

WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

February 6, 2023

C. – Minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting

Minutes

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Monday, December 19, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was held via Zoom.us

A. **Roll Call** 10:14 a.m.

Bettye Misuraca (C)	- Excused
Tim Killeen (VC)	- Present
Lolita Haley	- Present
Maria Lambert	- Excused
Barbara Rogalle Miller	- Present
Tonia Jenkins	- Present
Stephen Grady Muhammad	- Present
Renata C. Seals	- Present

Vice-Chair Killeen chaired the meeting.

B. Seals/Haley **Approved.** To accept the agenda as written.
Motion Carried.

C. Jenkins/Seals **Approved.** The minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting. Motion Carried.

D. Report from the Chair

The authority skipped item D due the Chair's excused absence.

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

1. Report from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)

Vice-Chair Killeen asked the representatives from the DIA to introduce themselves. In attendance were:

- Julie McFarland – Executive Director of Public Affairs and Community Engagement
- Salvador Salort-Pons – Museum Director
- Judith Dolkart – Deputy Director of Art Education and Programs
- Anthony Smith – Vice President of Learning and Audience Engagement

- Sharon Harrell – Community Engagement Manager

Discussion among Ms. McFarland, Vice-Chair Killeen and Clerk Gagneet Khangura about displaying the PowerPoint presentation for the Zoom audience.

Ms. McFarland summarized the current service agreement and how it benefits residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Ms. McFarland also spoke about the programs offered by the DIA for schools, seniors and various community partners.

Ms. Dolkart spoke about the museum's current and upcoming exhibitions, including "Van Gogh in America," "Van Gogh's Artistic Roots," "James Barnor: Accra/London A Retrospective" and "Printmaking in the Twenty-First Century."

Vice-Chair Killeen opened the floor for discussion and asked that members save any questions or comments on the new service agreement for item F.4.

Member Haley asked for statistics on the DIA's Educator Professional Development Program, including how many people participate and how the DIA measures the success of the program. Ms. McFarland said those evaluation figures would be included in the year-end report that is submitted to the authority in the spring.

Member Haley also asked for more information on the DIA's Community Group Programs. Ms. Dolkart explained that the DIA's studio program works with several social service organizations, in Detroit and in other Counties, to provide art-marking opportunities for those community groups. Dr. Salort-Pons noted that they have testimonials from individuals who participate in these programs that help the DIA gauge the effectiveness of these programs.

Vice-Chair Killeen suggested inviting some teachers to the next Art Institute Authority meeting to get direct feedback on the Educator Professional Development Program.

Member Seals asked about engagement with communities in Wayne County, outside of Detroit. Mr. Smith noted that the DIA extends opportunities for schools and community groups all over Wayne County. Member Seals requested additional information on total community engagement in the next DIA report.

Discussion among Member Haley, Mr. Smith and Ms. Dolkart about how engagement with the arts helps students develop critical thinking skills through the analysis of the works they are engaging with.

Member Rogalle Miller asked if the DIA has had any contact with the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) to ensure they are reaching as many students as possible. Mr. Smith said that the DIA is in the process of

working with Wayne RESA.

Member Grady Muhammad requested additional information on the DIA's outreach process for its Community Partnership Programs at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Killeen suggested structuring future meetings around these topics to allow for sufficient time for the DIA representatives to cover the members' questions.

Vice-Chair Killeen ended discussion on the DIA Report and asked Member Grady Muhammad to introduce himself as the newest member of the Art Institute Authority.

2. Approval of the Wayne County Art Institute Authority Projected Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Vice-Chair Killeen broke down the projected budget and noted that additional funds were added to cover attorney fees and potentially hire a part-time staff member for support.

Discussion among members about the parking fees they incur when attending in-person meetings.

Member Grady Muhammad asked for the status of the authority hiring an attorney. Member Seals said she had not received any response from the County Executive's Office or the County Commission for further guidance on this matter. Vice-Chair Killeen clarified that the authority has yet to take formal action on this matter and suggested that Member Seals reach out to law firms to draft a proposal on which attorney to hire and present this proposal at the next meeting.

Clerk Khangura noted that Zoom participants were complaining about having trouble hearing the members clearly and requested that members speak directly into the microphones.

Rogalle Miller/Jenkins

Motion: To approve the Wayne County Art Institute Authority's Projected Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Motion carried.

3. Status of Audit

Vice-Chair Killeen said that the authority has hired Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C. to perform the annual audit for the authority, which is underway. Vice-Chair Killeen said that the audit would come before the authority early next year for review and approval.

4. Discussion of Service Agreement

Vice Chair Killeen noted that the authority has already discussed covering the

programs offered under the current service agreement in more detail at upcoming meetings.

Ms. McFarland noted that the presentation given earlier in the meeting covered some of services that the DIA is hoping to continue with the new service agreement. Ms. McFarland also said that the DIA would come to the next authority meeting prepared with detailed answers to the questions posed by the members on the school programs.

Discussion among member with Ms. McFarland about allocations for the DIA's various programs. Member Grady Muhammad asked where he could find the current agreement with the current allocations. Vice-Chair Killeen noted that the current service agreement is available on the authority's web page and that allocations are broken down in the written DIA reports.

Discussion among members about the subcommittee to review the service agreement. Member Rogalle Miller noted that the subcommittee still needs to appoint a third member to replace former member Dawn Lee-Cotton. Member Grady Muhammad volunteered to replace Ms. Lee-Cotton and join Chair Misuraca and Member Seals on the subcommittee to review the service agreement.

Vice-Chair Killeen requested that the members of the sub-committee begin their review of the service agreement and provide a report at the next meeting.

Ms. McFarland said she looks forward to working with the subcommittee and offered to connect the subcommittee members with those working in Oakland and Macomb County on reviewing the service agreement, as well.

5. Approval of the proposed meeting schedule for 2023

Ms. McFarland requested that the authority reschedule the date of the first meeting of year to give the DIA staff more time to prepare all the materials necessary.

Discussion among members about amending the proposed meeting schedule to change the date of the first meeting from January 23, 2023 to February 6, 2023.

Rogalle Miller/Jenkins

Motion: To approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2023, as amended.

The Wayne County Art Institute Authority will meet on February 6, May 15, August 28 and December 11 in 2023.

G. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Board

Member Rogalle Miller thanked the DIA for inviting her local art council to the “Van Gogh in America” exhibit.

H. Public Comments

Public comments were offered on Zoom by Neera Ahmed, Halima Cassells, Tom O’Brien and Sarah S.

Additional public comments, read into the record by Clerk Khangura, were submitted by Kimberly A. Kleinhans, Ali Murat Gali, Erik Paul Howard, Joanne Adams, Marcia Lee, Dameon Gabriel, Mii Gun, Shanna Merola, Aubrey Agee, Khary Frazier, N-Zin-Ga Masani-Manuel, Phillis Judkins, Theo Pride and Linda S. Campbell.

I. Adjournment

Jenkins/Seals

The Board adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gagneet Khangura
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