

OAKLAND COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

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Dr. Swarn Rajpal, *Chair*

Barbara Whittaker
Vice Chair

Jenny Brown
James Cristbrook

Jen Miller
Secretary

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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' Pernick-Aaron Conference Room at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12E, Pontiac, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jenny Brown, James Cristbrook, Dr. Swarn Rajpal, Barbara Whittaker

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Jen Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cristbrook moved approval of the minutes of November 18, 2025, as presented.
Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cristbrook moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Oakland County Board of Commissioners Chief of Staff – Letter to Art Authority - Change in Rates for 2026

- Oakland County Art Institute Authority – Administrative Calendar – January 27, 2026

The attached Communications were received by the Authority.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rajpal reported that he has been invited to speak on behalf of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority at the upcoming Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee meeting on February 10th. At this meeting, he will report on the composition of the Art Institute Authority members, including the two Oakland County Appointees to the DIA Board of Directors.

ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were opened for the Election of Chair.

Whittaker nominated Dr. Swarn Rajpal as Chair. Seconded by Cristbrook.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Motion carried on a roll call vote:

Yeas: Brown, Cristbrook, Rajpal, Whittaker (4)

Nays: (0)

Dr. Swarn Rajpal was elected as Chair.

Nominations were opened for the election of Vice Chair.

Cristbrook nominated Barbara Whittaker for Vice Chair. Seconded by Brown.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Motion carried on a roll call vote:

Yeas: Brown, Cristbrook, Rajpal, Whittaker (4)

Nays: (0)

Barbara Whittaker was elected as Vice Chair.

Nominations were opened for the election of Secretary.

Brown nominated Jen Miller for Secretary. Seconded by Cristbrook.

There were no further nominations and nominations were closed.

Motion carried on a roll call vote:

Yeas: Brown, Cristbrook, Rajpal, Whittaker (4)

Nays: (0)

Jen Miller was elected as Secretary.

DIA BOARD REPORT

Bo Cheng and Dave Flynn, Oakland County Appointees to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Board of Directors, attended the meeting to provide a report and ask the Authority what their goals are for the Appointee participation during 2026. Cheng and Flynn will be attending the 2026 DIA Board of Directors meetings in February, May, August, and November. Flynn reported that the DIA received a \$500,000 grant to digitize their Research Library.

TREASURERS REPORT

Amy T. Carter, Accountant II with the Oakland County Treasurer's Office provided a report of the current financials of the Oakland County Art Institute Authority.

A follow-up to the ongoing examination regarding the \$6,300 for 2022 millage services that the Authority was invoiced for last year, it was discovered that Plante Moran was invoicing the Oakland County Art Institute Authority (OCAIA) for the audit conducted under contract with the Detroit Institute of Arts. Further discussion revealed that this invoicing was under the instruction and preference of previous OCAIA leadership. Moving forward, the DIA will pay for their auditing services of the millage performed by Plante Moran.

Cristbrook moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Authority Members' Comments

Speakers:

Whittaker

Cristbrook

Rajpal

ADJOURNMENT

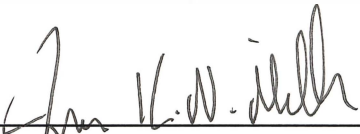
Cristbrook moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Whittaker.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Susie Corker Cobb, Committee Coordinator



Jen Miller, Secretary

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Authority approval.