

Search On for New Top Rocketeer

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Campbell says that message was prominent during the Alaska Space Summit two weeks ago in Anchorage:

-- (Nash 2 32 sec "It was a good theme and ... by me, but it's a possibility.")

Campbell said Alaska Aerospace board chairman Pat Gamble is planning on a special meeting to discuss finding a replacement for Nash, but hasn't yet set a date:

-- (Nash 3 19 sec "Probably in the near future ... still could do very good.")

The board

could make an appointment directly or conduct an executive search. In that case, an interim chief could be named. Campbell said if the board was interested in talking to him about assuming the CEO job, he'd be happy to give them his ideas of how he'd run the corporation.

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