hobbies:** Travel, family, reading, movies, fashion

**Family:** I have been married for 30 years, and we have two young adult sons.



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# GUNJAN KEDIA

CEO, U.S. Bancorp

**G**unjan Kedia became CEO of U.S. Bancorp in April 2025 following a nearly decade-long rise through the company's leadership ranks. As chief executive, she oversees strategy across consumer, wealth, small business, and corporate and institutional banking for the Minneapolis-based financial institution, which employs approximately 70,000 people and reported \$695 billion in assets as of Sept. 30. Next month, Kedia also will assume the title of board chair as former U.S. Bank CEO Andy Cecere retires from the role.

Kedia joined U.S. Bank in 2016 and most recently served as president, overseeing the bank's revenue lines. Her prior roles include vice chair of wealth, corporate, commercial and institutional banking, as well as vice chair of wealth management and investment services. She brings nearly 30 years of financial services experience to the role, including global executive positions at State Street and BNY, and earlier leadership roles at McKinsey & Co. and PwC.

A seven-time honoree on American Banker's Most Powerful Women in Banking list, Kedia serves on the board of directors for PBS, the American Red Cross and Carnegie Mellon Business School.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT KEDIA

**First job:** My first job was selling air fresheners door-to-door in Delhi in 1985, largely motivated by a desire to buy a new pair of jeans.

**Where I'm from:** I'm originally from Delhi, India, and first came to the U.S. to earn my MBA at Carnegie Mellon University. I moved to the Twin Cities in 2016 to lead the wealth management and investment services business at U.S. Bank.

**A personal goal I have for the coming year:** To visit a country I have not been to before.

## FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:** University of Canberra, Australia

**Boards and committees I serve on:** Board member, Caribou Coffee

**Hobbies:** I enjoy golfing, tackling home projects, and traveling to new places. I also love watching movies and am a bit of a film buff.

**Family:** Married for more than 25 years to my wife, and we have three children.



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# SCOTT KENNEDY

President and CEO, Caribou Coffee

**S**cott Kennedy became president and CEO of Caribou Coffee in September 2025 after John Butcher stepped down from the role. Kennedy joined the Brooklyn Center-based coffee chain in 2019 as chief financial officer and was elevated following several years of financial and operational leadership.

Kennedy told the Business Journal in December that his initial focus for the company will be to reinvest in the customer experience, beginning with updating the chain's interior design to emphasize its cozy coffeehouse roots before expanding into new markets outside the Upper Midwest. Caribou is one of Minnesota's largest franchisors with around 150 franchised locations, according to Business Journal research.

"I really want to focus back on coffeehouse experiences, deliver the best guest experience, and rebuild that healthy foundation of guest volume," he said.

Before joining Caribou Coffee, Kennedy spent 14 years at Target Corp., including serving as president of financial and retail services. He also worked for KPMG for 16 years, the last two as a partner.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT KENNEDY

**Favorite book:** "Into Thin Air," by Jon Krakauer

**Where I'm from:** I was born and raised in Australia and attended university there before moving to the U.S. After marrying my wife, who is originally from the Midwest, we settled in the Twin Cities. We were drawn here not only for its proximity to family, but also for its thriving business community and outstanding quality of life.

**A personal goal I have for the coming year:** Improve my golf game. I'd love to hit more fairways and fewer water hazards!

## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** National Institute of Technology (Tiruchirapalli), India; Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

**Boards and committees:** Oppidan Investment Co.; global advisory board, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University; board of advisers, University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management

**Hobbies:** Road biking, downhill skiing



# SURESH KRISHNA

President and CEO, Proto Labs Inc.

**S**uresh Krishna became president and CEO of Proto Labs Inc. in May 2025, following a leadership tenure at Burnsville-based Northern Tool + Equipment Co., where he led the company through operational and supply-chain improvements. At Northern Tool, Krishna expanded private-label offerings and shifted the business toward higher-margin product categories, strengthening the retailer and manufacturer's long-term performance.

Before that, Krishna served as chief operations officer at Sleep Number Corp., where he led a transformation of the company's business model from make-to-stock to make-to-order. The shift improved margins and inventory turnover while increasing operational efficiency.

Krishna's earlier experience includes executive leadership roles at Polaris Inc., where he expanded the company's presence in the Middle East and South Africa and advanced a global strategy supporting local-market manufacturing to drive margin growth.

At Maple Plain-based Proto Labs, a rapid manufacturing company, Krishna succeeded former CEO Rob Bodor. Proto Labs reported 2024 revenue of nearly \$501 million, according to Business Journal research. It employs more than 1,600 people.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT KRISHNA

**Favorite book:** "Steve Jobs," by Walter Isaacson

**First job:** Soccer referee in high school

**Where I'm from:** I am not from the Twin Cities. I grew up in the town of Jamshedpur, in India (site of the first steel plant in India). I came to the Twin Cities in 2010 to take up a leadership role at Polaris.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Deliver another year of record growth for Protolabs

**And a personal one:** Bike 1,000-plus miles on Minnesota's bike trails on my road bike this summer

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# SARAH MOBERG

CEO, Second Harvest Heartland

**S**arah Moberg is leading an ambitious effort to cut hunger in Minnesota in half by 2030 as CEO of Second Harvest Heartland. She stepped into the role in September after previously serving as the organization's chief operations officer and interim CEO when Allison O'Toole stepped down in June 2025 having served in the role for six years.

Moberg leads the nation's second-largest food bank during a period of growing need, as federal nutrition programs face funding reductions and 20% of Minnesota households experience food insecurity, according to a 2024 statewide study. Her leadership focuses on strengthening food systems and expanding access across the state. Second Harvest is one of the largest nonprofits in Minnesota with more than 300 employees and annual revenue of over \$260 million, according to Business Journal research.

An engineer by training, Moberg brings more than 20 years of experience in food systems and supply-chain research. Before joining Second Harvest in 2021, she served as senior director of innovation, technology and quality at Golden Valley-base General Mills Inc. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from the University of California, Davis.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT MOBERG

**Favorite TV show:** I joke that I may not be a doctor, but I have watched all 22 seasons (and counting) of "Grey's Anatomy."

**First job:** I coached gymnastics. The work taught me that coaching is less about an athlete's final performance and more about meeting each gymnast where they are. Some were fearless and needed to be reined in, while others were overly cautious. It was all about maximizing their potential and playing to their strengths.

**Where I'm from:** I am a proud Minnesotan and have lived in several communities, including LeSueur, Mahtomedi, Minneapolis and Edina. I've had stints outside Minnesota: one in northern California and another in Singapore. While I enjoyed my years of warmth and sun, I have always found my way back to the lakes of Minnesota.



## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:**  
University of Minnesota;  
University of California, Davis

**Boards and committees:**  
Board, Aeon;  
advisory council, Minnesota Children's Cabinet

**Family:** I have a new title: mother-in-law. My oldest child recently got married, while my middle child is making the transition from dorm life to apartment living. My youngest is just happy that his siblings will still play video games with him, even though they are miles away. Family time lately has involved a lot of packing, driving and hauling!

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## FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:**  
London School of  
Economics

**Boards and  
committees I  
serve on:** Walker  
Art Museum;  
GreenLight  
Fund; Great MN  
Schools; Women's  
Foundation  
of Minnesota;  
community  
advisory board,  
Federal Bank of  
Minnesota

**Hobbies:**  
International  
travel, hiking,  
photography,  
design, plants,  
fitness

**Family:** Two  
godsons: Derrick  
(17) and Amari (17)



# ADAIR MOSLEY

CEO, GroundBreak Coalition

**A**

dair Mosley became the first CEO of the GroundBreak Coalition in September 2025, after previously serving on the organization's executive council and board of directors.

As CEO, Mosley is tasked with accelerating deployment of more than \$1 billion in private capital, while expanding the number of the coalition's funders and partners with a goal of raising \$5.3 billion over the next decade.

Launched in 2022, GroundBreak includes more than 40 corporate, civic and philanthropic organizations. Its mission focuses on addressing racial wealth gaps by reducing housing disparities through homeownership and commercial development.

Mosley most recently served as CEO of the African American Leadership Forum, a Minneapolis-based think tank solving systemic inequities. He was also president and CEO of Pillsbury United Communities. He sits on a number of boards, including the Walker Art Museum, the GreenLight Fund and Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT MOSLEY

**Favorite TV shows:**  
"The Blacklist" and  
"House of Cards"

**First job:** 14 — working at  
the Winona County Fair  
supporting vendors

**Where I'm from:** Grew up  
in Mississippi until age 11,  
then moved to St. Charles,  
Minnesota, and Winona,  
and then to the Twin Cities  
for college.

**A professional goal  
I have for the year:**  
To fully operationalize  
GroundBreak's audacious  
model and deploy as much  
capital as possible to  
prospective homeowners,  
entrepreneurs, developers

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**Alma maters:**  
Carleton College,  
University of  
Houston Law  
Center

**Boards and  
committees:**  
Board, Twin  
Cities Diversity  
in Practice;  
committee,  
Leadership  
Council on  
Legal Diversity;  
committee,  
Minnesota State  
Bar Business  
Committee

**Hobbies:**  
Reading, cycling,  
ice hockey,  
horticulture



# PETER NELSON

Managing partner, Dorsey & Whitney

**P**eter Nelson began a three-year term as managing partner of Dorsey & Whitney in July 2025, succeeding Bill Stoeri, who reached his term limit after six-and-a-half years.

Nelson's legal expertise is in banking and finance, where he has represented agents, lenders, borrowers and developers in secured lending and project transactions. He previously co-led the firm's financing and restructuring group and the banking and financial Institutions industry group. He also played a key role in opening Dorsey's Dallas and Phoenix offices.

Originally from New Jersey, Nelson earned his bachelor's degree from Carleton College and his law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. He joined Dorsey in 2008 after beginning his legal career at Mayer Brown in Houston.

Founded in 1912, Dorsey has more than 600 lawyers in 21 offices worldwide. It is one of the largest law firms in the Twin Cities. Its alumni include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, former Vice President Walter Mondale, and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

**MORE ABOUT NELSON**

**Favorite film, book or TV show:** Film: " Fargo," book: "The Heart of Darkness"

**First job:** Sailing instructor

**Where I'm from:**

I grew up in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. I first came to Minnesota from 1991-95 to attend Carleton College, and after 13 years in Texas (Austin and Houston) we moved back to Minneapolis in 2008.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:**

Join a local arts-based nonprofit board

**A personal one:** Complete my 15th MS 150 Ride from Duluth to the Twin Cities



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# KYLE ORWICK

Market leader, Eide Bailly

**K**yle Orwick was named Minneapolis market leader for accounting firm Eide Bailly in May 2025. He succeeded Brad Theisen, who retired after 30 years with the Fargo-based firm, including 10 years as local market leader.

Orwick told the Business Journal last year that the firm is competing for talent as the accounting workforce shrinks due to retirements. His recruiting strategy to mitigate that issue includes competitive compensation, expanded benefits, and greater flexibility around work-life balance and career progression.

He also cited the firm's \$5 million office renovation at U.S. Bancorp Center as a recruiting advantage. The redesigned space includes amenities such as a breakroom with games, a bar and a fireplace. (Eide Bailly reported having 230 metro-area as of Nov. 1, 2025, according to Business Journal research.)

Orwick is also focused on expanding the firm's consulting and advisory services while continuing to grow its audit, tax and compliance market share.

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT ORWICK

**Favorite TV show:** "The Office"

**First job:** Six years of paper route starting at age 11

**Where I'm from:** Grew up in rural North Dakota. After moving around some, including a three-year stint living in Germany, Vanessa and I moved to the Twin Cities to rejoin Eide Bailly and grow their transaction advisory practice while being closer to family.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Expand the reach of Eide Bailly's name recognition in the Twin Cities by being more involved with chambers and other associations

**And a personal one:** Golf — practice enough to get my handicap to a single digit



## FAST FACTS

**Alma mater:** University of North Dakota

**Boards and committees**

**I serve on:** Treasurer and board member, Association for Corporate Growth

**Hobbies:** Golf, college hockey, travel, boating

**Family:** Married to Vanessa for 16 years; girls, Abigail (12) and Emilia (8); 9-month-old goldendoodle, Benny

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**FAST FACTS**

**Alma mater:**  
University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Boards and committees:**  
NAIOP and Minnetonka Youth Athletics as girls’ basketball coach

**Hobbies:** Too many! Cross-country skiing and American Birkebeiner marathon ski race (No. 8 this year), mowing the lawn, anything outdoors with the family, and sauna sessions!

**Family:** Wife, Alex; daughter, Mina (11); son, Iver (9); dog, Tito (3)



# ANDERS PESAVENTO

*Managing principal, Twin Cities, Cushman & Wakefield*

**A**nders Pesavento became managing principal of the Twin Cities offices of Cushman & Wakefield in September 2025. In the role, he leads brokerage services, asset services, project and development services, portfolio administration, and facilities management for the firm’s Minnesota operations.

Pesavento replaced Mike Ohmes, who left the commercial real estate firm to become president of Frauenshuh Inc. Pesavento joined Cushman & Wakefield following a 15-year career at Ryan Cos. US Inc., where he advanced from capital markets analyst to senior vice president of capital markets.

In his current role, Pesavento oversees a team of more than 50 brokers and nearly 600 employees managing a real estate portfolio that includes 32.3 million square feet of commercial space and 8,000 multifamily units.

He serves as president of the Minnesota chapter of NAIOP and participates in the organization’s national deal and investment concepts forum.

*- By Carter Jones, contributing writer*

**MORE ABOUT PESAVENTO**

**First job:** Technically, selling apples in my yard at age 5. Next, folding boxes at Bosa Donuts for free donuts. Formally, it was a paper route for the Bloomington Sun Current.

**Where I’m from:** Twin Cities native! Grew up in Bloomington and grateful for ... endless fun floating down Nine Mile Creek!

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Fully implement Cushman & Wakefield’s pioneering AI tools across our Minnesota practice and play more “work” pickleball

**FAST FACTS**

**Alma mater:**  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

**Boards:**  
Minnesota Business Partnership

**Hobbies:** My hobbies include skiing, traveling, pretty much anything outdoors, and I love to cook — especially when the recipe calls for hefty amounts of garlic and butter.

**Family:** Husband, Erik; two kids, ages 15 and 13, who are very active in travel sports



# ERIN PETERSON

*Minnesota/Dakotas market leader and Minneapolis office leader, RSM US*

**E**rin Peterson was named Minneapolis office leader and market leader for the Minnesota/Dakotas market at RSM US in May 2025, succeeding Jamie Woell in the role. A partner in the firm’s Minneapolis office, Peterson also continues to hold multiple leadership responsibilities across the organization.

Peterson joined RSM in 2008 and most recently served as the Minneapolis office assurance leader. She works with fast-growing, high-growth companies on financial compliance, serving private equity-owned, publicly traded and privately held clients across the technology, life sciences, manufacturing, travel and professional services sectors. Her experience includes SEC reporting, internal control audits, complex equity structures, mergers and acquisitions, and international operations. She also leads RSM’s Central Region Life Sciences Industry team, advising companies ranging from startups to established public firms across pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and medical devices. (RSM is one of the largest accounting firms in the Twin Cities with more than 900 metro-area employees, according to Business Journal research.)

Outside of RSM, Peterson is a board member of the Minnesota Business Partnership.

*- By Carter Jones, contributing writer*

**MORE ABOUT PETERSON**

**Favorite film:** “A League of Their Own”

**Where I’m from:** Born and raised in the Twin Cities

**Professional goal for the coming year:** I want to help our market grow in smart, intentional ways — expanding where it makes sense and deepening relationships with clients who value how we show up. I want to keep fostering a growth-minded culture where our people stretch their skills, deliver standout client experiences, and stay connected to the communities we serve.

## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** Duke University, Stanford

**Boards:** Nonin Medical Inc., Amorsui

**Hobbies:** I enjoy spending time with family, getting on the golf course whenever I can, staying active, and enjoying the different seasons here in Minnesota.

**Family:** My wife's name is Robin, and we've been married for 14 years. I have three kids, ages 12, 10 and 6, and a dog named Storm.



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# ROBERT RAJALINGAM

CEO, Patterson Cos. Inc.

**R**obert Rajalingam was named CEO of Patterson Cos. Inc. in April 2025, succeeding retiring chief executive Don Zurbay. Rajalingam brings more than two decades of health care leadership experience to the Mendota Heights-based dental and animal health supply company.

In a statement announcing his appointment, Rajalingam had said the company has a strong foundation, and he's looking forward to working with the team to enhance offerings and strengthen partnerships. His appointment came shortly after publicly traded Patterson was sold to Menlo Park, California-based Patient Square Capital for \$4 billion. Before Patterson was taken private, it reported having 6,000 employees companywide, with 640 in Minnesota, and \$6.4 billion in revenue, according to Business Journal research.

Before joining Patterson, Rajalingam served as president of Cardinal Health's U.S. Medical Products and Distribution business, leading the organization through the Covid-19 pandemic, an FDA recall, global supply-chain disruptions, and inflationary pressures. During that period, he also served on the White House Supply Chain Advisory Council, advising federal agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services and FEMA. Earlier in his career, Rajalingam held leadership roles at Medtronic, Covidien and Smiths Medical.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT RAJALINGAM

**Favorite film and TV shows:** TV: "Shark Tank," Vikings games or Duke basketball games. Film: "Moneyball"

**First job:** Lifeguard

**Where I'm from:** Grew up in Minneapolis, now residing in Chanhassen

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Foundation laid for transformation with team, strategy, systems and culture in place

**And a personal one:** Single digit handicap on the golf course. Likely not in the next 12 months!

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# JENNA RAY

Executive director and CEO, GiveMN

**J**enna Ray was appointed executive director and CEO of GiveMN in July 2025. She joined the Minneapolis-based nonprofit in 2022 as deputy executive director for community impact, where she led Give to the Max Day to a record \$37 million in fundraising and launched programs aimed at directing more money to rural, Indigenous, LGBTQ and women-focused organizations.

Ray succeeded Jake Blumberg, who left GiveMN to become a managing director at Greater MSP Partnership.

Ray previously held operational roles at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, the University of Minnesota Morris, West Central Initiative and Minnesota Upstream.

Since its founding in 2009, GiveMN has helped 14,000 nonprofits raise \$400 million from more than 750,000 donors.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT RAY

**Favorite book:** "The Serviceberry," by Robin Wall Kimmerer

**First job:** I babysat and sold shoes at a department store.

**Where I'm from:** I grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota, and lived in Morris, Minnesota, for a number of years. As a young artist, I saw the Twin Cities as the center of the universe, and I wanted to spend my life surrounded by the culture scene here from the time I graduated high school. It took me a few more years to get here, but it's lived up to every one of my expectations.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** Give higher quality feedback to build capacity in the next generation of civic and nonprofit leaders

**And a personal one:** Take my dog on more off-leash adventures



## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** University of Minnesota Morris (2010), Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (2022), Saint Catherine University (2027)

## Boards and committees

**I serve on:** Upstream Minnesota

**Hobbies:** Reading, running, gardening, graduate school

**Family:** Husband, Pete; son, Max (9)

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Minnesota Wild

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director of interior design,  
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# JASON SANDERS

President and CEO, BestPrep

**B**estPrep conducted a national search before naming Jason Sanders president and CEO in April 2025, following the retirement of Bob Kaitz, who founded and led the organization since 1976. The Brooklyn Park-based nonprofit provides educational programs for students in grades four through 12, focusing on business, career and financial literacy.

Sanders most recently served as executive director of Dodge Nature Center in St. Paul, where he led stakeholder engagement, development and strategic planning beginning in 2010.

Kaitz said in a statement that Sanders's passion for education makes him well suited to build on BestPrep's foundation as the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Before joining Dodge Nature Center in 2003, Sanders worked at Darts, a Dakota County nonprofit serving older adults and their caregivers.

BestPrep has served more than 1.8 million students since its launch, partnering with thousands of volunteers every year for its educational programming.

— By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT SANDERS

**Favorite TV shows:** "Ted Lasso," along with the "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D." series

**First job:** Grocery bagger at Nelson's Super Value in Faribault, Minnesota, where I learned that great service meant a good laugh, a friendly connection, and eggs on top, always.

**Where I'm from:** I grew up in Faribault and graduated from Faribault High School. My first professional role brought me to the Twin Cities, where I served as community service coordinator at a nonprofit in West St. Paul.

**A personal goal for the coming year:** Be present and dependable in the roles that matter most by showing up for my family, being a loyal friend, and leading in the community with integrity and care, while bringing humor, enjoying the journey, and making people smile along the way.



## FAST FACTS

**Alma maters:** Minnesota State University, Mankato and some certificate work at the University of St. Thomas

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family and being the best grandpa I can be, traveling, playing pickleball and golf, and officiating high school basketball for the Minnesota State High School League

**Family:** Spouse, Heather (28-plus years); son, Noah (spouse, Brooklyn; grandchildren, Baker and Elsie); son, Max

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**FAST FACTS**

**Alma mater:** Minnesota State University-Mankato (I still refer to it as Mankato State University.)

**Hobbies:** In my free time, I love to read, spend time with my family and friends, watch football, and stay physically active.



# SHARRY SCHMID

President and CEO, Edina Realty Home Services

**S**harry Schmid was elevated in July 2025 from president of Edina Realty to lead its parent company, Edina Realty Home Services. She succeeded Greg Mason, who became chairman of the company, the largest residential real estate firm in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. The Edina-based company, owned by Berkshire Hathaway Inc., includes brokerage, mortgage, title and insurance operations.

In taking over the top role at Edina Realty Home Services, Schmid assumes responsibility for setting strategy and directing operations for approximately 60 offices and more than 2,000 Realtors, who completed nearly 18,000 transactions totaling \$7.4 billion in sales volume in 2024.

Schmid joined Edina Realty in 1996 as branch manager for Edina Realty Title Rochester. She later held several leadership roles, including leading a condominium-focused division and managing the company's largest sales offices, before becoming president in 2017.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

**MORE ABOUT SCHMID**

**Favorite film:** I know every line to "The Sound of Music."

**First job:** My first paying job was working for my grandparents who were farmers, and I would bear walk for them.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** I am focused on completely transitioning the organization with the new leadership changes.

**And a personal one:** I have been focused on my physical health and well-being and looking to become the healthiest version of myself.

**CELEBRATING OUR PRESIDENT & CEO**

# Congratulations, Chanda Smith Baker!

We're proud to celebrate your recognition as a member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's 2026 Power Shift 25.

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**FAST FACTS**

**Alma mater:**  
Concordia,  
St. Paul

**Boards and committees**

**I serve on:**  
National Association of Corporate Directors, Minnesota chapter; Allina Health; The Joyce Foundation; Minneapolis Institute of Art

**Hobbies:** Reading and traveling

**Family:** Huge extended family, fifth-generation Minnesotans



# CHANDA SMITH BAKER

President and CEO, Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

**T**he Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation appointed Chanda Smith Baker as its president and CEO in August, succeeding Eric Jolly, who retired after a decade in the role. She most recently led Smith Baker, an executive coaching organization she founded in 2023.

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation is the state's largest community foundation and has awarded more than \$2 billion in grants since its founding in 1940.

Smith Baker brings extensive experience in nonprofit and community-based leadership. She previously served as chief impact officer at the Minnesota Foundation and as president and CEO of Pillsbury United Communities, where she built partnerships with donors and community leaders.

She currently serves on the boards of Allina Health and The Joyce Foundation, is a trustee of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, and helped launch Black Collective Foundation MN and North Market, a community grocery store and wellness center.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

**MORE ABOUT SMITH BAKER**

**Favorite book:**  
"Leadership on the Line," by Ronald Heifetz and Marty Linsky

**First job:** Dayton's

**Where I'm from:** Northside Minneapolis

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:**  
Practice presence

**And a personal one:**  
Practice presence

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# ISAAC THOMPSON

President and CEO, Minnesota Orchestra

**I**saac Thompson became president and CEO of the Minnesota Orchestra in October, returning to his home state to lead the organization. He succeeded Brent Assink, who previously served as interim president and CEO.

In the orchestra's top administrative role, Thompson works closely with Music Director Thomas Søndergård on artistic planning and the concert calendar. Thompson oversees more than 800 employees at an organization which reports annual revenue of around \$45 million, according to Business Journal research.

Thompson also plays a key role in efforts with music venue First Avenue and the city of Minneapolis to develop the Upper Harbor Terminal amphitheater project in north Minneapolis.

Previously, Thompson served as president and CEO of the Oregon Symphony, where he increased revenue, diversified the board and launched a new fundraising campaign. Earlier, he held senior leadership roles at the New York Philharmonic, including managing director.

Thompson is on the boards of the League of American Orchestras and Minnesota Public Radio/American Public Media.

- By Carter Jones, contributing writer

## MORE ABOUT THOMPSON

### Favorite TV show and book:

"Seinfeld" and "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous," by Ocean Vuong

**First job:** In middle school, babysitting my young cousins

**Where I'm from:** I grew up in Shoreview, but have lived in Cincinnati, Miami, Indianapolis, Austin, New York City (twice), and Portland, Oregon.

**A professional goal I have for the coming year:** To continue to bolster the culture of the Minnesota Orchestra across all internal stakeholder groups

**And a personal one:** To run a marathon



## FAST FACTS

### Alma maters:

Bachelor of Music, University of Cincinnati;  
Master of Music, University of Texas at Austin

### Boards and committees

**I serve on:**  
League of American Orchestras, Minnesota Public Radio/American Public Media

### Hobbies:

Reading, running, golf

### Family:

Many, many family members throughout the Twin Cities, including several Lutheran pastors

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President,  
Minneapolis Renaissance Coalition

### **MATTHEW CALDWELL**

CEO and president,  
Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx

### **DR. EMILY CHAPMAN**

President and CEO,  
Children's Minnesota

### **ANNA COSKRAN**

President and principal, NTH Inc.

### **DEREK CUNZ**

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Market Leader for the Minnesota/  
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