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Gov. Sisolak and Nevada GOED Board Select a Search Committee to Conduct Nationwide Search for GOED Executive Director

LAS VEGAS/CARSON CITY, Nev. – Gov. Steve Sisolak and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Board yesterday unanimously approved a 7-member search committee to identify highly-qualified applicants for the open Executive Director position.

Gov. Sisolak said the committee will undertake a nationwide search and vet candidates to establish a shortlist of applicants for the GOED Board to consider for Executive Director. The committee is expected to report back to the GOED Board at its September meeting.

"It's important to me that we find the best person to head up GOED, which is why we are conducting a nationwide search for qualified individuals," Gov. Sisolak said. "I am proud of the work that GOED has done to help small businesses continue to thrive in our state and to continue to attract new businesses to Nevada, and I look forward to the work of the search committee to identify outstanding candidates to lead GOED into the future."

The members of the GOED Search Committee:

- Jan Jones Blackhurst (Chair), Executive Vice President for Public Policy and Corporate Responsibility for Caesars Entertainment
- Dr. Dana Bennett, GOED Board member and president of the Nevada Mining Association
- Robert Goldberg, Managing Partner for GTG Capital Partners and a member of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada Board of Trustees
- Derrick Hill, Cox Communication Vice President of Cox Business and Hospitality Network and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
- Dan Klaich, GOED Board member
- Rose McKinney-James, Managing Principal of Energy Works Consulting and McKinney-James & Associates
- Otto Merida, former CEO and co-founder of the Latin Chamber of Commerce of Nevada

The committee meetings are subject to the state's open meeting laws and meetings will be noticed to the public.

Kris Sanchez, the International Director at GOED, was named Interim Executive Director, and has led the agency since April when former Director Paul Anderson stepped down.

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About the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the [Governor's Office of Economic Development](#) is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development. More information on the Governor's Office of Economic Development can be viewed at diversifynevada.com.