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**Jennifer Deery Appointed Executive Director of the
Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens**

WINTER PARK, FL — The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Deery as the museum's new Executive Director, effective immediately. Deery has served as Interim Director since January 2025 and was unanimously selected by the Board to step into the permanent leadership role.

Deery served on the Polasek Museum Board of Directors from 2022 through 2024 with an emphasis on Development and Special Events, serving on the Executive Committee as secretary. She has been actively involved with cultural and arts organizations across Florida and brings an arts degree, corporate experience, and a passion for connecting the community with the arts. Deery transitioned into the Interim Director role in January 2025, where she quickly established herself as a collaborative and visionary leader.

"I could not be more pleased to announce Jennifer as the new Executive Director of the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens," said Gourley. "Jennifer seamlessly transitioned from the Board of Directors to her role as Interim Director in January, where she has done a wonderful job. She is a natural leader, deeply involved in the community and brings great energy to the role. We have been blessed with outstanding leadership in the past and Jennifer will continue this legacy, propelling the Albin Polasek Museum to new heights. We eagerly anticipate the exciting future Jennifer will shape for our museum."

As Executive Director, Deery will oversee museum operations, exhibitions, and programming while working closely with staff and the Board to strengthen fundraising, community partnerships, and long-term sustainability.

"What an honor to be able to lead the Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens into the next chapter," said Jennifer Deery. "I am incredibly excited and deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with the Board & Staff. Together we will cultivate relationships in our community to bring enthusiasts of art, nature, and history to our museum and gardens to be inspired by Polasek's story, talent, tenacity and vision."