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chief executive officer.

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On Monday, the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber announced its next president and chief executive officer.

The new top executive of the 5,000-member chamber will be Brian Carley, formerly of Cincinnati and a partner with the accounting firm Deloitte. He currently leads Deloitte's audit practice in Northeast Ohio. He starts in his new role at the chamber next March.

Carley will succeed Ellen van der Horst, who previously announced plans not to renew her contract once it was up. Carley will serve an eight-year tenure as president and CEO of the chamber come March, according to the organization.

"Having the chance to return to Greater Cincinnati and help guide the region through the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead was too good to pass up," Carley said in a statement.

In the past, Carley has served on the boards of Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati Museum Center, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Thomas More College, The College of Mt. St. Joseph, and the advisory council to Miami University's Farmer School of Business, according to the Cincinnati chamber. From 1999 to 2005, Carley was treasurer for the chamber board's executive committee.

Along with the chamber's announcement, several priorities of Carley's were outlined:

• Encouraging continued collaboration between community partners and investors in the Cincinnati USA Partnership, the chamber's economic development arm, so

the region accelerates its ability to add, retain and grow jobs;

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"Brian's business acumen speaks for itself, but when we combined that experience with his ability to forge alliances and his passion for this region, he was the ideal candidate," said Gravely, also president and CEO of TriVersity Construction, in a statement.

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