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ABOR Policy on Hiring and Contract Approval of Athletic Directors at Arizona's Public Universities

The recent announcement that University of Arizona Athletic Director Greg Byrne has accepted a position at another university has prompted questions from media and members of the community about the hiring and contract approval process for athletic directors at Arizona's public universities. Arizona Board of Regents policy requires board approval of multiple-year contracts for athletic directors and head coaches at Arizona's public universities. The board does not approve appointments of one year or less for interim ADs or head coaches. The president of a university makes the choice for the AD or head coach and negotiates the contract, subject to board approval if it is a multiple-year contract. University of Arizona President Ann Weaver Hart has named Senior Associate Director Erika Hanson Barnes as interim director and vice president of intercollegiate athletics and has initiated a national search for Byrne's replacement.

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