

Nutter names new art commissioners

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Mayor Nutter has named several new members to the city's Art Commission, a panel established by city charter to monitor the streetscape, public art, and the area around the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

In the most notable change, painter Moe Brooker, professor at Moore College of Art and Design and already a commission member, has been named chairman, replacing William Wilson, a friend of former Mayor John F. Street and head of the landscape firm Synterra.

Wilson has stepped down.

Nutter also named several new members, including José Alminana, a principal of Andropogon Associates Ltd., a landscape architecture firm; Sean Buffington, president of the University of the Arts; Karen B. Davis, head of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia; and sculptor Robert Roesch, chair of the sculpture department at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Other members of the commission are Emmanuel Kelly, of Kelly/Maiello Architects and Planners; Robert N.C. Nix 3d, president of the Fairmount Park Commission; and Patricia Alexander Sanford, founder of Alexander Perry Inc., a design firm.

Nutter said his appointments would "bring great perspective and expertise" to the art commission.