

# Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School

## Board of Trustees



### Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

### Core Values

Work hard. Get smart.  
Graduate from college.

High expectations  
equal results.

Nothing less than  
excellence.

Today is the day we  
make it happen.

**Ms. Keri Urquhart** serves as the Department Head of the Rehabilitation Department at Woodland Hills Nursing and Rehab. Ms. Urquhart started her occupational therapy career at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences working with critical care patients. She was born and raised in Jacksonville. Ms. Urquhart has been an active member of the Jacksonville Junior Auxiliary and is now a Lifetime Member. Ms. Urquhart holds a B.S. in Occupational Therapy from University of Central Arkansas. Ms. Urquhart serves as Board Chair.

**Deacon Curtis Green** is a Deacon as well as the Church Clerk for the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Jacksonville. He also serves as the Chairman of the Deacon Board. Deacon Green spent 26 years in the Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant. He spent 26 years as Lead Custodian in the Pulaski County Special School District. He also spent 10 years as a Commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Department in Jacksonville.

**Mr. Kevin McCleary** is an Alderman in Jacksonville, Ward 1. He holds a City Council seat as well as seats on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club and Senior Citizens. He has also served on the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission. Mr. McCleary has been an active member of the Jacksonville community for more than 25 years.

**Dr. Phillis Nichols Anderson** has more than 20 years of experience in public education. She is the Vice President of the Southern Region for Lighthouse Academies, Inc.. She recently coordinated the final construction and opened the Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School in Jacksonville, AR and led the successful application of Pine Bluff Lighthouse Charter School and JLCS-Flightline Upper Academy. As an educator, her career has spanned from a teacher in a tiny rural school district to a teacher and administrator in the Little Rock School District, District of Columbia Public Schools and Prince George's County Public Schools. Dr. Nichols-Anderson is a product of the University of Arkansas system, earning her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees from those institutions. She participated in Harvard University's Charter Schools Institute.

**Mr. Michael Ronan** is the founder and President and CEO of Lighthouse Academies, Inc. Mr. Ronan has provided management and consulting services to charter schools and school districts nationwide since 1997. Mr. Ronan began his career as a middle school history teacher and later served as a Director of Curriculum and Instruction and School Superintendent. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and holds advanced degrees in school administration.

**Ms. Val Yagos** is Co-Owner of JB's Auto Salvage. JB's has been family owned and operated in Jacksonville for over 27 years. Val and her Husband have 5 children and 7 grandchildren, most still in Jacksonville. Val has a Bachelor of Science, Computer Science from University of Central Arkansas. She used her degree briefly at Dillard's Store Services before returning to her family business. Val holds a seat on the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a seat on the Board for the North Pulaski Community Complex. She serves as the Board's secretary.



**Mrs. Angie Curran** is the Business Manager at Pioneer Financial Group in Maumelle. She holds a B.S. in Business Management from Troy State University. Ms. Curran grew up in a military family and moved to Jacksonville 11 years ago with her husband, who is still active duty Air Force. She has two children that attend Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School. Ms. Curran serves as a Board Parent Representative and serves as the board's treasurer.