College of Eastern Idaho President Rick Aman has been named to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter made the appointment. Aman is one of three Idaho representatives on the commission, occupying the seat that was formerly held by J. Anthony Fernandez, president of Lewis-Clark College. It is a four-year term.

“(The Commission) blends diverse resources and influences together to help develop a highly skilled population across the West,” Aman said in a statement. “Together, we are building better educational opportunities to strengthen families, communities, economies, and culture.”

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education covers 16 states and territories and has a 48-member commission consisting of many college and university presidents, higher education state officials and other legislative and higher education leaders. It works on improving higher education affordability, access and resource sharing, according to a news release announcing Aman’s appointment.

The Commission’s programs include the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a regional tuition reciprocity agreement; the Knocking at the College Door college demographic projection report; the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies; and a mental health program that provides behavioral health technical assistance and workforce development for Western communities and institutions.