

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
120 Ezra Rust Dr
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April 16, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Vice Chair Joe Turner called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Ben Champagne, Stephanie Domina, Bill Keys, Theresa Lister, Vee Murugan, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burklund, Kathy Couillard, William Ewald, Bob Gilmour, Thor Rasmussen, Karly Schmidt

Absent: Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the March 19, 2025 minutes. Bill Keys seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bell reviewed the March 2025 treasurer's report, noting nothing unusual with income or expenses, also noted a spring membership campaign would begin shortly. Director Braun gave an update on the Bennett bequest CD investment. Pat Shelley moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ben Champagne. Motion passed.

ArtReach Grant

Bill Keys moved to approve the funding of fifteen 2025-2026 ArtReach grant applications for a total of \$29,280. Pat Shelley seconded. Motion passed. Grant awards will be announced at the May 7th All Area Arts Awards.

All Area Arts Awards

We received 12 nominations and the committee has met to select this year's winners. Received 11 applications for the Seeburger Young Artist Award, winner will be selected later this month. Currently at \$8,600 in sponsorships and continue to seek sponsorships at all levels. The Saginaw United Drumline will be back for the Call to Celebrate and Courtinuum will play during the reception. We will need volunteers for the check-in table, set up and clean up.

Art Roundtable

Had a great turnout from both our elected officials and arts organizations for the Legislative Arts Roundtable on April 7. Introductions, conversation and networking was engaging and very informative. Thank you to Joe Turner for providing cultural sector data in advance of the meeting.

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Saginaw Celebrates Summer

Work is progressing on the summer events calendar, please forward any events you might have for inclusion.

Art @ the Andersen

Wilderness Close to Home: Nature Photography by Erin Wortley will be on display through May 9. *Capturing the Soul by Jody McDonald Rider* will open on May 15. Art @ the Andersen artists have been secured through November 2026.

Directors Report

Marsha announced that the Saginaw City Council would be holding their meetings at Andersen Center beginning May 19th and continue through April 2026 as City Hall renovation continues. There are still rose beds available for adoption in our garden.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Recorded by:
Marsha Braun, Director