

# PSC: Commissioner Huebsch announces retirement

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*Retirement Effective February 3, 2020*

MADISON – Today, Commissioner Mike Huebsch announced his retirement from the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin effective February 3, 2020. The retirement caps off 25 years of distinguished service to the state. He was appointed to a six-year term at the Public Service commission by Governor Scott Walker on March 1, 2015.

“I want to humbly thank the people of the state of Wisconsin for allowing me to serve. I have been truly blessed for the opportunities and trust afforded to me by the people of this great state. I thank you,” said Huebsch.

PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq and Commissioner Ellen Nowak released the following statements:

“I would like to thank Mike for his years of service to the Public Service Commission and to the State of Wisconsin. I will miss his acumen and quick wit. It was a pleasure working with him, especially on complex cases. I thank him for his decades of work on behalf of the people of our state. On behalf of the Commission and our staff, we wish him the very best. He will truly be missed,” said Valcq.

“Mike has been an invaluable colleague and friend. His perspectives, insight, and good humor brought a great deal to the Commission and made us better. I want to thank him for his many years serving the state and I wish him nothing but the best in the future,” said Nowak.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is composed of three full-time Commissioners who decide the cases brought to the PSC for changes in utility operations, rates and for construction projects after a complete and thorough review of all the records compiled in the case, including public comments.

Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate for staggered, six-year terms.

**Commissioner Huebsch's Biography:**

Mike Huebsch was appointed to a six-year term at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin by Governor Scott Walker on March 1, 2015, and confirmed by the state Senate in April 2015.

Commissioner Huebsch began state service in 1995 representing western Wisconsin's 94th Assembly District for sixteen years as a Republican in the state Legislature. He served two terms on the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, including one as vice-chair. In the following years, he was elected by his colleagues to serve first as Assembly Majority Leader and then as Assembly Speaker. As Speaker, he led the negotiations on Wisconsin's \$60 billion budget and set the policy agenda for the state Assembly. He was also responsible for managing the budget and personnel policies of the 99 member body and more than 200 staff. Upon his inauguration in 2011, Governor Walker appointed Commissioner Huebsch to the top cabinet position as Secretary of the Department of Administration. In addition to advising Governor Walker on state policy and operations, he managed the Governor's cabinet agencies as well as nearly 1000 staff and \$1 billion annual budget in 13 different divisions, overseeing everything from state budget and finance to the Capitol Police.

Commissioner Huebsch was born in Milwaukee and has been a resident of La Crosse County for the last 50 years. He graduated from Onalaska High School and attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He lives in West Salem with his wife, Valerie. Their oldest son, Ryan, is a legislative assistant to Senator Scott Fitzgerald (R -Juneau), and their youngest, Brett, is a senior at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado.