

CHRO Nickole Conley  
UA Human Resources  
Butrovich Bldg., Ste. 212, 2025 Yukon Drive  
P.O. Box 755140, Fairbanks, AK 99775  
Phone: (907) 450-8200; fax (907) 450-8201  
Email: ua-hr@alaska.edu  
www.alaska.edu/bor



April 10, 2026

Dear UA Community,

The University of Alaska President Search Committee has reached an important milestone in the search process. The national search yielded a robust applicant pool of 50 candidates, demonstrating strong interest in leading the UA system.

After a comprehensive review of applications, the Advisory Search Committee provided recommendations on the applicant pool to WittKiefer and the field was narrowed to six strong candidates. WittKieffer then worked with those candidates and the committee to conduct Zoom interviews. Based on those interviews, the committee recommended candidates that UA should consider moving forward to the final stage of the representational process.

During this phase, candidates will meet with leadership teams and constituent groups from across the UA system, including staff, faculty, and student representatives from UAS, UAF, and UAA and the system office. To protect the integrity of the process, all participants meeting with candidates have signed a nondisclosure agreement (NDA). A list of participating [constituent members](#) is available on the [Presidential Search website](#).

Following these meetings, feedback from each constituent group will be provided to the Board of Regents, who will use this input to help inform their final selection of the next UA President.

Additional updates will be shared as the search continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'NConley'.

Nickole Conley  
CHRO  
University of Alaska