

aMACOMB COUNTY ARTS AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Special Meeting May 7, 2020

MEMBERS: Jennifer Callans, Jennifer Miller, Ed Bruley, Rodney Tolbert, William Wood, Phil Gilchrist.
DIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Don Ritzenhein and Lillian Demas

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda as presented made by Rodney Tolbert; supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Opens at 4:03 pm. No members of the public present. Closes at 4:03 pm.

DISCUSSION OF LOU AND DIA BOARD MEMBERSHIP

An email from Gene Gargaro, DIA Board Chair, was previously forwarded to authority members indicating what the DIA is looking for in regards to board members. Jennifer Callans had a discussion with Don Ritzenhein prior to this meeting asking what the authority is looking for in means of representation. What are the goals of the board? Goals were discussed and each authority member brought forward their thoughts and the group discussed. All agreed there is a need for more diversity and representation. Authority was never given the opportunity to bring forward candidate names.

In February, Gene asked Don if he would serve on the Governance and Nominating Committee with the goal to facilitate the LOU. Don met with the nominating committee and explained to them that Gene made a commitment on behalf of the board to add members from Macomb County. A specific Macomb County business leader was named as an example of the type of individual needed, but that person is not necessarily a candidate. In a previous email, Don asked Authority members to suggest candidates. He received no response at that time.

Jennifer Callans will remotely attend the Governance Committee meeting on May 11, 2020. There is a concern that with the DIA holding their meetings during the day it may be difficult for people who would be an asset to the DIA to attend. Some people may not be able to completely fulfill the expectations of the position. Therefore, for the two positions referenced, the Authority should come up with up to 10 names. Names need to be sent to Don and Jennifer. Rodney Tolbert is available and would like to be added to that list, and Jennifer Miller recommended Pastor Tyrone Martin.

All candidates need to be presented at the same time. Authority members were asked to come up with additional names within 10 days, and email those names to Jennifer Callans. Don will get a perspective as to what is involved in being a member of the board. That will be shared with members and everyone can confer via email with a solid list of candidates. A bio of each candidate is also recommended with the recommendation. Don will supply an example.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rodney Tolbert and Jennifer Miller were re-appointed for another 2 year term. William Wood terms out this month and he has been asked to return. There is still one more vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 4:53 pm made by Rodney Tolbert; supported by Ed Bruley. MOTION CARRIES