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CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Idaho Public Charter School Commission today appointed Korey Mereness as the Commission's new executive director. Mereness was unanimously approved during the Commission's meeting in Boise.

"We are extremely happy to have Korey on board as our new executive director," Charter School Commission Chairman Alan Reed said. "His depth of knowledge about Idaho's students, career technical education, and teacher preparation will be extremely valuable. The Commission is ready to get to work with our new executive director for Idaho charter school students."

Mr. Mereness previously worked at the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education (CTE) where he served in various roles over four and a half years, ending as the Chief Educator Officer overseeing credentialing and professional development of CTE educators across the state. Prior to that, he worked at Idaho State University as the director of adult education.

"I am excited about this appointment and look forward to working with lawmakers, charter schools, and the massive community of charter school supporters in Idaho," Mereness said. "My number one goal is to bring my experience in the K-12 world to the Commission and ensure that we are advocates and supporters for charter

schools across the state. Charter schools are an essential choice in the Idaho education landscape, and we must do all we can to support them.”

Korey Mereness is a 3rd generation Idahoan from Nampa and holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Boise State University and a master’s in education administration from the University of Idaho. He is certified both as a teacher and school principal in Idaho.

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