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### **Arkansas Arts Academy Board of Directors announces new leadership**

*On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, an online election was held to fill two up-coming vacancies on the Board of Directors.*

**ROGERS, AR** – The Board of Directors today announced two new board members who will each help support the public charter school’s work to improve students’ access to quality academic and artistic education. Arkansas Arts Academy has two campuses for K-6 and 7-12 students totaling nearly 1,200.

“We’re excited to bring new energy, diversity, expertise and insight to our work, said **Board President, Tony Beardsley** of Fayetteville. We have worked diligently to ensure that the board of directors represents a variety of constituencies and the newest board members are no exception.”

Eligible parents of currently enrolled students at both schools elected **Maurissa Roberts** and **Adrienne Williams-McGinnis** for new three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021. Stepping down are two long time board members, Howard Alsdorf and Tony Beardsley who have together contributed over 24 years of service to the success of the institution. New officers will be elected in the July 2021 board meeting.

“I am personally delighted to welcome such a strong group of new board members, and I look forward to fulfilling their dreams and aspirations for the Arkansas Arts Academy in the coming years,” commented **Richard Burrows, Arkansas Arts Academy CEO**.

The two new board members are:

- **Maurissa Roberts**, is a current teacher at Arkansas Arts Academy until 6/2021. Her youngest children attended the school and wishes to contribute innovative ideas, foster relationships and work strategically.
- **Adrienne Williams-McGinnis**, is a school finance and accounting professional with 4 children at both the elementary and secondary schools. She brings charter school finance and reporting, former teaching and administrator skills to her new task.

Continuing in service to the board of directors is **Cara Riley, Nate Fries, Adrienne Jackson, Leslee Post and Jeff Hunnicutt**.

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*The Arkansas Arts Academy is a public school that operates under a “charter,” which frees it from many regulations created for traditional public schools while holding it accountable for academic and financial results. AAA contracts with the Arkansas State of Board of Education. [www.artsk12.org](http://www.artsk12.org)*