

# Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Ms. Tara Smith** is a local volunteer in the Jacksonville Community, she was born and raised in Jacksonville, and is the owner of Little Rock Photo Booth, LLC. Ms. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology from Arkansas State University. She is currently a member of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Jacksonville Sertoma Club. She serves as Treasurer on the Jacksonville Wet/Dry Campaign Committee, currently serving on the Jacksonville FestiVille Committee, and she is an Arkansas Notary. Ms. Smith and her husband Dr. Mark A. Smith are members of McArthur Church in Jacksonville. She serves as Secretary on the board.

**Ms. Angie Curran** is the Office Manager at Woodland Hills Healthcare & Rehab of Jacksonville. She holds a B.S. in Business Management from Troy State University. Ms. Curran grew up in a military family and moved to Jacksonville 14 years ago with her husband who is now Retired Air Force. She has two children that attend Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School. Ms. Curran serves as Treasurer.

**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.

**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 a LHA Senior Vice President and serves as the State Superintendent for Lighthouse schools in Arkansas. She has opened four Lighthouse schools in Arkansas and coordinated the successful charter renewal of three Lighthouse schools in New York and Arkansas. She wrote the successful charter application for Capitol City Lighthouse which is scheduled to open in as the first charter school in the North Little Rock School District in August of 2015. Under her leadership, Lighthouse schools in Arkansas have received numerous awards as Achieving Schools Status at Flightline Upper Academy and College Preparatory Academy and Jacksonville Lighthouse Middle School received a “*Beating the Odds*” award from the Office of Education Policy. The schools have made significant gains in closing the achievement gap in literacy and math. Dr. Nichols-Anderson is a product of the University of Arkansas system. She also participated in Harvard University’s Charter Schools Institute.