

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES INC

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LightPath Technologies, Inc.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

January 28, 2016

Notice and Proxy Statement

December 18, 2015

Dear LightPath Stockholder:

I am pleased to invite you to the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of LightPath Technologies, Inc. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel. The address is 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827.

At the meeting, you and the other stockholders will be asked to elect directors, approve an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") to increase the maximum size of the board of directors (the "Board"), approve an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of the directors to increase the size of the Board in place of the current requirement of eighty-five percent (85%) of such outstanding shares, and ratify our independent auditor. You will also have the opportunity to hear what has happened in our business in the past year and to ask questions.

Your vote, while always important, is even more important this year, because the proposed amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation discussed in this proxy statement requires the approval of eighty-five percent (85%) of the shares entitled to vote.

The enclosed Notice and Proxy Statement contain details concerning the foregoing items and any other business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting. Other detailed information about us and our operations, including our audited financial statements, are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended (collectively the "Annual Report"), a copy of which is enclosed. We urge you to read and consider these documents carefully.

We hope you can join us at the meeting. Whether or not you expect to attend, please read the enclosed Proxy Statement, **mark your votes on the enclosed proxy card, sign and date it, and return it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.** Your vote is important, so please return your proxy card promptly.

Sincerely,
Ripp Robert
Chairman of the Board

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held On Thursday, January 28, 2016

Dear Stockholder,

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of LightPath Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel located at 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to vote on the following:

1. To elect Class II directors to the Company's Board;
2. To approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximum size of the Board;

To approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board following this Annual Meeting in place of the current requirement of eighty-five percent (85%) of such outstanding shares;
4. To ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent public accountant; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2015 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, ***please complete, date, sign and return*** the enclosed proxy as promptly as possible in order to ensure your representation at the meeting. A return envelope (which is postage prepaid if mailed in the United States) is enclosed for your convenience. You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person even if you have previously voted by proxy. Please note, if a broker, bank or other nominee holds your shares of record, and you wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain a proxy issued in your name from that record

holder.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. James Gaynor

President & Chief Executive Officer

Orlando, Florida

December 18, 2015

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To be held January 28, 2016

This proxy statement, and the enclosed proxy card, is solicited by the Board of LightPath Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. EST, or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel located at 9300 Airport Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32827.

References in this proxy statement to “LightPath”, “we”, “us”, “our”, or the “Company” refers to LightPath Technologies, Inc.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2016.

This proxy statement, the enclosed proxy card, and the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2015, are all available on our website at www.lightpath.com. With respect to the Annual Meeting and all of our future stockholder meetings, please contact Dorothy Cipolla at 1-800-472-3486 ext. 305, or dcipolla@lightpath.com, to request a copy of the proxy statement, annual report or proxy card, or to obtain directions to such meeting.

Why am I receiving these materials?

A proxy statement is a document the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) require us to give you when we ask you to sign a proxy designating individuals to vote on your behalf. A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote the stock you own and are entitled to vote. That other person is called a proxy. If you

designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document also is called a proxy or a proxy card. We have designated Robert Ripp, Chairman of the Board, as proxy for the Annual Meeting.

You are receiving this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting. This proxy statement provides you with information on the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting as well as instructions on how to vote.

We intend to mail this proxy statement and accompanying proxy card on or about December 18, 2015 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 15,261,881 shares of Class A common stock (our only class of common stock) outstanding and entitled to vote.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on December 1, 2015 your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card to ensure your vote is counted. Even if you complete and return your proxy card, you may still vote in person if you are able to attend the Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If on December 1, 2015 your shares were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I voting on?

The following matters are scheduled for the Annual Meeting: (i) the election of three Class II directors to our Board; (ii) the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximum size of our Board; (iii) the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation require the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the holders of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board instead of the current eighty-five (85%) vote of such shares; and (iv) the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as independent auditor.

A vote may also be held on any other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof, although there is no other business anticipated to come before the Annual Meeting.

Why is it important for me to vote?

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in “street name” by a broker, the broker, as the record holder of the shares, is required to vote those shares in accordance with your instructions. If you do not direct your broker how to vote your shares, the broker will be entitled to vote the shares with respect to “discretionary” items but will not be permitted to vote the shares with respect to “non-discretionary” items (resulting in a “broker non-vote”). The ratification of the appointment of our independent public accountant under Item No. 4 is a “discretionary” matter. The election of directors under Item No. 1, the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximize size of the Board under Item No. 2, and the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board following this Annual Meeting in place of the current requirement of eighty-five percent (85%) of such outstanding shares under Item No. 3 are “non-discretionary” matters.

What are my voting choices for each of the items to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

Item No.

Voting Choices and Board Recommendation

Item 1:

Election of Director Nominees

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Vote “For” any or all of the nominees listed

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Vote “Withhold” to withhold your vote for any or all of the nominees listed

The Board recommends voting “For” all of the nominees listed.

Item 2:

Approve the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximum size of our Board from 7 directors to 12 directors

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Vote “For” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation

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Vote “Against” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation

Abstain from voting on this item

The Board recommends voting “For” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation.

Vote “For” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation

Item 3:

Approve the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board following this Annual Meeting in place of the current requirement of eighty-five (85%) of such outstanding shares

Vote “Against” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation

Abstain from voting on this item

The Board recommends voting “For” the approval of the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation.

Vote “For” the ratification of the appointment

Item 4:

Ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent public accountant

Vote “Against” the ratification of the appointment

Abstain from voting on this item

The Board recommends voting “For” the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent public accountant.

How do I vote?

You may vote your shares as follows:

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card.

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To vote in person, come to the Annual Meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.

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To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the Annual Meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote in person if you have already voted by proxy.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received a proxy card and voting instructions with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from us. Simply complete and mail the proxy card to ensure that your vote is counted. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank, or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

If you fail to complete a proxy card or provide your broker with voting instructions at least ten days before the meeting, your broker will be unable to vote on the non-discretionary matters. Your broker may use his or her discretion to cast a vote on any other routine or discretionary matter.

How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you owned as of December 1, 2015.

What if I return a proxy card but do not make specific choices?

You should specify your choice for each matter on the proxy card. If you return a signed and dated proxy card without marking any voting selections, your shares will be voted:

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FOR the nominees listed under Item No. 1;

FOR the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximum size of the Board under Item No. 2;

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FOR the approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board following this Annual Meeting in place of the current requirement of eighty-five (85%) of such outstanding shares under Item No. 3; and

FOR the ratification of BDO USA, LLP, as our independent public accountant under Item No. 4.

If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxy (the individual named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. We have hired Alliance Advisors, LLC, a proxy solicitation firm, to assist us in soliciting proxies for a fee of approximately \$6,000 plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and contact fees, which we currently estimate will be an additional \$9,000, for an aggregate total of approximately \$15,000. In addition to these mailed proxy materials, our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies by mail, in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors, officers and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We will also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. Please complete, sign and return **each** proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

What is “householding”?

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more security holders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those security holders. This process, which is commonly referred to as “householding,” potentially means convenience for security holders and cost savings for companies.

A number of brokers with account holders who are LightPath stockholders will be “householding” our proxy materials. A single proxy statement will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. Once you have received notice from your broker or us that they will be “householding” communications to your address, “householding” will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in “householding” and would prefer to receive a separate proxy statement, please notify your broker and also notify us by sending your written request to Investor Relations, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 or by calling Investor Relations at 407-382-4003, ext. 314. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at their address and would like to request “householding” of their communications should also contact their broker and notify us in writing or by telephone.

Can I revoke or change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy by:

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completing, signing and submitting a new proxy card with a later date;

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sending written notice of revocation to our Secretary at 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 in time for her to receive it before the Annual Meeting; or

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voting in person at the Annual Meeting. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Who will count votes?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of elections appointed for the Annual Meeting. The inspector of elections will also determine the number of shares outstanding, the voting power of each, the number of shares represented at the Annual Meeting, the existence of a quorum, and whether or not the proxies and ballots are valid and effective.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum exists if at least a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock entitled to vote is present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy). On the record date, there were 15,261,881 outstanding shares of Class A common stock (including all restricted stock awards at such date) entitled to vote. Thus, 7,630,941 shares must be present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy) to have a quorum.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy card or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, a majority of the shares entitled to vote and present at the Annual Meeting (in person or represented by proxy) may adjourn the meeting to another date.

How many votes are needed to approve the items?

Item No. 1, is determined by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the election of directors at the Annual Meeting. "Plurality" generally means that the individuals getting the highest number of votes will be elected. In uncontested elections, nominees will be elected, *provided*, that there is a quorum and stockholders vote. A properly executed proxy marked "Withhold" with respect to the election of a director will not be voted with respect to the director nominee. A properly executed proxy marked "For" will be voted with respect to the director nominee. All properly executed proxies, including those marked "Withhold" will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum.

With regard to Item No. 2, the affirmative vote of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is required to approve the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the maximum size of the Board from 7 directors to 12 directors.

With regard to Item No. 3, the affirmative vote of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is required to approve the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors to increase the size of our Board following this Annual Meeting in place of the current requirement of eighty-five (85%) of such outstanding shares.

With regard to Item No. 4, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares having voting power represented at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy is required to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent auditor.

How are abstentions and broker non-votes counted?

Abstentions: If a stockholder abstains from voting on an item, the shares are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, abstentions will count toward determining whether or not a quorum is present. Under Delaware law, a proxy marked “abstain” is not considered a vote cast. Accordingly, an abstention will have no effect on the election of the director nominees under Item No. 1, as the nominees are elected by a plurality. Abstentions on proposals that require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares having voting power represented at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy will, in effect, be a vote against such matter. Abstentions on proposals that require the affirmative vote of at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the shares represented at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy that are entitled to vote generally in the election of directors will, in effect, be a vote against such matter. Accordingly, an abstention will have the same effect as a vote against the items to be voted on under Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

Broker Non-Votes: A broker “non-vote” occurs when a nominee/broker holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular matter because the nominee/broker does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Broker non-votes are considered present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, broker non-votes will count toward determining whether a quorum is present. For voting purposes, a broker non-vote is not considered entitled to vote and therefore, will have the effect of reducing the absolute number, but not the percentage, of affirmative votes needed to pass Item Nos. 1-3. A broker will continue to have discretion to vote uninstructed shares on the ratification of the appointment of the independent public accountant under Item No. 4.

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

We will announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. We will report the final voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC within four business days following such results becoming final.

When are stockholder proposals for the 2017 Annual Meeting due?

Stockholders interested in presenting a proposal to be considered for inclusion in next year's proxy statement and form of proxy may do so by following the procedures prescribed in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Securities Exchange Act"), and our By-laws. To be considered for inclusion, stockholder proposals must be submitted in writing to the Corporate Secretary, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826 before August 18, 2016, which is 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the mailing date of this proxy statement, and must be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

If a stockholder wishes to present a proposal at the 2017 Annual Meeting, but the proposal is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy statement relating to the meeting, or nominate a director for election at the 2017 Annual Meeting, the stockholder must give advance notice to the Company prior to the deadline for such meeting determined in accordance with the By-laws (the "By-law Deadline"). Under our By-laws, in order for a proposal to be timely, it must be received by us no earlier than 120 days prior to the anniversary of the 2016 Annual Meeting, or September 30, 2016, and no later than 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the 2016 Annual Meeting, or October 30, 2016. If a stockholder gives notice of such a proposal after the By-law Deadline, the stockholder will not be permitted to present the proposal to the stockholders for a vote at the meeting or nominate a director for election at the meeting.

If a stockholder fails to meet these deadlines or fails to satisfy the requirements of SEC Rule 14a-4, the persons named as proxies will be allowed to use their discretionary voting authority to vote on any such proposal or nomination as they determine appropriate if and when the matter is raised at the 2017 annual meeting.

How do I get a copy of the exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended?

A copy of our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and consolidated financial statements, has been delivered to you with this proxy statement. We will provide copies of the exhibits filed with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, upon written request if you are a stockholder as of the record date. Requests for such copies should be directed to Investor Relations at 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826. In addition, copies of all of our electronically filed exhibits may be reviewed and printed from the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov> under the EDGAR archives section.

ITEM NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Board is divided into three classes, denoted as Class I, Class II and Class III, serving staggered three-year terms with one class elected at the annual meeting of stockholders. The current Board consists of:

Class I	Class II	Class III
Robert Ripp	Sohail Khan	Louis Leeburg
J. James Gaynor	Dr. Steven Brueck	Xudong Zhu
	M. Scott Faris	

The Class II directors' term expires at this Annual Meeting. The Class III directors' term expires at the annual meeting of stockholders proposed to be held in 2018. The Class I directors' term expires at the annual meeting of stockholders proposed to be held in 2017.

Pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws, the current Board or the stockholders may nominate persons for election to the Board. The Board nominates Sohail Khan, Steven Brueck and M. Scott Faris, who are all current members of the Board, to serve as a Class II directors for a term ending at the third successive annual meeting of stockholders following this Annual Meeting, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

If any of the nominees becomes unable or unwilling to serve as a director before the Annual Meeting, an event which is not presently anticipated, the individual named as proxy on the proxy card may exercise discretionary authority to vote for substitute nominees proposed by the Board, or, if no substitute is selected by the Board prior to or at the Annual Meeting, for a motion to reduce the present membership of the Board to the number of nominees available.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR
THE ELECTION OF THE CLASS II DIRECTOR NOMINEES**

Each of our directors and officers serves until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The names and ages of our directors and officers, the years they became directors or officers, their principal occupations or employment for at least the past five years and certain of their other directorships is set forth below. The table below lists each director, each such director's committee memberships and the chairman of each committee.

Name	Audit	Compensation	Finance
Robert Ripp			
J. James Gaynor			
Sohail Khan			
Steven Brueck			
Louis Leeburg			
M. Scott Faris			
Xudong Zhu			
Committee Chairman: Leeburg	Ripp		Khan

Class I Directors Mr. Ripp has served as one of our directors since 1999 and as Chairman of the Board since November 1999. During portions of fiscal year 2002 he also served as our Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Ripp has previous management experience, including serving as AMP Incorporated's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from August 1998 until April 1999 and as Vice President and Treasurer of IBM of Armonk, New York from 1989 to 1993. Mr. Ripp graduated from Iona College and received a Masters of Business Administration degree from New York University. Mr. Ripp is currently on the board of directors of Ace, Ltd., PPG Industries, and Axiall Corporation, all of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Ripp's extensive business, executive management, and financial expertise gained from various executive positions coupled with his ability to provide leadership skills to access strategic plans, business operational performance, and potential mergers and acquisitions, qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Robert Ripp, 74
 Director (Chairman of the Board)

J. James
Gaynor, 64
President
& Chief
Executive
Officer,
Director

Mr. Gaynor has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer, and as a director since February 2008, and, prior to that served as Interim Chief Executive Officer commencing in September 2007. From July 2006 to September 2007, Mr. Gaynor previously served as our Corporate Vice President of Operations. Mr. Gaynor is also a director of LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (“LPOI”), our wholly owned subsidiary, located in Jiading, People’s Republic of China, and LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Zhenjiang) (“LPOIZ”), our wholly owned subsidiary, located in the New City District, of the Jinagsu province of the People’s Republic of China. Mr. Gaynor is a mechanical engineer with over 25 years business and manufacturing experience in volume component manufacturing in the electronics and optics industries. Prior to joining us, Mr. Gaynor served as Director of Operations and Manufacturing for Puradyn Filter Technologies, the Vice President of Operations and General Manager for JDS Uniphase Corporation’s Transmission Systems Division and has also held various executive positions with Spectrum Control, Rockwell International, and Corning Glass Works. Mr. Gaynor holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and has worked in the manufacturing industries since 1976. His experience includes various engineering, manufacturing, and management positions in specialty glass, electronics, telecommunications components, and mechanical assembly operations. His global business experience encompasses strategic planning, budgets, capital investment, employee development, cost reduction programs with turnaround and startup companies, acquisitions, and management. Mr. Gaynor has an in-depth knowledge of the optics industry gained through over 25 years of working in various capacities in the industry and understands the engineering aspects of our business, due to his engineering background. Mr. Gaynor’s experience and knowledge is necessary to lead us and qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Class II Directors

Sohail Khan, 61
Director

Mr. Khan has served as one of our directors since February 2005. From September 2015, he serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of ViSX Systems Inc., a pioneer and leader in media processing semiconductor solutions for video over IP streaming solutions. From May 2013 to July 2014, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of Lilliputian Systems, a developer of portable power products for consumer electronics. Since August 2011 has served as the managing partner of K5 Innovations, a technology consulting venture. He was the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of SiGe Semiconductor (“SiGe”), a leader in silicon based radio frequency front-end solutions from April 2007 until it was acquired by Skyworks Solutions Inc. in June 2011. Prior to SiGe, Mr. Khan was Entrepreneur in Residence and Operating Partner of Bessemer Venture Partners, a venture capital group focused on technology investments. From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Khan served on the board of directors for Gainspan Corporation. Mr. Khan received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Engineering and Technology in Pakistan. Additionally, he received a Masters of Business Administration from the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Khan is currently on the board of directors of Intersil Corporation, which is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Mr. Khan’s experience in venture financing, specifically technology investments, is an invaluable asset Mr. Khan contributes to the Board composition. In addition, Mr. Khan’s significant experience in executive management, profit and loss management, mergers and acquisitions, and capital raising, as well as his background in engineering qualifies him for service as one of our directors.

Dr. Steven Brueck,
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Director

Dr. Brueck has served as one of our directors since July 2001. He is a Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, of Electrical and Computer Engineering and of Physics at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which he joined in 1985. Although he retired in 2014, he remains active as a University of New Mexico Research Professor. From 1986 to 2013, he served as Director of the Center for High Technology Materials. He is a graduate of Columbia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his Masters of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Doctorate of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Dr. Brueck is a fellow of The Optical Society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Brueck's expertise in optics and optics applications, as well as his extensive forty years of research experience in optics, lasers, detectors, lithography, nonlinear optics, and related fields qualify him for service as one of our directors.

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M. Scott
Faris, 50
Director

Mr. Faris has served as a director of the Company since December 2011. Mr. Faris is an experienced entrepreneur with almost two decades of operating, venture-financing and commercialization experience, involving more than 20 start-up and emerging-growth technology companies. In June 2013, Mr. Faris founded Aerosonix, Inc. (formerly MicroVapor Devices, LLC), a privately held developer and manufacturer of advanced medical devices, and served as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Faris also founded the Astralis Group, a strategy advisor that provides consulting to start-up companies, in 2002 and, since 2004, Mr. Faris serves as its Chief Executive Officer. In June 2007, Mr. Faris founded Planar Energy, a company that developed transformational ceramic solid state battery technology and products, and served as its Chief Executive Officer until June 2012. Planar Energy is a spin-out of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. From October 2004 to June 2007, Mr. Faris was a partner with Corporate IP Ventures (formerly known as MetaTech Ventures), an early stage venture fund specializing in defense technologies. Mr. Faris also previously served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Waveguide Solutions, a developer of planar optical light wave circuit and micro system products. and as a director and Chief Operating Officer of Ocean Optics, Inc., a precision-optical-component and fiber-optic-instrument spin-out of the University of South Florida. Mr. Faris was also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Corporation, a technology accelerator, served as a director of the Florida Seed Capital Fund and Technology Commercialization at the Center for Microelectronics Research, and the chairman of the Metro Orlando EDC. Mr. Farris received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from Penn State University in 1988. Mr. Faris is currently on the board of directors of MicroVapor Devices, LLC, Spectra Health, Inc., and Open Photonics, Inc., all of which are private companies. Mr. Faris's significant experience in executive management positions at various optical component companies, his experience in the commercialization of optical and opto-electronic component technology, and his background in optics, technology, and venture capital qualify him for service as one of our directors.

**Class III
Directors**

Louis
Leeburg,
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Director

Mr. Leeburg has served as one of our directors since May 1996. Mr. Leeburg is currently a self-employed business consultant. Since 1993, Mr. Leeburg has served as the senior financial advisor of The Fetzer Institute, and before that he served as the Vice President for Finance. Mr. Leeburg was an audit manager for Price Waterhouse & Co. until 1980. He is a member of Financial Foundation Officers Group and the treasurer and trustee for the John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust Fund. Mr. Leeburg received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Arizona State University. Mr. Leeburg has a broad range of experience in accounting and financial matters. His expertise gained in various roles in financial management and investment oversight for over thirty years, coupled with his knowledge gained as a certified public accountant, add invaluable knowledge to our Board and qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Xudong
Zhu, 50
Director

Dr. Zhu has served as one of our directors since April 2015. Dr. Zhu is the President of Pudong Science and Technology Investment (Cayman) Co., Ltd. (“Pudong Investment”). Pudong Investment currently holds 14.9% of our outstanding common stock, including shares purchased from us in a private placement. Dr. Zhu is also the President of Pudong Science and Technology (Cayman) Co, Ltd. (“Pudong”), the parent of Pudong Investment. Pudong is a Shanghai-based investment management company with a leading professional management team, diversified business lines, strong financial position and rich strategic recourses. Although Dr. Zhu’s appointment as one of our directors was not a contractual condition to Pudong Investment’s purchase of shares of our common stock in the private placement, his appointment was discussed at the time of the private placement. Dr. Zhu also serves as the Vice Chairman of Shanghai Association for Science and Technology in which role he oversees its Productivity Promotion Centers, Science Information Center, and Science & Technology Investment Corporation. Dr. Zhu currently serves as a director for Pudong, Montage Technology Global Holdings, Ltd., Shanghai Puxin Investment Management Co., Ltd., and Shanghai Pudong Technology Venture Capital Investment Co. Ltd. Previously, Dr. Zhu also served as the Executive Director of Shanghai Pudong High-tech Investment Co., Ltd. from October 2014 to June 2015, and Independent Director of Shanghai Shyndec Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. from May 2012 to April 2015. Dr. Zhu received a Doctor of Engineering degree in Traffic Engineering from Tongji University. Dr. Zhu has a broad range of experience in financial matters and the high-tech sector, coupled with his expertise gained in his roles with Pudong and Pudong Investment, add invaluable experience and expertise to our Board and qualify him for service as one of our directors.

Executive Officers Who Do Not Serve as Directors

Dorothy
Cipolla, 59
Chief
Financial
Officer,
Secretary
and
Treasurer

Ms. Cipolla has served as our Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer since February 2006. Ms. Cipolla has also served as a director of LPOI since 2006 and LPOIZ since 2013. From March 2004 to February 2006, Ms. Cipolla was Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of LaserSight Technologies, Inc. (“LaserSight”). Prior to joining LaserSight, she served in various financial management positions. From 1994 to 1999, she was Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Network Six, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed professional services firm. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Cipolla was Vice President of Finance with Goliath Networks, Inc., a privately held network consulting company. From 2002 to 2003, Ms. Cipolla was Department Controller of Alliant Energy Corporation, a regulated utility. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northeastern University and is a Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts.

Alan Symmons, 43
 Executive Vice President of Operations

Mr. Symmons has served as our Executive Vice President of Operations since February 2015. Previously, Mr. Symmons served as our Vice President of Corporate Engineering beginning in September 2010 and our Director of Engineering from October 2007 to September 2010. Prior to that, Mr. Symmons served as our Opto-Mechanical Manager from October 2006 to October 2007. Prior to joining us, Mr. Symmons was Engineering Manager for Aurora Optical, a subsidiary of Multi-Fineline Electronix (“MFLEX”), dedicated to the manufacture of cell phone camera modules. From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Symmons worked for Applied Image Group – Optics (“AIG/O”), a recognized leader in precision injection molded plastic optical components and assemblies, working up to Engineering Manager. AIG/O was purchased by MFLEX in 2006. Prior to 2000, Mr. Symmons held engineering positions at Ryobi N.A., SatCon Technologies, and General Dynamics. Mr. Symmons has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the Eller School of Management at the University of Arizona.

Meetings of the Board and its Committees

The Board has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Finance Committee. The Board does not have a standing nominating committee. The entire Board met seven times, including telephonic meetings, during fiscal 2015. All of the directors attended 92% or more of the meetings of the Board and the meetings held by committees of the Board on which they served. All of the then elected directors attended the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on January 28, 2015.

It is our policy that all of our directors are required to make a concerted and conscientious effort to attend our annual stockholders’ meeting in each year during which that director serves as a member of the Board.

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, which consists of Dr. Steven Brueck, M. Scott Faris, and Louis Leebug (Chairman), met four times during fiscal 2015. The meetings included discussions with management and with our independent auditors to discuss our interim and annual financial statements and our annual report, and the effectiveness of our financial and accounting functions and organization. The Audit Committee acts pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is available on our website at www.lightpath.com. The Audit Committee’s responsibilities include, among others, engaging and terminating our independent accountants, overseeing the work of the accountants, and determining the compensation for their engagement(s). The Board has determined that the Audit Committee is comprised entirely of independent members as defined under applicable listing standards set out by the SEC and The NASDAQ Capital Market (the “NCM”). The Board has also determined that at least one member of the Audit Committee, Mr. Leebug, is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by SEC rules and qualifies as independent in accordance with the NCM rules. Mr. Leebug’s business experience that qualifies him to be determined an “audit committee financial expert” is described above.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee, which consisted of Sohail Khan, Robert Ripp (Chairman) and Louis Leeburg, met three times during fiscal 2015. The Compensation Committee reviews and recommends to the Board the compensation and benefits of certain of our executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, and also administers the Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), pursuant to which incentive awards, including stock options, are granted to our directors, executive officers and key employees. The Compensation Committee does not have a charter and may not delegate its authority to other persons.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing, implementing and continually monitoring our compensation policies and philosophy. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining executive compensation, including approving recommendations regarding equity awards to all of our executive officers. However, the Compensation Committee does rely on the annual reviews made by the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the performance of each of our other executive officers. The conclusions reached and recommendations based on these reviews, including with respect to salary adjustments and annual award amounts, are presented to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee can exercise its discretion in modifying any recommended adjustments or awards to executive officers. In the case of the Chief Executive Officer, compensation is determined solely based on the review conducted by the Compensation Committee. Neither the Compensation Committee nor management employed any compensation consultants during fiscal 2015.

The Compensation Committee also annually reviews director compensation to ensure non-employee directors are adequately compensated for the time expended in fulfilling their duties to us, as well as the skill-level required by us of members of the Board. After the Compensation Committee completes their annual review, they make recommendations to the Board regarding director compensation. For fiscal 2015, the Board determined that the cash and stock-based incentive compensation awarded to directors in fiscal 2014 was still appropriate, and thus, no changes were made.

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, which consists of Sohail Khan (Chairman) Robert Ripp, Xudong Zhu and M. Scott Faris, met two times during fiscal 2015. The Finance Committee reviews and provides guidance to the Board and management with respect to our significant financial policies.

All current committee members are expected to be nominated for re-election to the same committees at the Board meeting to be held immediately following the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Nominations Process and Criteria

The Board does not consider it necessary to form a committee specifically for governance or nomination matters due to our modest size. With respect to nomination matters, all independent directors participate in the consideration of director nominees. The Board has determined that each current director, except for Mr. Gaynor, meets the independence criteria for members of a nominating committee as set forth in the applicable rules of the NCM and the SEC. Due to the status of Mr. Gaynor as the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, he is not an independent director and may not specifically nominate anyone for Board membership nor vote on the matter of appointments to the Board.

Additionally, the Board believes it is not necessary to adopt criteria for the selection of directors. The Board believes that the desirable background of a new individual member of the Board may change over time and that a thoughtful, thorough selection process is more important than adopting criteria for directors. The Board is fully open to utilizing whatever methodology is efficient in identifying new, qualified directors when needed, including using industry contacts of our directors or professional search firms.

There were no fees paid or due to third parties in fiscal 2015 to identify or evaluate or to assist in evaluating or identifying potential nominees to the Board.

Any stockholder wishing to propose that a person be nominated for or appointed to the Board may submit such a proposal, according to the procedure described in the stockholder proposal section on page 7 of this proxy statement, to:

Corporate Secretary

LightPath Technologies, Inc.

2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100

Orlando, Florida 32826

Such correspondence will be timely forwarded to the Chairman of the Audit Committee for review and consideration in accordance with the criteria described above. The independent directors will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders.

Director Independence

In accordance with NCM and SEC rules, the Board affirmatively determines the independence of each director and nominee for election as a director in accordance with guidelines it has adopted, which include all elements of independence set forth in the NCM listing standards. Based on these standards, the Board determined that each of the following non-employee directors serving during fiscal 2015 was independent and had no relationship with us, except as our director and stockholder:

Robert Ripp Steven Brueck
Sohail Khan M. Scott Faris
Louis Leeburg Xudong Zhu

All members of the Audit and Compensation Committees are also independent. The Board approved a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on May 3, 2004 (the "Code"). The Code applies to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, senior financial officers, and the entire Board. A copy of the Code is posted on our website at www.lightpath.com.

Related Party Transactions

When we are contemplating entering into any transaction in which any executive officer, director, nominee or any family member of the foregoing would have any direct or indirect interest, regardless of the amount involved, the terms of such transaction have to be presented to the full Board (other than any interested director) for approval. The Board has not adopted a written policy for related party transaction review but when presented with such transaction, the transaction is discussed by the full Board and documented in the Board minutes.

We had only one related party transaction since July 1, 2014, which was the beginning of our last fiscal year. On January 20, 2015, we closed a sale of our Class A common stock in accordance with the Securities Purchase Agreement with Pudong Investment. Prior to closing, the Securities and Purchase Agreement was amended (as amended, the “SPA”) and assigned by Pudong to its affiliate Pudong Investment. In connection with the closing, we sold to Pudong Investment 930,790 shares of Class A common stock at a price of \$1.40 per share, which was adjusted from the initial per share purchase price of \$1.62 pursuant to the terms of the SPA. We received gross cash proceeds from the issuance of the Class A common stock in the amount of approximately \$1,303,000. Prior to closing, Pudong Investment was a stockholder beneficially owning greater than 5% of our Class A common stock. Subsequent to the closing, Dr. Zhu, the president of Pudong Investment, was appointed as one of our directors.

Board of Directors Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board has chosen to separate the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, with Mr. Robert Ripp serving as Chairman and Mr. J. James Gaynor serving as Chief Executive Officer. As Chief Executive Officer and President, Mr. Gaynor is responsible for our day-to-day leadership and performance, with the Board being responsible for setting our strategic direction, as well as overseeing and advising our management. The Board believes that the current independent leadership of the Board by our non-executive Chairman enhances the effectiveness of its oversight of management and provides a perspective that is separate and distinct from that of management.

Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

Our Board is responsible for the oversight of our operational risk management process. Our Board has delegated authority for addressing certain risks, and accessing the steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such risks, to our Audit and Finance Committees. Such risks include risks relating to execution of our growth strategy, the effects of the contracting in the global economy and general financial condition and outlook on customer purchases, component inventory supply, or ability to expand our partner network, communication with investors, certain actions of our competitors, the protection of our intellectual property, sufficiency of our capital, inventory investment and risk of obsolescence, security of information systems and data, integration of new information systems, credit risk, product liability and costs of reliance on external advisors. The Audit or Finance Committee, as applicable, then reports such risks as appropriate to the Board. The Board initiates discussions with appropriate members of our senior management if, after discussion of such risks, the Board determines that such risks raise questions or concerns about the status of operational risks then facing us.

Our Board relies on our Compensation Committee to address significant risk exposures we face with respect to compensation, including risks relating to retention of key employees, protection of partner relationships, management succession and benefit costs, and, when appropriate, report these risks to the full Board.

Stockholder Communications with the Board

Stockholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with the Board, a committee of the Board, or any individual director, may do so by sending a written communication to the attention of the intended recipient(s) in care of the Corporate Secretary, LightPath Technologies, Inc., 2603 Challenger Tech Court, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida USA 32826. The Corporate Secretary will forward all appropriate communications to chairman of the Audit Committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee is responsible for, among other things, reviewing and discussing the Company's audited financial statements with management, discussing with our independent auditors information relating to the auditors' judgments about the quality of our accounting principles, recommending to the Board that we include the audited financial statements in our Annual Report, and overseeing compliance with the SEC requirements for disclosure of auditors' services and activities. At the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board first approved a charter for the Audit Committee on November 14, 2000, which was subsequently revised and approved by the Board on May 10, 2004.

Review of Audited Financial Statements

The Audit Committee reviewed our financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, as audited by BDO USA, LLP, our independent auditors, and discussed these financial statements with management. In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with BDO USA, LLP the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"), as may be modified or supplemented. Furthermore, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from BDO USA, LLP required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, as may be modified or supplemented, and has discussed with BDO USA, LLP its independence.

Generally, the members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not experts in the fields of accounting or auditing, or in determining auditor independence. However, the Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence criteria set forth in the applicable rules of the NCM and the SEC, and that at least one member of the Audit Committee, Mr. Leeburg, is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by SEC rules. Members of the Audit Committee rely, without independent verification, on the information provided to them and on the representations made by management. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not currently provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and

applicable laws and regulations.

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