WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

C. – Minutes from the May 19, 2026 meeting

Minutes

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Tuesday May 19, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted in Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, and on Zoom.us

A. **Roll Call** **1:23 p.m.**

Pierre Haden	- Present
Cara A. Clemente	- Present
Lolita Haley	- Present
Hubert Massey	- Present
Byron Osbern	- Present
Renata C. Seals	- Present
3 vacancies	

B. Approval of the Agenda

Motioned to amend the agenda to add the small business tax exception discussion to the current agenda.

Haden/Osbern **Approved.** Motion Carried

C. Approval of the March 30, 2026 meeting minutes.

Clemente/Massey **Approved.** The March 30, 2026. Motion Carried

D. Report from the Chair - None

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

1. Review of the 2025 Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Service Agreement Budget

Julie McFarland, Executive Director of Public Affairs/Community, explained the DIA's regular reporting schedule and clarified that the current meeting was an additional meeting, so the DIA did not have formal reports to present. She stated that the DIA follows a regular reporting cadence outlined in the service agreement. Each year, the DIA presents a program plan at the November or December meeting, which

outlines anticipated service agreement activity and projected investments in programs for the upcoming year.

She further explained that the Authority previously received the DIA's year-end report for calendar year 2025, along with Plante & Moran's agreed-upon procedures review of the DIA's service agreement activity. The year-end report provided the results of the DIA's work for the prior year, while the Plante & Moran review examined selected transactions related to the service agreement.

She then stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting is expected to take place on September 1, at which time the DIA will present its half-year report. That report will summarize the DIA's work from January through June and provide information regarding actual and estimated spending to date. The half-year report will also include a forecast for year-end, giving the Authority members a clearer picture of the DIA's anticipated activity and investments for the remainder of the year.

She noted that she would resend both the program plan and the Plante & Moran review so Authority members could review them again and have the half-year report placed in proper context. She also stated that the DIA's reporting schedule and meeting structure are outlined in the service agreement.

2 Discussion of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Contemporary Anishinaabe Art Exhibition

A letter was received by the Wayne County Art Institute Authority regarding a cement pad that was poured on the front lawn of the museum for the planned installation of artwork. It was stated that the DIA is actively collaborating with the artist and intends to bring the artwork to the museum when it is ready. It was further noted that exhibitions and artwork acquisitions are funded through restricted funds and are not funded by the Wayne County Art Institute Authority.

3. Approval of the engagement letter from Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C. for the December 31, 2025 year-end audit

Osbern/Massey	**Approved**. The engagement letter from Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C. for the December 31, 2025 year-end audit. Motion Carried.

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

H. Public Comments

I. Adjournment

Osbern/Massey
The Authority adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,