

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM (SAM) UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

June 29, 2023

SEATTLE - The Seattle Art Museum and SAM VSO Union bargaining teams met in person on Tuesday, June 27 for our sixteenth collective bargaining session, and the eighth meeting this year as we reach the 2023 midpoint.

The session Tuesday was a particularly worthwhile one in terms of exchanging information and providing clarifications. Our productive conversation included portions of the Employee Handbook, as we sought to increase mutual understanding and further contextualize pending proposals.

We reached another tentative agreement (TA), this one related to overnight coverage. This brings our TA count to 25 total. We also discussed proposals related to supervisory tasks and retirement.

With significant progress made as the two teams near the one year point of negotiations, we are focused on what remains to achieve a fair mutual agreement. We will continue to engage with the Union on those important matters, continuing our shared collaborative and productive approach during these sessions.

Both bargaining teams are working hard to continue this positive momentum with two more sessions set for the month of July. The next session is July 11, and we will provide a summary following that meeting.

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ABOUT SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

As the leading visual art institution in the Pacific Northwest, SAM draws on its global collections, powerful exhibitions, and dynamic programs to provide unique educational resources benefiting the Seattle region, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond.

From a strong foundation of Asian art to noteworthy collections of African and Oceanic art, Northwest Coast Native American art, European and American art, and modern and contemporary art, the strength of SAM's collection of approximately 25,000 objects lies in its diversity of media, cultures, and time periods.

