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Arizona Board of Regents Announces Robert Clayton Robbins as University of Arizona Presidential Finalist

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 7, 2017) – The Arizona Board of Regents announced today that Robert Clayton Robbins, M.D. is the finalist for the position of the 22nd president of the University of Arizona.

“Dr. Robbins has an impressive track record of leadership, research accomplishments and demonstrated success in managing the largest medical complex in the world,” said ABOR Chair Greg Patterson. “In addition to the obvious benefits to UA’s two medical schools, Dr. Robbins’ championship of cross-institutional research initiatives demonstrates that he is well-positioned to guide UA from its strong existing foundation to continued success in the areas of interdisciplinary scholarship and student success.”

Robbins is currently the president and chief executive officer of Texas Medical Center. His full curriculum vitae [is available here](#).

“Dr. Robbins’ comprehensive experience as both a visionary leader and highly-respected physician, as well as his evident talent for advancing research, innovation, entrepreneurship and economic development will serve the University of Arizona and our state well,” said ABOR President Eileen Klein. “I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with Dr. Robbins to advance the University of Arizona and achieve aggressive goals for the state of Arizona. His passion for students and higher education is genuine and I truly value his sincere openness, collegiality and integrity.”

Robbins will visit the UA main campus tomorrow, March 8, to meet with various university staff and students, and will participate in a community forum commencing at 4:15 p.m. at the UA’s ENR2 Building Auditorium. The event will be [livestreaming at this link](#).

The board plans a special meeting on March 13 to finalize its selection for the next president and to begin contract negotiations.

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