

David Boyd

Speaker's Biography

David Boyd holds a B.A. degree with majors in biology and chemistry from St. Olaf College, and a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota. Commissioner Boyd performed two years of post-doctoral research at the University of Minnesota before joining the faculty at the University of St. Thomas in 1989 where he rose to the rank of Professor in 2003, and served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department from 2001 to 2007.

Commissioner Boyd has over 25 years of research experience in inorganic and materials chemistry, including significant work in solar energy conversion, sensor development, and the synthesis of conducting and semiconducting thin films.

Commissioner Boyd currently serves as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Electricity, Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration, and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal. He also serves as an Executive Committee Member on the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition. Commissioner Boyd was appointed to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission by Governor Tim Pawlenty on July 10, 2007, was appointed Chairman of the commission on July 11, 2008, and was reappointed for a six year term on December 18, 2008.