

# Minnesota Environmental Quality Board 5-year strategic plan

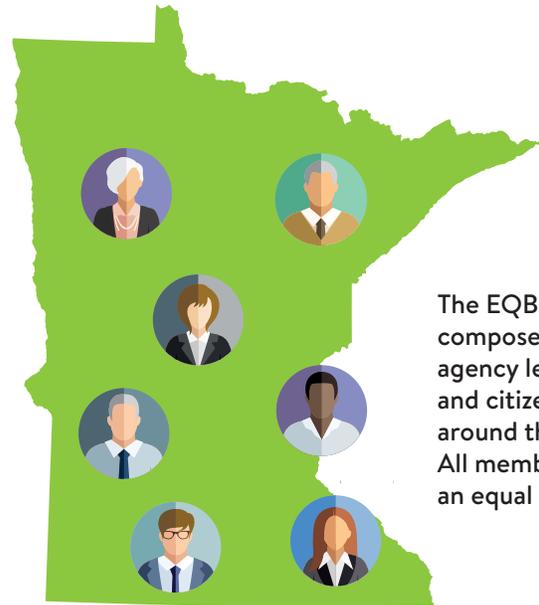


## What is the EQB?

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is a forum for leadership and coordination across Minnesota state agencies on complex, priority environmental issues. As a public-facing board, the EQB strives to engage Minnesotans and provide greater access to conversations regarding the future of our environment.



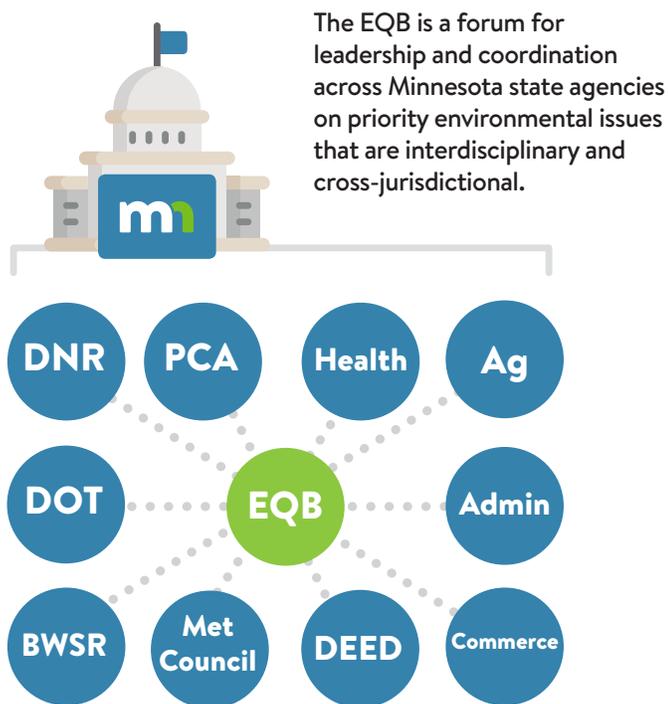
The board has a responsibility to address issues affecting our water, land, air, energy, and climate. In addition, the EQB functions as the coordinating body for Minnesota's **Environmental Review Program**.



The EQB is composed of state agency leaders and citizens from around the state. All members have an equal vote.

In carrying out its role, the EQB joins with individual Minnesotans, communities, and public and private organizations in working towards our shared environmental goal: **healthy and sustainable environmental quality that supports public health, economic vitality, societal quality of life, and sustained natural resources**. The EQB's unique contribution to this goal is the ability to bring multiple state agencies and the public together to advance interdisciplinary discussions.

**The EQB's mission** is to enhance Minnesota's environmental quality for current and future generations by leading interagency work to advance meaningful public engagement and facilitate informed decision-making on critical environmental issues.



# EQB's 5-year strategic plan

**Purpose:** To provide a broad framework to guide the board's action and decision-making for the next 5 years. The plan identifies 6 priority results and possible strategies to achieve them, but is flexible enough to accommodate emerging issues and shifting priorities.

## Where we're headed

1. The EQB fosters **innovative policy development** that balances Minnesotans' environmental quality, public health, economic vitality, equity, societal quality of life, and sustained natural resources.



2. The EQB provides leadership on priority **emerging environmental issues**, by identifying emerging issues, convening conversations, and deliberating policy issues.



3. The EQB's **environmental review** process is transparent, accountable, efficient, and creates/sustains a healthy environment and strong economy for Minnesota.



4. Minnesotans are engaged in policy conversations and **diverse/underrepresented groups are actively included** and considered in policy development.



5. The EQB is a **trusted partner with state agencies** in the collaborative work of enhancing Minnesota's long-term environmental quality.



6. The EQB provides **support to local governments** on environmental review and the implementation of environmental policies and programs.

