

WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

C. – Minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting

Minutes

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Monday, March 25, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

Meeting conducted in Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold,
Detroit, and on Zoom.us

A. **Roll Call** 2:05 p.m.

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

B. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Grady Muhammad requested to amend the agenda to add two items under E. (1) An update from the legal counsel with items they investigated/reviewed at the board's request and (2) a report from the Service Agreement Sub-Committee.

Lambert/Rogalle Miller **Approved.** Amendments made by Mr. Grady Muhammad

Rogalle Miller/Grady Muhammad **Approved.** The agenda, as amended. Motion Carried.

C. Approval of the March 1, 2024 meeting minutes

Mr. Grady Muhammad requested that a spelling error be corrected to a name listed in Item H. Public Comments: Russ Ballant

Killeen/Lambert **Approved.** The minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting. Motion Carried.

D. Report from the Chair - None

E. Unfinished Business

1. An update from the legal counsel with items they investigated/reviewed at the board's request

Attorney Robert Gross from Perkins Law Group provided a report. Members made requests of the committee for the following- information: Oakland County has extended its agreement by 3 years, through December 2026. Mr. Gross spoke with the chairperson of the Oakland County Art Authority, Dr. Raj Paul. In speaking with him, it is its position that instead of having another 10-year agreement that would be continually amended, it would be easier to create another service agreement every three years. All three counties previously needed a 10-year agreement, but that is no longer the case. Even though Oakland County has a three-year agreement, amendments are still allowed, as with a 10-year agreement.

2. Report from Service Agreement Sub-Committee

Mr. Grady Muhammad reported that the Sub-Committee was made up of himself, member Seals and Chair Misuraca. They have been meeting for the past year, had three meetings with the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) have completed an historical analysis of the previous agreements and did a side-by-side analysis of the three county agreements (Wayne, Macomb, Oakland). A town hall meeting was scheduled but there was a miscommunication about the meeting time and it will be rescheduled. The Sub-Committee also had a discussion with the Commission Chair, Alisha Bell, where they discovered that some of the commissioners in the Downriver communities had not been participating as much, because they had not been reached out to by the DIA. Ms. Seals thanked everyone who participated and provided input for all of the information that they were able to compile. The goal is to meet the needs of the residents of the community. When the town hall is rescheduled, the board will be notified.

F. New Business

1. Approval of a service agreement with the Detroit Institute of Arts

Mr. Grady Muhammad on behalf of the Sub-Committee asked to incorporate the following amendments to the service agreement:

Amendment No. 1: Under 2.4B (K-12) Services, the sub-committee would like to increase the transportation allowance from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to accommodate additional students. The board would like to increase the current total of 16,000 to 26,000 students, which is roughly 10% of the student population in Wayne County.

Under section 2.8, Additional Procedures, the board would like to change the

\$150,000 to \$250,000 to reflect the previous amendment earlier in the agreement.

Grady Muhammad/Massey

Approved. The aforementioned amendments.

Amendment No. 2: Under Professional Development, Item C, the board would like the Juvenile Detention Facility staff to be able to participate in the teacher professional development training programs. The agreement at the end of the paragraph on page three will be amended to include “in partnership with Wayne County Schools.”

Killeen/Grady Muhammad

Approved. The aforementioned Amendment No. 2. Motion Carried.

Amendment No. 3. Under section 4.3, the board would like to change the agreement term to be April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, a three-year duration.

A roll call vote was requested: Renata Seals (yes), Stephen Grady Muhammad (yes), Barbara Rogalle Miller (no), Hubert Massey (yes), Maria Lambert (no), Lolita Haley (yes), Vice-Chair Killeen (no), Chair Misuraca (yes)

Grady Muhammed/Misuraca

Approved. The aforementioned Amendment No. 3. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chair Killeen proposed the following amendment:

Amendment No. 4. Under Section 2.4B, to add language, adding in the phrase “which may be used to fund transportation, materials, staff mileage, contracts and other program costs.”

A roll call vote was requested. Renata Seals (no), Stephen Grady Muhammad (no), Barbara Rogalle Miller (no), Hubert Massey (yes), Maria Lambert (yes), Lolita Haley (no), Vice-Chair Killeen (yes), Chairwoman Misuraca (no).

Killeen/Lambert

Failed. Amendment No. 4. Motion Failed.

Mr. Grady Muhammad proposed the following amendment:

Amendment No. 4. Under Section 2.4B, to add language “which may be used to fund transportation, materials, and mileage with the goal of serving 26,000 Wayne County students.”

A roll call vote was requested. Renata Seals (yes), Stephen Grady Muhammad (yes), Barbara Rogalle Miller (yes), Hubert Massey (no), Maria Lambert (yes), Lolita Haley (yes), Vice-Chair Killeen (no), Chairwoman Misuraca (yes).

Grady Muhammad/Rogalle Miller **Approved.** The aforementioned Amendment No. 4.

Killeen/ Grady Muhammad **Approved.** The service agreement with the Detroit Institute of Arts, as amended.

G. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Authority - None

H. Public Comments

Comments were offered by Halima Afi Cassells, Taraneh Fazeli, Steve Panton, Mame Jackson and Kaye Levy. The meeting Clerk read emailed comments from Mea Gunn.

I. Adjournment

Rogalle Miller/Lambert

The Authority adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Octavia Hunter
Legislative Research Assistant