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ELLEN NOWAK

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Ellen Nowak was first appointed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in July 2011 by then-Governor Scott Walker. She was confirmed for a new six-year term beginning March 1, 2013. She was named Chairperson in March 2015. In March 2018 Governor Walker appointed her secretary of the Department of Administration. She served in that role until the end of

Walker's term and was then reappointed to the PSCW to serve a term that expires in March 2023.

Ellen currently serves on the board of directors for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She currently is a member of NARUC's Committee on Gas and the Smart Electric Power Association's Renovate initiative. She previously served on the NARUC board's executive committee and held the title of first vice president. Her duties at NARUC have included serving on the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and on the Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation. Ellen also served on the advisory council to the board of directors for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the advisory council for the Center for Public Utilities (CPU), and the advisory committee for the Critical Consumers Issues Forum (CCIF).

Previously, Ellen served as the chief of staff to former Waukesha county executive Dan Vrakas. From 2002-2006, she was legal counsel and subsequent chief of staff to the then-speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly. She also later worked as the deputy director of School Choice Wisconsin. From 1998-2002, Ellen practiced business litigation at Mallery & Zimmerman SC in Milwaukee.

Ellen has a law degree from Marquette University and a bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.