



Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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CARSON CITY, NV – Governor Brian Sandoval today announced he has appointed Patrick Cates as the Director of Administration, effective September 14, 2015. Cates currently serves as the Deputy Director at the Department of Wildlife.

“The Legislature changed the structure of the Department of Administration in order to provide a more efficient and responsive state government. Having worked for the State of Nevada for almost 20-years, Patrick has amassed a broad range of experience managing administrative and budget functions for several divisions and departments and I am confident he will be a strong and effective Director,” said Governor Brian Sandoval. “I look forward to working with him as a member of my Cabinet as we transition the Department into its new role.”

“The Department of Administration is the backbone of state government and I am eager to begin this new challenge,” said Patrick Cates. “It is an honor to join Governor Sandoval’s Cabinet and share his vision of building a new Nevada.”

In his capacity as Deputy Director at the Department of Wildlife, Patrick managed administrative functions including fiscal services, information technology, engineering, personnel, and operations. Cates has extensive experience working for the State of Nevada including the Departments of Cultural Affairs, Health and Human Services, Administration and Motor Vehicles. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Sandoval has also appointed Brian Mitchell as the Program Director for the reestablished Governor’s Office of Science, Innovation and Technology. Mitchell previously served as an education fellow for the Office of the Governor.

“Reestablishing the Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology is a step toward creating a Nevada where we align our education system and workforce development training to prepare today’s students for the jobs of tomorrow. Brian was heavily involved in our education portfolio throughout the past legislative session and will use this knowledge to build a bond to strengthen our collective efforts moving forward,” said Governor Brian Sandoval.

“I am honored to continue working in Governor Sandoval’s administration as he develops a strategy to build a lasting connection between Nevada’s education system and workforce development. This is an incredible opportunity with exciting challenges and possibilities and I am grateful for appointment,” said Brian Mitchell.

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Department of Administration Background:

During the 78th Legislative Session, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 469 which created a new Office of Finance in the Governor's Office. The new office will be comprised of the Budget Division and Internal Audits Division currently in the Department of Administration (DOA). Pulling fiscal services out of DOA and elevating this work to the Governor's oversight level, will enhance the capability to ensure fiscal soundness, prudence and efficiencies for all state government agencies.

The new Governor's Finance Office (GFO) will consist of:

- Budget Division
- Division of Internal Audits

The Department of Administration will consist of the remaining 10 Divisions plus the Director's Office:

- Risk Management Division
- Hearings and Appeals Division – Victims of Crime
- State Public Works Division
- Purchasing Division
- Administrative Services Division
- Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Fleet Services Division
- Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management
- Division of Human Resource Management
- Division of Enterprise IT Services

Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology Background:

Assembly Bill 485 reestablished the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the Office of the Governor. The mission of the Office is to coordinate and align efforts by K-12 and higher education, workforce development and employers to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce development so that Nevada's workforce can meet the demands of its growing economy. The Office will also coordinate broadband activities, support the Advisory Council on STEM and administer STEM workforce challenge grants.

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