



CITY OF APPLETON

Date: August 5th, 2025

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 

Subject: Confirmation of Appointments

It is with pleasure that I present the following re-appointment for your confirmation at the August 5th, 2026, Common Council meeting.

Library Board– Appointment –

Anne Marie Werley Gonzalez 3 year Term

Term Ends August 31 2029

Anne Marie Werley Gonzalez serves as an administrator with the Appleton Area School District, with oversight responsibilities that include Title programs, staff development, and Even Start Family Literacy. A former principal at Badger Elementary School, she now works closely with building principals across the district, particularly at the elementary level. She will complete Nan Bunnow's term.

Teen Non-Voting Appointment-

Simone LaVallée

3 Year Term

Term Ends August 31 2029

The Appleton Public Library Teen Trustee serves as a non-voting advisory member of the board who brings teen perspectives to Library Board discussions.

Simone LaVallée is an Appleton resident and homeschooled student. She is an active and engaged participant of APL's Teen Ambassador Program and participant in Teen Tuesdays.



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Appleton Redevelopment Authority– Appointment

Shannon French

5 year Term

Term Ends August 31 2031

Shannon French is a licensed Architect (AIA, NCARB) and two-time Returned Peace Corps Volunteer with more than 20 years of architectural experience spanning residential, commercial, mixed-use, industrial, hospitality, healthcare, educational, and community projects, both domestically and abroad. An Appleton native, Shannon received his Master of Architecture degree from Tulane University and lived and worked in New Orleans for 15 years. After weathering many hurricanes and the Covid pandemic, he and his wife, Laney with whom he served 2½ years in the Peace Corps in Zambia returned home to Appleton in 2022, where he maintains an independent, full-service architecture and design practice while making room for family, civic engagement, and creative pursuits.

Beyond his design work, Shannon brings substantial civic and leadership experience, including Peace Corps service in Zambia and Jamaica and leadership roles with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the New Orleans Architecture Foundation, the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, and the Louisiana Peace Corps Association. As an experienced designer and passionate advocate for community-minded sustainable development, Shannon is dedicated to working collaboratively with stakeholders to deliver the best outcome for all.