



Frank Liu Jr. Academy of Music and Arts

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Frank Liu Jr. Academy for Music & Arts Names Dr. R. Scott Allen Lone Finalist for Superintendent

Houston, Texas — October 22, 2025 — Monday, October 20, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Frank Liu Jr. Academy for Music & Arts (FLAMA) announced that Dr. R. Scott Allen has been named the lone finalist for Superintendent. In accordance with Texas law, the Board may vote to approve his contract following the required 21-day waiting period.

Dr. Allen currently serves as Managing Director of the Arts Schools Network and previously led Houston ISD's Kinder High School for the Performing & Visual Arts (HSPVA) from 2009–2021. Under his leadership at HSPVA, the school expanded arts programming, increased enrollment, and completed a new \$88 million state-of-the-art campus building. He has been recognized as HEB Texas Secondary Principal of the Year (2013), Arts Schools Network Jeffrey Lawrence Outstanding Head of Arts School (2018), and Sam Houston State University Distinguished Educator of the Year (2019).

“Dr. Allen brings a rare blend of visionary arts leadership and proven K–12 operational expertise,” said Andrea Hauge, FLAMA Board Chair. “His track record of integrating arts with academics and building strong community partnerships aligns directly with FLAMA’s mission to deliver a research-driven, arts-rich education to Houston’s youth.”

“I’m honored by the Board’s confidence,” said Dr. Allen. “FLAMA’s model—combining rigorous academics, executive-function skill-building, and daily music and visual arts—will open doors for students and families. I’m excited to work with the Board and community to bring this vision to life.”



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A lifelong arts educator and administrator, Dr. Allen holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Sam Houston State University and Texas certifications as Superintendent, Principal, and Secondary Teacher. He has served as adjunct faculty at the University of Houston and Sam Houston State University and has held leadership roles in statewide professional associations.

About FLAMA

The Frank Liu Jr. Academy for Music & Arts (FLAMA) is a recently approved open-enrollment public charter school based in Houston's East End. FLAMA integrates cognitive-science-based instructional methods with daily music and visual arts, ensuring students build strong academic foundations alongside creativity, discipline, and executive-function skills.