



Greater Washington Board of Trade CEO Jim Dinegar to Step Down this Fall

May 8, 2017 WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Greater Washington Board of Trade’s chief executive Jim Dinegar shared with his Executive Committee that he will be stepping down from his position as President and CEO later this year. Two months ago, Jim’s young children lost their mother to breast cancer. In assessing the immediate and longer-term responsibilities at home and work, Jim met with the Board Chairman over the past several weeks, and together they briefed the organization’s Executive Committee this morning. Over the coming weeks and months, in consultation with the Executive Committee, Jim will initiate a phased approach that will provide more time for his children and ensure a seamless transition to a new executive later this year.

“Jim has served our organization for over a decade as a respected, passionate advocate for the business community, restoring the Board of Trade to a strengthened position of relevance and effectiveness,” said Greater Washington Board of Trade Chairman Terry McCallister. “He has tirelessly invested in making our region better in countless ways, large and small, and he has always represented us well. We understand and fully support his need to press pause on a successful career to focus on his family at this critical time, and we appreciate his always looking out for the best interests of the organization as well.”

Jim will remain President and CEO into this fall as the Board of Trade undertakes the search for his replacement. After hiring a search firm, the Board will cast a wide net, seeking candidates whose credentials and philosophies will continue creating opportunities for businesses and residents of Greater Washington.

“I can’t adequately express my appreciation to the Board and to my colleagues on staff for their understanding, flexibility, and genuine care. This has been a difficult decision, but it is the right one. I especially appreciate Terry’s willingness to work with me as we discussed the challenges and responsibilities. Being with the Board of Trade has been the opportunity of a lifetime and I have been very fortunate to serve as its executive,” Dinegar said. “The scope of issues, pace of change and the ability to work with such talented staff and members have combined to make this job more enjoyable and rewarding than I could have imagined. However, my most important responsibility is to my children. So I will devote more of my time and attention to them until such time that they, and I, are ready for me to return to the workforce full-time.”

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