

MACOMB COUNTY ARTS AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
April 28, 2020

MEMBERS: Jennifer Callans, Jennifer Miller, Ed Bruley, Rodney Tolbert, William Wood, Phil Gilchrist.

OTHERS PRESENT: Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President & CEO, DIA;  
Christine Kloostra, Exec. Director Marketing & Communications, DIA  
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA  
Rob Bowen, CFO-DIA  
Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director for Art, Education and Programming  
David Flynn, Executive Director, DIA  
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors  
Dr. Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer MIS

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda with addition of agenda item 10.5-Audit by DIA. Motion to adopt as amended by Jennifer Miller; supported by William Wood. MOTION CARRIES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amendment made to minutes from December 3, 2019. Typo indicating Alesia Flye was a participant in the DIA presentation. Teri John was the participant. Motion to approve minutes with correct by Jennifer Miller, supported by William Wood. MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Opens at 4:10 pm. No members of the public present. Closes at 4:11 pm.

ART AUTHORITY MEMBER TERMS

Review of email sent from Corporation Counsel regarding term length. Membership composition was updated to reflect that change. Term expiration dates are different for members. Vicki will look into why and report back.

DIA BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Draft was presented and reviewed with changes made after the December 3 meeting. Proposal regarding candidate interviews and the "DIA desires to be taken under advisement." This will be removed and a correction will be presented.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Salvador reviewed highlights of the LOU and why it was initiated by the DIA. Discussed how COVID19 has changed things and further discussion will be needed when the future is clearer.

#### DIA BOARD MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTING MACOMB COUNTY

Board representation needs to be discussed. Judy Pritchett and Gene Lovell were mentioned in the discussion. Authority members were not included in the initial discussion of these members. Since there seem to be a lack of communication, a suggestion was made that Jennifer Callans be the point of contact on this issue. Current member term end dates need to be discussed next meeting. Salvador suggested that an Art Authority member be included in the DIA Governance Committee Meetings. Jennifer Callans proposed a discussion between Salvador and Eugene on how to resolve this communication issue. Ed Bruley suggested tabling this until the next meeting. Motion made by Ed Bruley; supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

#### RECEIVE AND FILE LCSA

Motion to receive and file by Rodney Tolbert; supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIES

#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Motion to receive and file made by Rodney Tolbert; supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

#### DIA REPORT

Dave Flynn thanked members and residents for support on the millage, commenting on the increased support in the tri county area. The focus of this report will be to review the previous year annual report. Gene and Salvador have reached out to the community via polling and survey to see what residents are interested in. Programming has been created in many areas including music, sports, pop culture, photography, etc. 2019 was the best year, in every area for all three counties. Unfortunately, these programs are halted but will continue to use these models maybe virtually.

Julie McFarland gave a review of 2019. DFT and free admissions have increased and people are coming back. Field trips surpassed the 15,000 mark. Teacher Professional Development is another success story with 601 teachers attending, an increase of 234 from 2018. Julie maps this progress at the end of every year to get a visual of where the participation is coming from as well as the number of students from each area. Senior program attendance seems to be in larger groups. Inside/out continues to be the largest community partnership. Working on the 2020 schedule. The 2019 community engagement report is being prepared and will be distributed to the community.

Salvador introduced Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director, discussing her background and accomplishments. COVID19 guidelines are being followed and the DIA will closed until 5/15. All programs are suspended thru June 30. Staff has been working from home and there is a temporary salary and hiring freeze. Exhibition opening dates will change. The DIA will continue with virtual programs and online activities. Conversations as to re-opening are very premature, but will be done in two phases, bringing staff back progressively and opening the museum and adapting to the change. A survey was sent to Authority members asking for their ideas in the process and the findings will be reported back. The next board meeting is scheduled for 5/6 at 10:30 and the Authority member are encouraged to attend. Results of this survey will be discussed.

Report by DIA Board Appointees

Lillian spoke on behalf of the board and regarding new representation. Salvador mentioned that he would like to see many candidates. The two candidates discussed earlier in the meeting are not confirmed as they have not gone thru the Governance and Nominating Committee Meeting which will be held May 11.

OTHER BUSINESS

A special teleconference meeting to discuss DIA board membership is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: September 1, 2020 @ 4:00 pm**

Motion made for adjournment at 6:10 pm by Jennifer Miller; supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES