

WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

Board Appointments Schedule

As of May 1, 2026

For Reappointment in May 2027

John Potter, Hudson

Vacant

LaShawndra Vernon, Milwaukee

To replace **Mari Lindsay Schneider**

For Reappointment in May 2028

Marcela “Xela” Garcia, Milwaukee

Karen Ann Hoffman, Stevens Point

Susan Lipp, Madison

Tyler Marchant, Stevens Point

Dinorah Márquez Abadiano, Milwaukee

Lynn Richie, Land O Lakes

Jennifer Schwarzkopf, Oregon

Matt Wallock, Madison

For Reappointment in May 2029

Jayne Herring, Kenosha

John W. Johnson, Madison

Brian Kelsey, Fish Creek

William Mitchell, Lancaster

Board Composition and Responsibilities

A fifteen-member board appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms. There are no limits as to how many terms a board member may serve. Any member of the public may nominate someone for appointment to the board. Board members are Wisconsin citizens recognized for their accomplishments in the arts, humanities, business, education or public service. The board includes members from urban and rural areas across the state and from diverse racial, economic and cultural backgrounds. The Board elects its leadership (executive committee) at the Arts Board’s annual meeting each May.

Board Responsibilities

The Board hires its executive director and the executive director hires the rest of the staff. Board members set policy for the agency and consider funding recommendations made by peer review panels. The members meet a minimum of four times per year (in Madison, Milwaukee, at the site of the WI Governor’s Conference on Tourism, and in one other

community) and all meetings are open to the public. Standing committees include the Executive, Budget/Finance, External Relations, Nominating, Personnel and Strategic Planning. We are currently re-energizing our Access Committee, focused on people with disabilities. Ad hoc committees are convened, as needed. Board members also act as non-voting chairs of the peer review grant panels.

2025 - 2026 Arts Board Executive Committee

Brian Kelsey, Chairperson

Lynn Richie, Vice Chairperson

Jayne Herring, Secretary

John Potter, Budget Committee Chairperson and Member at Large

Karen Ann Hoffman, Member at Large