HELENA – The Montana Board of Pardons and Parole has named Timothy Allred as the board’s new executive director. The former director, Fern Osler-Johnson, retired in November.

Board member Pete Lawrenson said that the board conducted a thorough search for a new executive director and was pleased that Allred has accepted the position.

Allred has served an analyst with the board for the past three years. He was stationed in Great Falls and was the primary analyst for the Crossroads Correctional Facility in Shelby, the Great Falls Regional Prison and the Great Falls Pre-release Center. In that capacity, Allred analyzed inmate files and made recommendations to the board based on offenders’ criminal history, their conduct in prison, the treatment they complete and the impact of their crime on the community. He worked with offenders and their families on the release process, and helped victims address their concerns. He has been involved in the offender reentry process and sat on reentry committees including the Governor’s reentry task force.

“All working with the Board of Pardons and Parole has given me the opportunity to increase my knowledge of Montana’s justice system, and to build relationships with other departments within that system,” Allred said. “As the new executive director, I am looking forward to serving the people of Montana and helping create safer communities for all of us to live in.”

Prior to working for the board, Allred was a probation and parole officer for the Department of Corrections. He also worked as a counsellor at the Great Falls Pre-release Center.

Allred received his bachelor’s degree in sociology from Brigham Young University Idaho in 2006 and moved to Great Falls shortly after to begin his career in corrections.