

MACOMB COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

**Minutes
February 23, 2015**

At a meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held Monday, February 23, 2015, in the Board Conference Room on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Jennifer Callans
Ron DiBartolomeo
Katherine Grenda
David Maquera
Stan Simek

Others present:

Annemarie Erickson, Executive Vice President, DIA
Kathryn Dimond, DIA
Catherine Einhaus Director of Elementary Education, Utica Schools
Don Ritzenhein, Macomb Representative to DIA Board of Directors
Melissa Roy, Assistant County Executive
Jill Smith, Assistant Corporation Counsel

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Callans, supported by Maquera, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Grenda, supported by Callans, to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes. The motion carried.

DIA REPORT

Kathryn Dimond presented the 2015 program plan as required by the Service Agreement. Departments across the museum were involved in the planning.

5TH GRADE PILOT PROJECT

Catherine Einhaus discussed the Utica School System 5th grade pilot project. It involved 2000 5th graders in the native art/social studies classes. There will also be an Arts Foundation class offered as an elective to 8th grade through high school students. It will include 4 high schools and 5 junior high schools with over 1000 students.

DON RITZENHEIN PRESENTATION

Don discussed the grand bargain/bankruptcy. He is the chair of the Development Committee. On December 10th, 2015, the DIA will be wholly independent as a 501(c)(3). There is an international search for a replacement for Graham Beale.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Maquera, supported by Callans to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. The motion carried.