



St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts Board of Directors Interest Form

St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts (St. Louis Voices Academy, St. Louis Voices) is a public charter school launching in North St. Louis to educate students, kindergarten through 5th grade, who reside within the boundaries of St. Louis City. St. Louis Voices Academy's first academic semester is planned for Fall of 2022, with a projected enrollment of 121 students in kindergarten and 1st grade. Each subsequent year, St. Louis Voices Academy will add a grade until reaching full enrollment of 505 students in grades K-5 by fall of 2026. ***Our mission is to leverage media arts and storytelling to equip students with the agency to excel academically, author their own futures, and make meaningful contributions in their communities.***

St. Louis Voices Academy's Board comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sector who are dedicated to providing a quality educational option for families in St. Louis and who show an unwavering commitment to our mission, educational program, and families. Board members serve a term of two years, with an opportunity to serve additional terms. A -8hour per month time commitment is expected, 2 of which are reserved for monthly board meetings. Additionally, Board members are asked to be ambassadors of St. Louis Voices Academy and contribute financially to programs and activities that support our mission, families, and the community.

Board Member Expectations

Serving on the St. Louis Voices Academy Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about educational equity, strengthening leadership and governance in the public education sector. Board members are expected to:

- help the board fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities.
- attend at least 9 board meetings per year. They are expected to read board materials in advance of board meetings and to come prepared to ask questions and participate in discussions. Our Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- serve on one or more committees of the board and actively participate in committee work.
- play an active role in securing the financial resources necessary for St. Louis Voices Academy to achieve its mission. Board members are expected to leverage personal relationships and connections to help the development committee and staff identify and solicit potential funders, as well as directly invest in St. Louis Voices Academy's work by making a personal contribution each year.
- responsibly represent St. Louis Voices Academy to their respective communities and to advocate for St. Louis Voices Academy's mission, programs, and services as appropriate.

If this sounds like the right opportunity for you, complete the Board Candidate Application or contact Dr. Hollie Russell-West, Executive Director at hrussellwest@stlouisvoicesacademy.org or Deborah Catchings-Smith, Board President at dcatchings-smith.board@stlouisvoicesacademy.org.