Renu Khator, University of South Florida's provost and senior vice president, is the only finalist for the University of Houston System's chancellor and university president.

UH officials released a statement today naming Khator after a vote by the UH System board of regents.

The selection has to be confirmed in a final board vote, which is required by Texas law.

Khator, a native of India, has been USF provost since 2003 and was dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences prior to that. She also has been a professor and director of USF's Environmental Science and Policy Department.

As provost, she has been USF's second highest-ranking administrator.

When confirmed, Khator is expected to begin her new job in January.

The UH System encompasses four universities and two multi-institution teaching centers.