



Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Dear SPH faculty, staff, and students,

I am pleased to provide an update on the national search for the next dean of the School of Public Health.

We are in the process of renewing the search committee, with some updates to make current. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Nisha Botchwey, dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. The committee's membership will be confirmed by the end of this week and will be posted to a search information page on the SPH website.

Assisted by consultants from the national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller, the search committee will update the position profile, ensure a broad and inclusive search process, develop a strong and diverse pool of candidates aligned with the position profile, and provide recommendations to me for outstanding finalist candidates to be invited for public interviews.

As we embark on a second national search, the strong engagement of the SPH school community remains vitally important. Please watch for opportunities to provide input on search strategies; and please share the opening within your networks, including at this week's annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, where our search consultants will also be active. The search information page to be established this week on the SPH website will have a link for nominating potential candidates, and will provide updates on the search process when possible given necessary confidentiality considerations. When we reach the public interview stage, please participate in interview sessions and contribute to the evaluation of finalist candidates.

I want again to thank Dr. Tim Beebe for his leadership as interim dean through the completion of the search, and to Dean Botchwey for agreeing to chair the renewed search committee. I look forward to continuing to work with Tim, and with all of you, as we identify the next dean who will continue to advance the School of Public Health as a premier leader in public health education, research, and engagement.

Any questions about the search process may be directed to Kate Tyler in my office via email to sph-search@umn.edu. Thank you for your continued commitment to the school and University, and especially for your engagement as this important search moves forward.

Sincerely yours,

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