

Baker-Polito Administration Welcomes Travis McCready as Life Sciences CEO

Travis brings extensive experience with the innovation economy to the Massachusetts Life Sciences sector

Boston – Thursday, September 17, 2015 – Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash are pleased to welcome Travis to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center as its second president and chief executive officer.

“I congratulate Travis McCready on his appointment today as the next CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center,” said Governor Baker. “The Baker-Polito Administration is firmly committed to deepening the Commonwealth’s nationally leading position in life sciences research, and to broadening the industry’s geographic footprint, and the Life Sciences Center as the Commonwealth’s primary vehicle for advancing these goals.”

“Travis’s experience as the executive director of the Kendall Square Association, where he worked to deepen and broaden the reach of the most innovative square mile in the world, is the kind of expertise we need for our life sciences ecosystem,” said Lt. Governor Polito. “I anticipate productive cooperation between the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, academic institutions, the startup community, and established life science firms.”

“Travis is uniquely qualified to lead the Life Sciences Center forward - he is a highly accomplished individual who has run innovation economy and economic development efforts in both Kendall and Dudley Square,” said Secretary Ash. “He has compelling experience in the public, private, institutional and nonprofit sectors. Just as importantly, he knows the key players value of our life sciences industry, and he values the industry’s role in feeding the Commonwealth’s larger innovation ecosystem, and in growing our state’s economy. I look forward to working with him.”

Travis McCready has served as Vice President for Programs at the Boston Foundation since 2013, and served as Executive Director of the Kendall Square Association from 2010-2013. Travis also spent several years at the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, serving as both CFO and COO. He has also worked as director of community affairs at Harvard University, and as a private attorney. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University Of Iowa College Of Law. He lives in Lexington with his wife and two teenage daughters.

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