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Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Museum Expansion Committee Meeting Minutes  
The Claiborne Robertson Room, 10:00 am  
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

There were present:

Dr. Herbert A. Claiborne, Jr., Chair  
Robert L. Burrus, Jr.  
Herbert A. Claiborne III  
Mrs. William T. Clarke  
Mrs. Whitt W. Clement  
W. Birch Douglass III  
Mrs. Bruce C. Gottwald  
William M. Grace  
Margaret Freeman Howerton  
Jane Joel Knox  
Frances A. Lewis  
Charlotte M. Minor  
Stanley F. Pauley  
Charles L. Reed, Jr.  
Mrs. Hunter J. Smith  
Jane Bassett Spilman  
John R. Staelin  
S. Pierce Walmsley V  
Mrs. Richard S. Reynolds III, Ex-Officio  
Thurston R. Moore, Ex-Officio  
Richard G. Tilghman, Ex-Officio

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director  
Ms. Carol Amato  
Stephen D. Bonadies  
David B. Bradley  
Ms. Suzanne Broyles  
Brian Haggard  
Ms. Joan W. Murphy  
Robin Nicholson  
Ms. Nancy H. Parsons  
Ms. Jayne Shaw  
Ms. Alexis Vaughn  
Richard B. Woodward

Absent:

Thomas N. Allen  
 Robert L. Burrus, Jr.  
 John R. Curtis, Jr.  
 Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr.  
 Mrs. Suzanne T. Mastracco, Ex-Officio

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Herbert A. Claiborne, Jr. at 10:00 am.

## II. MINUTES

**Motion:** proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Museum Expansion Committee meeting held on the 31st of March 2010 be approved as distributed on the 13th of May 2010. Motion carried.

## III. DISCUSSION OF EXPANSION

At 10:09 am the meeting went into closed session to discuss matters related to the construction of the parking deck, expansion and sculpture garden.

**Motion:** proposed and seconded that the meeting go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711 (A) (9) and (30) of the Freedom of Information Act

for discussion of matters relating to specific gifts, bequests, and grants, and

for discussion of the terms and scope of the contracts for the expansion, sculpture garden and parking deck where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Museum.

Motion carried.

At 10:55 am, by motion proposed, seconded and carried, the meeting resumed in open session.

**Motion:** proposed by Dr. Claiborne and seconded by Mr. Douglass that the Committee certify that the closed session just held was conducted in compliance with Virginia State law, as set forth in the Certification Resolution distributed. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken, the results of which are outlined in the Certification Resolution.

President, Pamela Reynolds, presented Dr. Claiborne with a hard hat with his name on it for serving as Chairman of the Museum Expansion Committee which has met 124 times over the years.

Dr. Claiborne thanked everyone who contributed to the expansion project over the last ten years. He said it has been his great privilege to serve as the Chairman of this hard-working committee, and he appreciated everyone's encouragement and support. He thanked the key staff, Alex Nyerges, Carol Amato, Brian Haggard, Richard Woodward, David Bradley, Steve Pancham, and Suzanne Broyles. He thanked Joan Murphy of the Attorney General's office for defending us over the past ten years. He noted that the success of the expansion project was also dependent on the equal success of our Capital Campaign. He said a debt of thanks is due to Chairman Stan Pauley and to the many volunteers and staff who worked on behalf of the campaign. In the coming months, staff will undertake the chores of finishing the sculpture garden and closing out all the contracts. He remarked that although the work of the Museum Expansion Committee is concluding, the finish-up activities will be with us a while longer. Final cost negotiations for the expansion will commence later this summer after all the punch-lists and code issues are resolved and the temporary certificate of occupancy is replaced with the final, permanent certificate.

Dr. Claiborne thanked everyone present for working so hard together and gave a champagne toast to the committee. The Committee responded with a standing ovation for Dr. Claiborne. Nancy Gottwald toasted Dr. Claiborne, Carol Amato and especially Richard Woodward for making the expansion a reality. Former President Jane Spilman echoed the sentiment and the committee agreed.

#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

No additional business was brought before the committee and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am when the group gathered in the new Cochrane Atrium for a final group photo of the Museum Expansion Committee.

Suzanne Broyles  
Secretary of the Museum

MOTION: Dr. Claiborne  
 SECOND: Mr. Douglass

MEETING: Museum Expansion Committee  
 DATE: 26 May 2010

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Museum Expansion Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Museum Expansion Committee hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Museum Expansion Committee.

**VOTE**

AYES: Claiborne, Jr./Burrus/Claiborne III/Clarke/Clement/Douglass  
 Gottwald/Grace/Howerton/Knox/Lewis/Minor/Pauley  
 Reed/Smith/Spilman/Staelin/Walmsley/Reynolds/Moore/Tilghman

NAYS: None

[For each nay vote, the substance of the departure from the requirements of the Act should be described.]

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Allen/Curtis/F. Gottwald/Mastracco

Suzanne Broyles  
 Secretary of the Museum