

Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Arcadia Commons Campus  
**Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

Advisory Team

5:30 PM

July 1, 2025

*Present: Baker, Chesak, Ferraro, Kettner, Kobb, McElhone, Michaels, Stefanick, Stinson, Washington*

*Absent: Fullerton, Jackson*

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
2. Acceptance of the Minutes — April 1, 2025
3. Informational Updates
  - a. Introduction of New Members: Kristin Chesak, Vicky Kettner and Trevor Stefanick
4. Advisory Team's Focused Discussion and Exercise
  - a. Presentation from Assistant Director - Museum Programs Lexie Schroeder Kobb
    - i. Programs were created for Ray Harryhausen exhibit focusing on public socializing and the theme of animation.
    - ii. Aubrey Rodgers from KVCC's Applied Arts & Media Technology program helped design hands-on programs.
    - iii. Connecting Chords, Arts Council and Friends of Poetry collaborated on an exhibit currently on display, with poetry and music based on exhibit elements. It can be accessed via smartphone.
    - iv. Reflection activity: organized events that were meaningful to you, adjectives to describe these events, biggest concerns for the community, and the biggest problems you foresee for Kalamazoo 50 years from now. How can the KVM help solve these issues?
  - b. The KVM seeks to identify its role in the community by being intentional in its plans of fulfilling community goals.
  - c. Next Friday, Art Hop will have 36 stops, from 5 to 8 p.m., with awards and music in Bronson Park.
  - d. YMCA member engagement month is July, and it will include distributing meals to families with children.
  - e. International engagement in Kalamazoo is going up, with food entrepreneurs coming for a program at Harvey's on the Mall, as well as participants from multiple African countries for another program.
  - f. Healthy Living Campus opportunities continue to be available. Cosmetology and barber program offering reduced rates on many so that students can practice their skills.
5. Next Meeting — October 7, 2025 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting — January 6, 2026)
6. Adjournment

**Approved by Cabinet on October 2, 2024**

**Vision**

*The Kalamazoo Valley Museum aspires to be a place for all to connect, learn and belong through representative stories, exhibits and experiences.*

**Mission**

*The Kalamazoo Valley Museum offers inclusive learning opportunities that foster exploration of educational themes including the sciences and local history.*

MAT Attendance							A=Absent
	January-24	April-24	July-24	April-25	July-25		P=Present
Kristin Chesak	X	X	X	X	P		
Sharon Ferraro	A	P	P	P	P		
Leatrice Fullerton	P	P	P	A	A		
Jermaine Jackson	P	A	A	A	A		
Vicky Kettner	X	X	X	X	P		
Jodi Michaels	P	P	P	A	P		
Trevor Stefanick	X	X	X	X	P		
Lucinda Stinson	P	P	P	P	P		