



SPH Dean Search Update

From: Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson

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Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Dear School of Public Health Faculty, Staff, Students, and Community Partners:

I'm pleased to be back in touch with an update on the national search for the next dean of the University's School of Public Health.

I extend my thanks to all of you who attended the multiple listening sessions or who shared perspectives with members of the search committee via other avenues. The search committee has now approved a position profile for the dean position that reflects broad input from this phase. Your thoughts and comments have been invaluable in shaping a strong and compelling position profile that captures the vitality and breadth of the School, its exceptional opportunities, and the collective sense of excitement about the School and its future.

The position profile and other information about the search may be found on the search webpage on the [SPH website](#). With assistance from our national search consultants, we will embark upon an aggressive sourcing and recruiting strategy.

I would especially value your assistance in bringing this opportunity to the attention of colleagues here and at universities and organizations across the country and beyond. The School of Public Health is well-positioned to recruit a strong and diverse pool of candidates who will continue its positive trajectory as one of the country's most innovative, engaged, and highly regarded schools in public health. Your active involvement in the recruiting period is critical to our success in building an excellent pool of qualified candidates from which the next dean will be chosen.

You may submit confidential nominations and applications directly to our search consultants at Issacson, Miller: <https://www.imsearch.com/search-detail/S7-883>. Please also suggest networks or sources to the consultants that could help to build a strong and diverse pool of candidates. Any potential candidate who wishes to discuss the position can reach out in strict confidence to consultant Randi Alberry: ralberry@IMSearch.com.

Once applications are received, the search committee will meet to review and confidentially discuss the candidate pool. Following a subsequent set of confidential interviews, the search committee will recommend to me a small pool of individuals to consider as public finalists. I expect to announce finalist candidates by late spring or early summer. Please watch for opportunities to meet and evaluate finalists during public interviews when they are announced.

I thank the members of the search committee, with special thanks to Trevor Ames, Associate Vice President for Academic Health Sciences and Dean Emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine, for serving as committee chair. I also thank all of you for your continued engagement in this important search. Any questions about the search process

may be directed to Erin Slattengren of my senior staff via email to umn-sphsearch@umn.edu.

These are challenging times in our city, our region and our nation. Processes such as this one can sometimes feel like a distraction from the pivotal and urgent issues we are all grappling with. Yet current events have underscored for me the importance of leadership at the University, and of this dean position in particular. The next Dean will be poised to take advantage of the current moment for public health and work to elevate the School's impact on the health and well being of the citizens of Minnesota, the nation, and beyond. I am grateful for your contributions and continued engagement toward the goal of selecting a leader who will provide an important voice within the University and our communities.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

This email was sent to all faculty, staff, students, and community partners in the School of Public Health by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.