



2.1 executive director must be a resident of the state of Minnesota, ~~a~~ and citizen of the United  
2.2 States, ~~and~~. Preferably, the executive director shall be a veteran as that term is defined  
2.3 in section 197.447, but it is not required that the person be a veteran. The executive  
2.4 director shall serve as secretary of the board.

2.5 (b) When selecting an executive director, the board shall give preference to qualified  
2.6 applicants who are veterans by initially placing only the names of qualified applicants who  
2.7 are veterans on the selection list for final consideration, and only if the list contains fewer  
2.8 than three qualified applicants who are veterans shall the names of qualified applicants  
2.9 who are not veterans be added to the list. The board shall then select the most qualified  
2.10 applicant from the list. If at any point in the selection process, the board concludes that  
2.11 no applicant is sufficiently qualified for the director position, the board may reopen the  
2.12 application process.