



## **Pike School of Art – Mississippi (PSA) is accepting applications for new Board of Director positions.**

### **Dear Board Applicant:**

Pike School of Art – Mississippi is expanding its Board of Directors, and we are looking for individuals from diverse backgrounds to become part of our leadership. Please review the information below about our organization and the application process, and then apply as soon as possible to be considered.

### **About Pike School of Art (PSA):**

Pike School of Art – Mississippi is a young 501(c)3 nonprofit contemporary art center located in McComb in rural Southwest Mississippi. The mission of Pike School of Art – Mississippi is to enrich and empower a thriving community built by artists and allies in Southwest Mississippi. As Southwest Mississippi's only contemporary art center, PSA-MS offers free community programming and exhibitions; artist residencies; workshops and talks; and space for art-making and discursive research. We encourage artwork and curatorial or writing projects that create articulations about the Deep South, including Mississippi and Louisiana's history of the colonization of indigenous people. Projects about the ongoing African American struggle to achieve full participation in American society are especially welcome. Our work in arts and culture is values-based, and our mission is to enrich and empower a thriving community built by artists and allies in Southwest Mississippi.

In 2018, PSA entered into a long-term lease agreement with the City of McComb to house the Pike School of Art in the former Pike County Youth Detention Center and in 2020 during the COVID pandemic, PSA established its current mission and defined certain values that are used to guide the organization, including strongly valuing collaboration, understanding, respect, inclusivity, equity, and unconventional spaces. The Mississippi Arts Commission awarded PSA a \$260,000 building fund grant in 2023 to support the renovation of the Youth Detention Center, we have hired an executive director, and are now in the process of expanding our Board of Directors.

### **Why Apply for a PSA Board Position:**

If you are interested in making a difference for your community by working to build and support the McComb Arts & Entertainment District; repurposing the Youth Detention Center as a community art center; and bringing kids, teens, and adults together to create art, support art exhibits, and learn from artists in residence, then we encourage you to apply for one of PSA's new Board of Director positions.

### **PSA Application Process:**

PSA has a formal application to apply for new board positions, and individuals interested in applying must fill out and return the application to Calvin Phelps, PSA's Executive Director. Applications will be reviewed by the current five (5) board members, and finalists will be interviewed before new board members are selected. For more information and/or to ask questions, please contact Calvin Phelps by phone at 601-600-7599 or by email at [cphelps@psa-ms.org](mailto:cphelps@psa-ms.org).



# Application for Appointment to the PSA Board

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Return completed application to the email or mailing address listed on the last page of this document.*

## Applicant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant Qualifications:

Describe your education, experience, and skills that will add value to the Board and organization:

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On what other Boards have you served? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what charitable or community activities have you participated? \_\_\_\_\_

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What, if any, conflicts might prevent you from attending regular Board meetings (approximately monthly)?

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How many hours per month, in addition to meetings, could you serve the organization?

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Would you attend a training session for new Board members? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you make an annual financial commitment to support the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your interest in Pike School of Art?

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Please write a brief statement of your understanding of PSA's mission.

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Please tell us anything else about yourself and your experience that you think we should know:

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**References:** *Please provide three references we can contact about your application.*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

As a Board, we strive and value diversity and each member’s expertise. We are therefore asking for information related to ethnic background, gender, age, disabilities, personal style, experience, skills, and community affiliations. This background information will help ensure that our board is reflective of our community. \* ***This information is confidential, and providing the information is optional but would be greatly appreciated.***

<p><b>Ethnic Background</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> African American  <input type="checkbox"/> Asian / Pacific Islander  <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian  <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Latin  <input type="checkbox"/> Native American  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
<p><b>Gender</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Female   <input type="checkbox"/> Male   <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary / Other</p>
<p><b>Age</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than 21   <input type="checkbox"/> 21 – 34   <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 50  <input type="checkbox"/> 51 – 65   <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65</p>
<p><b>Disabilities</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty walking/climbing stairs  <input type="checkbox"/> Vision difficulty                      <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing difficulty  <input type="checkbox"/> Use a wheelchair                      <input type="checkbox"/> No disability  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
<p><b>Pick the statement that is most important for you.</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I want to get it done.  <input type="checkbox"/> I want to make sure we get it right.  <input type="checkbox"/> I want to be heard and appreciated.  <input type="checkbox"/> I want people to get along.</p>
<p><b>Personal Style</b>  <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attentive to Detail  <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Worker Bee  <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Thinker  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong Communicator  <input type="checkbox"/> Team Player  <input type="checkbox"/> Visionary  <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Thinker / “Devil’s Advocate”</p>
<p><b>Expertise &amp; Skills</b>  <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Administration / Operations  <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy / Legislative Relations  <input type="checkbox"/> Board Experience  <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting / Financial Management  <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation / Assessment</p>

<p><b>Expertise &amp; Skills – continued</b> (Check all that apply)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facility Management / Construction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising: Corporate / Individual</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising: Grant writing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Legal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marketing / Media / Public Relations / Social Media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Development with Key Groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personnel / Human Resources</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Project Management</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Program – Training / Consulting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Management</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Affiliation</b> (Check all that apply)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate / Business</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education / Public or Private</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based / Church Leadership</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Foundation / Philanthropic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Government (elected or appointed)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military / Veteran</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Community</li> </ul>

**Instructions for Returning Completed Application**

Please mail a hard copy and/or email your completed application to:

Calvin Phelps  
 Executive Director  
 Pike School of Art – Mississippi  
 P. O. Box 446  
 Summit, MS 39666  
 PH: 601-600-7599  
[cphelps@psa-ms.org](mailto:cphelps@psa-ms.org)

If by email, please put **Board Application** in the subject line.