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Trustees Re-Open Search for New Commissioner

Assoc. Commissioner Jared Haines Named Interim CEO

The Board of Trustees who oversees Utah's System of Technical Colleges announced today a postponement of final selection for the position of Commissioner of Technical Education and named current Associate Commissioner Jared Haines as Interim Commissioner.

"The Board extends its appreciation to all of the candidates for applying and for their professionalism and commitment to technical education," said Board Chairman Jim Evans.

"Given the significance of the role of Commissioner, the Trustees feel more time is needed to fill the position and, after we engage a thorough review of our processes, will reopen our search."

Mr. Haines was appointed to fill the position of Interim Commissioner until the Board's search has concluded in April 2019. Haines replaces Michael Bouwhuis, who has served in the interim role since August following the resignation of former Commissioner Dave Woolstenhulme.

"Commissioner Bouwhuis has served the system over forty years, including his role as Interim Commissioner," said Evans. "We thank him for his dedication and look forward to working with Commissioner Haines as we attend to the important business of oversight of the technical colleges."

The Commissioner of Technical Education serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Trustees of the Utah System of Technical Colleges to, among other duties, "ensure that the policies and programs of the board are properly executed and provide state-level leadership in an activity affecting a technical college."

The System consists of eight Technical Colleges: Bridgerland, Davis, Dixie, Mountainland, Ogden-Weber, Southwest, Tooele, and Uintah Basin.

Legislative Code relating to the Commissioner of Technical Education:

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53B/Chapter2A/53B-2a-S102.html>

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