

SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION
120 Ezra Rust Dr
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October 15, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order/Roll Call:

Vice Chair Joe Turner called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Ben Champagne, Kathy Couillard, Sarge Harvey, Kristin Karwat, Theresa Lister, Vee Murugan, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Sonia Burklund, Stephanie Domina, William Ewald, Thor Rasmussen

Absent: Bob Gilmour, William Keyes, Karly Schmidt

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

Approval of Minutes

Craig Bell moved to approve the September 17, 2025 minutes. Pat Shelley seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

September 2025 treasurer's report was presented by Craig Bell. Craig noted that the unusually high expense for Supplies is a result of purchases made in September as part of the FY25 MACC Facility Improvement/Equipment Grant. Marsha Braun added that there is one additional grant expense yet to be posted. Pat Shelley moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Kathy Couillard. Motion passed.

Fall Art Show/Art @ the Andersen

Demetrios Scott announced The Fall Art Show, *A Mixed Medley* featuring works by the Saginaw Area Watermedia Artists will be on display through October 16 and that last week's opening reception was attended by close to 100 people. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended.

Dreamland by Matthew Krease is on display now through November 14.

Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC)

Marsha Braun announced that the FY26 state budget had passed with an allocation of just over \$12million for MACC. This is good news for the cultural sector, waiting for MACC to release information on FY26 grant programs.

As part of the MACC FY25 Professional Development grant, Marsha attended the Upper Peninsula Arts & Culture Council's annual conference and Demetrios participated in Duperon Education's Glimpses workshop.

Hollyday Art Mart

Wednesday, December 3, 10 am – 5 pm. Seeking auction donations from area businesses, especially restaurants as they usually go high. Also looking for sponsors for the Bake Shoppe and music as well as cookie bakers. Will be purchasing holly from floral distributor in Flint.

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Student Art Show

Marsha met with Dr. Roberts, Superintendent Saginaw Public Schools, regarding the *Celebrating Saginaw's Cultures* student art show and confirmed that the show has been discontinued, in lieu of a spring show in late May held at SVRC Marketplace. We will pursue a conversation regarding SAEC's involvement with the spring show. Continuing our commitment to giving young creatives an opportunity to display their work in a public setting, we plan to host three Art @ the Andersen exhibitions: Student Show for elementary through High School, Capstone Exhibition for Graphic Design students at the Saginaw Career Complex, and a show coordinated by SVSU or Delta art students.

Artist Mixer/ARTS Roundtable

Artist Mixer, "Intro to the Art of the Critique Circle" with Anita McKeith will take place October 28, 6 pm at Andersen Center.

ARTS Roundtable will be held at Bayne's Apple Valley, November 5, 4:30 pm.

Announcements

Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra concert held on September 27th was very good. New Couse painting at the Saginaw Art Museum is an exceptional piece and a wonderful addition to the Museum's collection.

Tai Chi with Joe Turner continues for fall/winter at the Garber Courts meeting room, Fridays 1:30 pm and the Saginaw Art Museum, Wednesdays 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Commissioner Karwat moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ruffin. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Marsha Braun, Executive Director