

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art and Collections Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 4:15pm
Conference Room 1

There were present:

Meg Gottwald, Chair
Edie Cabaniss
Cindy Conner
Anne Edwards
Janet Geldzahler *videoconference; personal (travel)*
Martha Glasser *videoconference; personal (travel)*
David Goode *videoconference; health*
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Michele Petersen
Pam Reynolds

Absent:

Tom Papa, Vice Chair
Sara O'Keefe
Hubert Phipps

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Kay Baker
Candy Banks
Caprice Bragg
Lee Ceperich
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sarah Eckhardt
Jan Hatchette
Debbie Linn
Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
Michael Taylor
Ting Xu, Foundation Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Meg Gottwald called the meeting to order at 5:18pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Ms. Michelle Peterson and seconded by Ms. Pam Reynolds to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 Art and Collections Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. TREATMENT UPDATE OF JAUME PLENSA'S *CHLOE*

Interim Chief Conservator Debbie Linn provided an update on measures taken to repair *Chloe*, an outdoor sculpture by Jaume Plensa, noting that the polyurethane coating had eroded since the piece's installation in 2017. Ms. Linn described the process of replacing the old coating and concluded her report by displaying "before" and "after" photographs of the sculpture.

IV. BENJAMIN WIGFALL EXHIBITION

Dr. Sarah Eckhardt, VMFA Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, provided an overview of an upcoming exhibition focused on the works of Benjamin Wigfall, a Richmond native. Along with colleagues at the Samuel Dorskey Museum of Art at State University of New York, New Paltz, she designed an exhibition that explores Wigfall's career and relocation from Virginia to Kingston, New York, where he founded Communications Village. The exhibition will open in April 2023.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18am.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein
Executive Administrator to the Chief Strategy Officer and
Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Government and Board Relations