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Brittney S. Kaufmann Joins ABOR as Associate Vice President of Government Affairs and Community Relations

PHOENIX - The Arizona Board of Regents announced today that Brittney S. Kaufmann is joining the board office as associate vice president of government affairs and community relations.

Kaufmann, who begins her role Jan. 29th, will assist the board in developing, implementing and coordinating ABOR and Arizona's public universities government affairs activities as well as advocating for budget, policy and legislative priorities.

In her new role, Kaufmann will act as a liaison with the executive and legislative branches of state, local and federal governments and she will track, research, analyze and draft legislation for the board and Arizona's public universities.

"With a strong background in public affairs and advocacy, I am very pleased to welcome Brittney to the board. Brittney's significant experience in strategic oversight, public affairs and advancing policy positions will advance our legislative agenda and our work for student success in Arizona," said Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents president.

Kaufmann comes to the board from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry where she was vice president of public affairs and advocacy. "Brittney's expertise, strong relationships and keen understanding of articulating value will be a tremendous asset to the board," said Glenn Hamer, the chamber's president and chief executive officer. "I look forward to working with her in this new role to strengthen and grow the one of the biggest economic treasures of our state—our public university system."

Previously, Kaufmann also worked as communications and marketing manager for DMB Associates, Inc., and she worked as a public relations associate for B.J. Communications. She was an associate for Lincoln Strategy Group where she managed ballot initiatives as well as gubernatorial, congressional and national issue campaigns. A graduate of Arizona State University, Kaufmann earned her master's degree in real estate development from the W. P. Carey School of Business and a bachelor's degree in strategic mass communication and public relations from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"As a graduate of Arizona's public universities, I know firsthand what a quality education can do for individuals in terms of earnings power, learning new skills and broadening choices in life. I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with President Klein, the regents and the individual universities to promote and advance the excellence of the system to provide high-quality education to grow Arizona's workforce and economy," Kaufmann said.

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