

OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

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January 22, 2024

Chair Swarn Rajpal called the meeting of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority to order at 9:06 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Committee Room A at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12E, Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Swarn Rajpal, Gretchen Adler, Barbara Whittaker, Jen Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Miller moved approval of the minutes of December 19, 2023, as presented.
Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Woodward, Chair, Board of Commissioners; Walt Herzig, Deputy County Executive

ART AUTHORITY – REVIEW AND APPROVE ART AUTHORITY SERVICE AGREEMENT

An updated draft agreement between the Oakland County Art Institute Authority and the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) was provided to the Authority for approval. David Woodward and Walt Herzig gave some highlights of the proposed changes. A discussion was held regarding the amounts provided for community partnerships, finding additional partnerships to help the DIA use resources, updating broader operations at the DIA (climate action, parking, charging stations for electric cars, etc.), and continued outreach to senior centers both on-site at the DIA and at senior centers.

Miller requested that the following corrections be made to the draft services agreement:

- In the fourth WHEREAS, update the date "January 31, 2023" to "January 31, 2024"

- In section 2.4, **Privileges to Oakland County Residents**, subsection A, **Free Admission.**, add the word “each” to the second paragraph: “The DIA will consult with the Authority to establish 3 free admission days for Oakland County residents to ***each*** ticketed Museum exhibition.”
- In section 4.3, **Term.**, update the date “January 1, 2024” to “January 31, 2024”

Adler expressed concern that she was not given enough time to review the draft agreement prior to the meeting and had reservations about proceeding with the vote.

Julie McFarland, Executive Director, Public Affairs and Community Engagement, DIA, provided a summary of the major changes to the services agreement and confirmed that the changes were agreeable to the DIA.

Miller moved to approve, as amended, the Art Institute Services Agreement between the Oakland County Art Institute Authority and the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) for the three-year term of January 31, 2024, through December 31, 2026, and to authorize the Chair of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority to sign the agreement. Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

ART AUTHORITY – DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A discussion was held regarding the Authority’s right to nominate members for appointment to the DIA Board. A reminder was provided that, per the Articles of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority, Authority members cannot be members of both the Authority and the DIA Board. Miller suggested that the Authority consider developing an application process for filling the seat they appoint. The existing process for application and appointment used by the Macomb County Art Authority will be reviewed at the next OCAIA meeting.

There is vacancy of one seat at the OCAIA board following resignation by Thomas Guastallo. Dave Woodward and Walt Herzig informed that there is a candidate under consideration for this seat. They will inform the Authority in the next two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Adler moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Aaron Snover, Committee Coordinator

Gretchen Adler, Secretary

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.