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Governor Brian Sandoval today announced he has appointed Patrick Cates as the Director of Administration, effective September 7, 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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