

Frequently Asked Questions

Jim Dantona, SLO Chamber CEO, has announced that he will be leaving his role at the Chamber. The SLO Chamber has put together a Search Committee that will be leading the transition and search for the next SLO Chamber CEO.

When is Jim leaving?

Jim will continue his role as President/CEO through the end of the year before stepping down. He will be stepping down voluntarily on December 31, 2025, a date that was mutually agreed upon by him and the Board of Directors.

Why is Jim leaving?

Jim is running as a candidate for the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

When will the President/CEO role open?

While we don't yet have a date to announce, the role will be opening soon and we will share more in the coming weeks.

What is the search timeline for the role of President/CEO?

The Board of Directors has put together a Search Committee. The Search Committee is working through plans for opening the role of President/CEO, and more information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Who is on the Search Committee?

The Search Committee is being led by Chair Hillary Trout, CFO at iFixit and previous SLO Chamber Board Member of four years and Board Chair in 2020. June McIvor, SLO Chamber Board President, is also on the committee and will liaison between the Chamber Board and Search Committee. The Search Committee will lead opening the job application and finding the right slate of candidates to interview for the role.

How is the Chamber ensuring there won't be any conflicts of interest?

While Jim will remain President/CEO through the end of the year, there are some duties he will no longer be responsible for and requirements put in place to ensure there won't be any conflicts of interest.

- Jim will no longer lead or speak at key Chamber events, including Good Morning SLO.
- Jim will no longer fundraise on behalf of the SLO Chamber.
- Jim will not represent the Chamber at any hearings before City Council, County Board of Supervisors and other governmental agencies.
- Jim won't use his public facing Chamber role to speak as, or identify himself as, a candidate.
- Jim won't use the resources of the Chamber including contact lists, Chamber property or assets in furtherance of his campaign.
- Jim will confine his campaign activities to his personal time (breaks, lunch, vacation, off-work hours, etc.).

Will the Chamber endorse Jim as a candidate?

No. While the SLO Chamber endorses or opposes ballot measures, the SLO Chamber does not endorse candidates.