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Whitney Chapa Joins ABOR as Director of Strategic Initiatives

PHOENIX, Ariz. - The Arizona Board of Regents announced today that Whitney Chapa is joining the board as director of strategic initiatives.

Chapa will assist ABOR in the oversight and governance of the Arizona public university enterprise as well as the analysis and reporting of issues in higher education.

In her new role, Chapa will provide support in academic and data analysis, reporting and policy development. She will be integral in monitoring national education and policy trends and will support the board's strategic goals to seek greater alignment of educational outcomes between K-12, community colleges and the universities.

"Whitney's significant experience in education policy, finance and governance make her a valuable asset to the board," said Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents president. "I look forward to the instrumental role she will play in advancing student success in Arizona."

Most recently, Chapa served as the vice president of education policy and budget for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining the chamber, she was executive director of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

"I am honored to have the privilege of joining the board staff and to support the board's strategic goals," Chapa said. "The universities play such a pivotal role in student success and opportunity, as well as advancing the state's economy, so it is tremendously exciting for me to be a part of this important work."

Whitney also served as state policy director of K-12 Funding for the Foundation for Excellence in Education, working hands on to design and promote education reform policies across the country. She also spent three years as the K-12 budget analyst in the Arizona Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting.

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