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Regents Elect New Slate of Officers

BROOKINGS, S.D. – After the resignation earlier this month of their presiding officer, members of the South Dakota Board of Regents reorganized Wednesday to elect new officers.

Regents chose Kevin Schieffer of Sioux Falls to assume the presidency, which was vacated when Bob Sutton resigned June 4 after Sutton was named president and CEO of Avera Health.

Schieffer, a member of the Board of Regents since 2013, had been serving as the board's vice president. Regents also elected John Bastian of Belle Fourche as vice president and Jim Morgan of Brookings as the board's secretary.

Schieffer holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota and is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Law, where he also served as an adjunct law professor. He is a business consultant and retired in 2008 after 12 years as chief executive officer of Cedar American Rail Holdings Inc., the largest regional railroad system in the U.S. He formerly served as United States attorney for South Dakota and as a chief of staff to former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.).