

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Arcadia Commons Campus
Kalamazoo Valley Museum
Advisory Team
5:30 PM
October 7, 2025

Present: Chesak, Ferraro, Fullerton, Hirsch, McElhone, Michaels, Stefanick, Steiner

Absent: Baker, Jackson, Kettner, Stinson

Meeting Agenda

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes — July 1, 2025
 - a. The minutes were accepted as presented.
3. Informational Updates
 - a. Advisory Team's Focused Discussion and Exercise
 - b. Exploration of the museum's Children's Landscape and input from MAT members; Sabrina Hirsch, Early Learning Programs Coordinator, to lead tour & short presentation in WorldWorks
 - i. Sabrina provided an overview of Children's Landscape; "Play Is Learning" was one of the themes of the presentation. She also reviewed the effort to assess and update programming materials to meet the needs of 0 to 5-year-old guests to meet specific development goals. Part of the review was to go through the library of books to discard older books based on condition and other factors. Newer books have been purchased that better reflect the community. Following the presentation, a tour of the second-floor Children's Landscape explored three activity spaces and the newer Mother's Lounge/Nursing Room.
 - c. Introduction of Brigitte Steiner, German Museum & Social Work professional who will be interning at the Museum through October 23
 - i. She has been job shadowing and participating in other meetings with staff for the experience. The KVM seeks to identify its role in the community by being intentional in its plans of fulfilling community goals.
4. Discussion with MAT to seek additional ideas; please be prepared to answer the following questions:

What children's programs and activities would you like to see at the KVM to support the college & KVM's missions?

Are these themes and topics relevant and/or appealing to diverse audiences and those not always represented at the museum?

 - a. Bill will review highlights from the shared report.
5. Next Meeting — January 6, 2026 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting — April 7, 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
	April-24	July-24	April-25	July-25	October-25	P=Present
Kristin Chesak	X	X	X	P	P	EA=Excused Absence
Sharon Ferraro	P	P	P	P	P	
Leatrice Fullerton	P	P	A	A	P	
Jermaine Jackson	A	A	A	A	A	
Vicky Kettner	X	X	X	P	EA	
Jodi Michaels	P	P	A	P	P	
Trevor Stefanick	X	X	X	P	P	
Lucinda Stinson	P	P	P	P	EA	