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## SHARP LITERACY ANNOUNCES BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MILWAUKEE (March 16, 2021) – SHARP Literacy announced today a new leadership team for its Board of Directors, as well as the appointment of five new members to its Board and Young Professionals Board. Both executive leadership teams work in tandem to advance SHARP's mission of improving the literacy skills of urban elementary students in Milwaukee, Waukesha and Racine schools.

### Board of Directors

Officers for 2021/2022

- Board Chair: Kelley Yunk, Civic Volunteer
- Vice Chair: Meghan Slocum, BMO
- Treasurer: Nancy Mehlberg Tomko, SVA Certified Public Accounts, SC
- Secretary: George Baumann, Great Lakes Rubber

SHARP welcomes Milwaukee native and Milwaukee Public School alumnae **Amanda Porterfield** to its Board of Directors. She is an award-winning journalist who currently serves as anchor/reporter at CBS 58. With a passion for covering social justice inspired stories, Amanda has been honored by the NAACP with the "Social Justice" award for her unbiased reporting and honoring a culture of diversity in the community.

### Young Professionals Board

SHARP's Young Professionals Board, which focuses on areas that complement the year-round educational programming efforts of the organization, announces new members: **Tony Atkins**, reporter at TMJ4; **Tenia Fisher**, educator at Greater Holy Temple Christian Academy and director of Health and Wellness at Social X MKE; **Camille Ridgeway**, strategic partnerships project manager at American Family Insurance; and **Nick Stark**, sales consultant at EmPower HR.

"Our two-tiered approach to board leadership for SHARP has helped us to diversify the skill sets of our most committed volunteers," said Lynda Kohler, president and CEO of SHARP Literacy. "Our newest board members will bring deep expertise in key areas such as social justice, wellness and career services that will ultimately benefit our in-need student population."

### About SHARP Literacy

SHARP Literacy, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Milwaukee nonprofit educational program whose mission is to partner with educators to foster a love of learning and advance children's futures through innovative STEAM-based experiences and programs. The primary goal of SHARP Literacy is to provide elementary school students with an imaginative learning experience that builds confidence, self-esteem, and a greater awareness of the world. In 2020/2021, SHARP Literacy, Inc. will impact growth in foundational literacy skills in thousands of elementary school students and educators in 36 schools across Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha. For more information, visit [www.sharpliteracy.org](http://www.sharpliteracy.org).

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