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## **APH Announces Changes to its Board of Trustees**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (February 14, 2023) – American Printing House for the Blind (APH) announced the resignation of long serving Board trustee, Dr. Julie Lee, and the appointment of Matt Gallagher to the Board of Trustees.

“It has been an honor to work with APH and the Board over the past 22 years. APH is an incredible organization with an important mission. I want to thank my fellow directors and wish APH nothing but continued success,” said Dr. Lee.

Dr. Lee has served on APH’s Board since 2001. She is an Ophthalmology Specialist in Louisville and has over 40 years of experience in the medical field.

“On behalf of our Board and APH’s management team, we express our deep gratitude to Dr. Lee for her service and longstanding commitment to APH,” stated Phoebe A. Wood, Board Chair. “We greatly appreciate the leadership, insight, and expertise that she has provided over the past two decades as APH has developed so significantly in its product offerings and services. Dr. Lee has always had such a great focus on the individual who needs our products and insight.”

APH is also pleased to announce that the board of Trustees has elected Matt Gallagher, CEO of Greenlake Energy, to the board effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Gallagher brings extensive business experience to the board, having previously served as the CEO of Parsley Energy, a publicly traded energy company, which merged with Pioneer Natural Resources where he is currently a director, before forming his own company. In addition to his business acumen, Mr. Gallagher brings a special perspective to the board, as he is the parent of a toddler who is blind.

“We are so pleased to welcome Mr. Gallagher to the APH Board of Directors at this very important and exciting time at APH, as we prepare for significant renovations and major game-changing products,” Wood continued. “We are looking forward to his insightful contributions to our Board as the parent of a young child who is blind.”

“I am honored to serve on a board of an organization that not only helps so many across the country, but also marries the innovation and execution that exemplifies American entrepreneurship,” said Mr. Gallagher.

The APH Board of Trustees is comprised of Trustees from around the country, with a strategic mix of skills, abilities, and attributes, including the inventor of the voting machine for the blind, as well as Trustees in the fields of education, investment, medicine, legal, and business. Many of our Trustees have a direct relationship with an individual who is blind or are blind themselves. They all have a strong commitment to promoting the mission of APH, “Empowering people who are blind or low vision by providing accessible and innovative products, materials and services for lifelong success.”

The Board of Trustees is providing guidance to the museum committee as they continue to develop the APH Museum, The Dot Experience.

The Dot Experience name pays homage to APH’s history and commitment to braille, a series of six dots that in combination, form letters, numbers, and words, and serve as the code for communication and lifelong literacy for those who cannot see. The Dot Experience brings to life APH stories and more on a world stage. And it does so with inclusion, accessibility, and innovation at the forefront.

Museums have traditionally been structured in a way that limits the experience and enjoyment of visitors with disabilities. The Dot Experience is designed with the needs of everyone and will serve as a national model museum with the most comprehensive levels of universal design and accommodations.

## **About American Printing House for the Blind**

American Printing House for the Blind is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or low vision. APH’s new museum, The Dot Experience, will be the most accessible and inclusive museum, that will open the doors to greater conversation around the lived experiences of people who are blind and low vision, and be an invitation for visitors to make change in the world. In preparation for this construction, the current APH Museum location will close to the public in early summer, with plans for the grand opening of The Dot Experience in 2025. For more information and ways to donate, please visit [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org).

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