University of Colorado Boulder Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Kelly Fox has named David Kang as vice chancellor for infrastructure and safety, effective May 16.

Kang replaces Larry Levine, who filled the position on an interim basis after Steve Thweatt retired in mid-October.

Kang most recently served as the director of Project Management in The White House Military Office, where he led 50 military, civilian and contractor personnel in the management and oversight of a classified presidential facilities and construction program, as well as overseeing general architect and engineering services.

“We are thrilled that David has chosen to apply his vast expertise in large-scale infrastructure development and planning at CU-Boulder,” Fox said. “David has a superb programmatic mind for long-term strategic thinking, policy development and effective communication. He will be a true asset to our campus community and our leadership team.”

The vice chancellor for infrastructure and safety, formerly known as vice chancellor for administration, oversees an annual operating budget of $112 million. Areas of responsibility include the physical and public safety of the campus, long-range capital planning, real estate development, architecture, design and construction, the operation and maintenance of all campus facilities, emergency management, workplace accident prevention and the creation of a safe working environment for campus employees, environmental health and safety, environmental sustainability and campus logistics.

“My family and I are truly honored and excited to be joining the world-class team of students, faculty and staff at CU-Boulder and the Boulder community at large,” Kang said.

Beyond creating a safe and secure environment at CU-Boulder, Kang also will take on several projects that are key to the strategic vision of the campus including: creating a clear and comprehensive framework and methodology for capital project planning within the Campus Physical Master Plan and capital development plans; developing strategies and tactics to improve campus sustainability; and progressively managing the use of renewable and non-renewable resources.

In his position at the White House, Kang created a new public works and facilities management organization while simultaneously leading the planning, design, acquisition and construction of several multi-million dollar classified facility programs and projects. He is credited with developing a strategic and sustainable facilities vision while streamlining project execution timelines, developing innovative solutions to complex facilities issues and enhancing customer service. Kang also spearheaded a collaborative, inter-agency effort to enhance energy resiliency for the White House.

Prior to his White House position, Kang was the director of Shore Energy for the Department of the Navy where he championed a culture of sustainability and led department-wide efforts to increase energy efficiency, increase use of renewable energy and integrate smart energy technologies on Naval installations throughout the world. Additionally, he has held a wide range
of high-level positions within the Navy including several positions leading various public works and facilities organizations around the world.

He earned a master’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor’s in structural engineering from the University of California, San Diego.