



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

January 13, 2012

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Barbara Wong, of 88 University Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to end January 31, 2015, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Ms. Wong will replace Brian Lalli, whose term has expired.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 02 2012

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED
A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the City Clerk, written over the text "CLERK".
CLERK

Barbara T. Wong

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Experience

Providence CityArts for Youth, Inc. Providence, RI

2000 to Present

Executive Director

Community-based arts center with a mission to provide quality arts education free-of-charge, to at-risk urban youth ages 8-14. CityArts serves over 500 youth in daytime and out-of-school time programs. CityArts is recognized by NEA Coming Up Taller Awards for excellence in afterschool programming. CityArts work also includes exhibitions, public art, and community-service learning opportunities. Responsibilities: management of operations, fund development, Board and community relations, budgeting, and programs. Accomplishments include formation of a strategic partnership with the Highlander Charter School and its resulting investment of \$7.5M to create an innovative education center in the heart of Providence's underserved communities. CityArts facilities include professional gallery space, 7 state-of-the-art arts education studios, and administrative offices. FY2008-2009 budget \$312,000. New \$50K partnership formed in 2009 with The Learning Community Charter School to expand services to Central Falls. Fund development accomplishments include: \$300,000 grant from United Way over 3 years; \$25,000 Federal Stimulus Award/RISCA; \$285,000 HUD/Federal Appropriation for Economic Development; \$100,000 State Preservation Grant; \$600,000 US Dept of Education 21CLC Award over 3 years, and partnership in a \$250,000 AmeriCorps program.

The Rhode Island Foundation Providence, RI

1997-2000

Grants Officer

Community foundation of over \$500M in assets, providing \$9M in grants annually to non-profit agencies serving communities statewide. Foundation funds support strategic initiatives in areas including the Arts, Children and Families, Economic and Community Development, and Education. Responsibilities: community agency relations, grant review and write-ups, convening of community leaders, communicating with and educating the Board on community interests and concerns, and guiding strategic philanthropic investments. Grantmaking portfolio encompasses all four focus areas, with emphasis on the arts and community/neighborhood-building programs. Special initiatives:

River of Words RI – statewide environmental and arts education program

National Gallery of Art, Summer Teacher Institute

Expansion Arts – emerging arts organizations serving diverse ethnic communities

RI Foundation Gallery

Research and development to create the Foundation's strategy for support in the arts, with

Investigation in sustainability/capacity-building strategies

Rhode Island School of Design Providence, RI

1994-1997

Assistant Director of Summer Programs, Division of Continuing Education

Development and implementation of RISD Summer Programs, consisting of seven programs in visual arts and design: Pre-College, Summer Studies, ESL, Travel/Study, Summer Institute for Graphic Design, Professional Development Seminars, and Textile Design Institute.

Responsibilities: course planning, department relations, budgets, hiring of faculty, marketing publications, and program implementation/supervision.

Corporate Decisions, Inc. Boston, MA and Paris, FRANCE 1985-1993

Management consulting firm, focusing on the development of organizational, marketing, and product strategies for U.S. and multi-national corporations. CDI merged with Mercer Consulting in 1996, and ultimately joined with Oliver Wyman Consulting in 2007.

Office Manager, Paris FRANCE 1991-1993

One of six individuals selected from Boston office to establish the company's first foreign office. Assignment to develop administrative and support infrastructures. Responsibilities:
Hiring, training and supervision of European support staff
Coordinate recruitment program in European and U.S. colleges, universities and business schools
Compensation and benefits / French and U.S. human resources
Expatriation and repatriation – relocation, work and resident permits, housing

Graphics Manager, Recruitment Coordinator. Boston, MA 1985-1991

Multiple administrative/support functions throughout the firm's early growth and development.

Internships

ProArts Consortium Boston, MA 1994

Graduate Intern

Non-profit organization of six Boston arts colleges: School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Conservatory, Massachusetts College of Art, Emerson College, Boston Architectural Center, and Berklee School of Music. Responsibilities: grant writing assistance and research for the development of a visual and performing arts charter high school.

Massachusetts Cultural Council Boston, MA 1994

Graduate Intern

State arts agency, School and Communities Program. Conducted site evaluation for Artist in Schools residencies across Massachusetts and reviewed MCC residency evaluation process.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design *Master of Arts in Art Education, Honors* 1995

Graduate thesis: Collaborations for Effective Arts Programs and Policies in Education Reform

Parsons School of Design, Paris FRANCE 1992-1993

Continuing Education Program. Coursework in Painting and Illustration.

Cornell University *Bachelor of Fine Arts* 1982

Concentration in Sculpture and Painting. Senior studio thesis: Stone Carving and Life Drawing

Teaching

Rhode Island School of Design, Dept. of Teaching and Learning in Art and Design 2007-2009

Lecturer, Arts Organizations in Context

Graduate course introducing MA and MFA candidates to non-profits arts management--practical understanding of how non-profits operate and the context that shapes success/failure.

Davies Vocational School, Providence, RI 1994

Graduate Assistantship with RISD Art Education Dept. Head, Dr. Paul Sproll.

Introduction of design principles and concepts to high school students.

Museum of Art, RISD Providence, RI 1993

Studio in the Museum, art education partnership with Providence Public Schools.

Languages

Chinese and French / functional

*Committees, Panels
And Memberships*

Brown Fox Point Early Childcare Education Center, Board member

Mott Foundation / PASA and Providence Public Schools Advisory for *A New Day for Learning* grant to the City of Providence.

Providence AfterSchool Alliance (PASA)—AfterZone Council member and grant review panel

Providence Youth Arts Collaborative (PYAC), member

Highlander Charter School, ex-officio Board member

RI State Council for the Arts, arts education and general operating support grant review panels

RI Committee for the Humanities, ex-officio Board member

Massachusetts Cultural Council, Youth Reach grant review panel

Governor appointment to Small Cities Community Development Block Grants review panel

Grantmakers in the Arts, member

Providence Performing Arts Center, arts scholarship review panel

Balfour Minority Scholarships for RISD pre-college students, selection committee

RI Service Alliance – planning committee for National Youth Leadership Conference