TEXARKANA, Texas --- The Board of Directors of the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council has named Jennifer Unger as executive director.

Most recently in her 17-year tenure at TRAHC, Unger served as interim executive director, following the retirement of Brian Goesl at the end of August. She also served as the organization's education director.

As education director, Unger partnered with local teachers to help bring art into classrooms and facilitated Theatre for Young Audience performances, according to a news release. She is a National Teaching Artist, bringing the arts to teachers and students across the country. She serves on the Kennedy Center Advisory for the Partners in Education.

Unger said she is looking forward to bringing her love of the arts and of TRAHC to the Texarkana community.

"It is an honor to step into this new leadership role," she said. "I am privileged to be able to further TRAHC's mission to 'grow people and community through the arts' every day. I look forward to working alongside the amazing people of this community to keep TRAHC on track in this new era of opportunity and growth."