

OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

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Chairperson Guastello called the meeting of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Committee Room A at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12E, Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Guastello, Dr. Swarn Rajpal, Gretchen Adler

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Barbara Whittaker and Dr. David Roberson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adler moved approval of the minutes of December 6, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Rajpal.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rajpal moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Adler.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amy Carter, Accountant, Oakland County Treasurer's Office, provided a brief overview of the Treasurer's Report for FY 2022-2023, Month 4, as of March 31, 2023. The report consists of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue, expenditures, non-expenditure payments, and the tax collection/payments that have been transferred to the DIA as of March 31, 2023. Robert Wittenberg, Treasurer, addressed questions posed by the authority members.

Rajpal moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Adler.

Motion carried.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS (DIA) REVIEW OF 2022 YEAR END REPORT

Julie McFarland, Director of Public Affairs, and Ian Rapnicki, Public Affairs Officer of the DIA, provided a presentation on the 2022 Year End Report. The presentation included information about community participation with free admission, the school program, the senior program and community partnership programs.

Ms. McFarland shared that there were over 9,700 Oakland County students who participated in the free field trips to the museum, representing every school district in Oakland County. Although there were still some virtual participations, the trend is returning to more in-person museum experiences. An in-school pilot program is currently being developed to determine the interest and how the engagement strategy would work in the classroom.

There were 68 senior groups that participated in the Senior Program last year, which exceeded the DIA's goals. Free transportation to the museum for seniors is being offered for groups of 25 or more. "Behind the Seen" art talks are available to adult civic and social groups, libraries, senior centers and other community-accessible locations in Oakland County. The DIA plans to expand the senior program by adding special monthly programming such as a music series. The lecture hall is undergoing renovations, making it more wheelchair friendly.

Regarding the Community Partnership programs, the DIA is going to offer "Take and Make" art kits to Inside/Out Partners. Inside/Out communities for 2023 are Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Commerce Township, Pleasant Ridge, White Lake and Oakland Community College. In addition, the DIA will participate in "drop-in art making" at fairs and festivals this year at the Kensington Art Fair, Milford; Art on the Grand, Farmington; the Art and Apples Festival, Rochester; the Funky Ferndale Art Fair, Ferndale; Dragon on the Lake, Lake Orion; the Berkley Street Art Fest; and possibly Milford Memories in Milford.

Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA Director, indicated that approximately a quarter of a million people visited the DIA's Van Gogh exhibit last year. Upcoming exhibits for this year include an exhibit by James Barnor, a photographer from Ghana; Ofrendas: Celebrating el Día de Muertos (the Day of the Dead); After Cubism Modern Art in Paris, 1918-1948; and Regeneration Black Cinema, 1898-1971.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

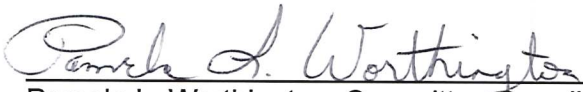
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Adler moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rajpal.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.


Pamela L. Worthington, Committee Coordinator


Gretchen Adler, Secretary

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.

