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## **GOVERNOR APPOINTS ROBERT GARDNER TO COMMISSION ON CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION**

**HENDERSON, Nev.** – Governor Brian Sandoval announced the appointment of Robert Gardner to the Commission on Construction Education. His appointment will run from July 1, 2016 thru Jun. 30, 2019. Gardner will be sworn and participate in his first Commission meeting on December 1.

The commissioners are responsible for distributing and overseeing grant funds to approved organizations, including K-12 educational programs/institutions, with the goal of teaching students and young professionals construction skills and career opportunities in the construction industry. Grant recipients may include community colleges, technical high schools and construction career seminar providers, among others who apply.

Gardner replaces Tom Pellett, whose term expired on June 30. Sandoval reappointed the other board members: Chair Shawn Danoski, Ed Horan, Dale Lowery, David McElwain and Brian Plaster. Kent Lay was also selected by the Contractors Board in 2016 to serve on the Commission.

“The Nevada State Contractors Board is pleased to welcome Mr. Gardner to the Commission on Construction Education,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “We look forward to the contributions of Mr. Gardner as he aids the Commission in furthering the education and development of Nevada’s construction workforce.”

Gardner has been involved in the construction industry since 1977. Upon graduation from college in 1986, he worked as a project manager for Harper Mechanical in Orlando, Florida, completing an in-depth training program, which covered all areas of mechanical contracting. In 1989, he accepted a project manager’s position with Gardner Engineering, Inc. and immediately took charge of the Ely Maximum Security Prison Project; a remote project, valued at more than \$8 million, spanning four years of construction. Gardner has since progressed to overall construction manager in charge of all field personnel, field operations and the estimating department, while continuing to manage large construction projects.

The Commission on Construction Education is funded through voluntary contributions and fines the State Contractors Board levies in disciplinary actions against licensed contractors. The 2001 session of the Nevada State Legislature established the commission to encourage programs that meet the mission of improving quality and integrity in the construction industry to attract and retain an educated and skilled work force.

Grant applications are available on the Board’s website at: [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov).

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