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St. Luke's begins search for new Wood River CEO

A selection committee has been assembled to hire a new chief executive officer for St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

After spending several months as the Hailey hospital interim CEO, John Kee will step down once a new CEO is hired. Kee will continue to work for St. Luke's in Boise.

The 10-person search committee includes physicians and the medical center's board members. The committee submitted a draft of the CEO's job description for approval by the hospital's board of directors. The board will then begin interviewing candidates.

"We are committed to a top-notch CEO search process as was the case with the highly successful Magic Valley CEO search," Bill Boeger, head of the search committee, said in a written statement. "We are confident in our ability to recruit a CEO that will continue to deliver superior outcomes, a focus on community needs, and a strong commitment to patient-centered, quality care."

Due to the national search for candidates, a new CEO would most likely be selected by the end of the year.

"It's a very structured process," said Jenny Haynes, St. Luke's Wood River spokeswoman. "We are identifying what we need, and hopefully we'll be interviewing in the next several weeks."

Haynes said the new CEO would have to connect with the community as well as its needs.

"A candidate would have to support clinical care," she said. "As well as connect with the physicians in the changing world of health care that also aligns with the St. Luke's Magic Valley system."