

**SAGINAW ARTS & ENRICHMENT COMMISSION**  
120 Ezra Rust Dr  
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November 19, 2025  
Minutes



### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chair Thor Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Craig Bell, Sonia Burklund, Kathy Couillard, Stephanie Domina, Bob Gilmour, Sarge Harvey, William Keyes, Theresa Lister, Thor Rasmussen, Thelma Ruffin, Pat Shelley, Joe Turner

Excused: Ben Champagne, William Ewald, Kristin Karwat, Vee Murugan, Karly Schmidt

Staff Present: Marsha Braun, Demetrios Scott

### **Approval of Minutes**

Joe Turner moved to approve the October 15, 2025 minutes. Craig Bell seconded. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

October 2025 treasurer's report was presented by Craig Bell. Craig noted that all income and expenses are tracking as expected. Additional income and related expenses for Hollyday Art Mart will be recorded in November and December. Bill Keyes moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Kathy Couillard. Motion passed.

### **Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC)**

Marsha Braun announced that we are waiting to hear more from MACC on FY26 grant programs and application deadlines. Do not know which grant programs will be included in the FY26 plan but don't anticipate any major changes from last year.

### **Hollyday Art Mart**

Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sponsorships have come in less than last year so we're looking at the silent auction and raffle to fill the gap. The day will include the Christmas Café with Starbucks coffee, baked goods from Bayne's Apple Valley, plated cookies for sale, remote broadcast with Art Lewis from WSGW, music with Leo & Merry Feith (2:30 – 4:30 pm), fresh holly for sale, gift basket raffle, and the silent auction. Still accepting Silent Auction Items, sponsorships, and cookie donations. We appreciate your support!

### **Art @ the Andersen**

*Interior Landscapes* by Allise Noble, also showcasing work by her Creative 360 student artists with disabilities. Opens November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holidays in the Heart of the City**

Friday, November 21, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. with Cookie Houses at Andersen Center, carriage rides, Santa, holiday concerts, open houses, fireworks and more! Saturday, November 22 is the parade at 11 a.m. followed by the Reindeer Run. AEC is open until 1 p.m. for viewing Cookie Houses.

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### **Artist Mixer/ARTS Roundtable**

Amazing turnout for the Arts Roundtable at Bayne's Apple Valley. We will have another Legislative Meeting with our Elected Officials in late March or early April.

### **Youth Enrichment**

Planning for 2026 youth programming is underway and will include a new plan for student art exhibitions as part of Art @ the Andersen, to include: K – 12 Saginaw Public Schools, Saginaw Career Complex Graphic Arts Capstone Exhibition, SVSU/Delta Arts Students.

### **Chair Report**

With the holiday season approaching consider giving the gift of an arts experience. Tickets to a show, a concert, exhibition or other can make a lasting memory and support our area creatives and cultural venues.

### **Director's Report**

Saginaw Celebrates Summer 2026 request for funding will be submitted to Hemlock Semiconductor prior to November 30. Grant application submitted to Huntington Charitable Trusts scheduled to be reviewed at their meeting on November 20.

### **Announcements**

Sonia Burklund shared a conversation she had with Christin Reer, a 2025 All Area Arts Award Winner, and how the award was the highlight of his career. He was deeply touched to be recognized for his dedication to art education and for using his talents to positively impact the lives of young students.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Recorded by:  
Marsha Braun, Executive Director