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## **Austin Lighthouse Elects Chase Rupe to Board of Directors** *CEO of Global Tech Company Joins Nonprofit Serving the Blind*

AUSTIN, Texas - February 23, 2024 – Travis Association for the Blind, commonly referred to as the Austin Lighthouse, today announced Chase Rupe has been elected to serve as a member of its Board of Directors.

Rupe is the Chief Executive Officer of Lencore Acoustics LLC, headquartered in Huntington, New York, and is known as a strategic and impactful senior operations executive with a proven track record of turning vision into executable strategy. Prior to his role with Lencore, Rupe served as the Senior Vice President, Strategy & Corporate Development of Emmis Corporation, where he oversaw a public and venture-backed portfolio of companies as a key operating partner and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) leader working closely with the Emmis executive team, board of directors, management teams, investment banks, and target company leadership. Previously, he spent two decades in broadcast media leadership roles for Emmis Communications, iHeartMedia, and Cumulus Media.



“Chase’s passion for collaboration and mentorship, along with his depth of expertise, aligns perfectly with our core values and vision,” said Jim Meehan, President & CEO of Austin Lighthouse, a nonprofit empowering the blind to build or restore independence through skills training, education and employment.

“I’m excited to join this incredible team and look forward to engaging with everyone,” said Rupe. “ I firmly believe in the Lighthouse’s mission and am eager to work with my fellow board members to continue driving success and growth.”

Rupe is a graduate of California Coast University; Santa Ana, CA where he received his Bachelor of Science, Management and Concordia University Texas; Austin, TX where he received his Master of Business Administration. He lives in Austin with his wife, Jordyn, and daughter, Alex. They enjoy traveling, hiking, and spending time with friends, family, and their two dogs.

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**[About Austin Lighthouse](#)**

Travis Association for the Blind (aka Austin Lighthouse), headquartered in Austin, Texas has been serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired community of Travis County and surrounding areas since 1934. The Lighthouse's mission is to enhance the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind or visually impaired by creating, sustaining and improving employment.

A 501(c3) nonprofit organization, the Lighthouse does this in several different settings, including warehousing and distribution facilities, manufacturing and repair facilities, assembly operations, bottling operations, retail and e-commerce. By leveraging technology and automation, the Lighthouse employs over 200 people who are legally blind to make the products and provide the services required by their customers. The Lighthouse also works with area business and community partners to assist with developing vocational and independent living skills.