

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2023, 3:30pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Brian Ball, Chair
Janet Geldzahler
Pamela Royal
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, ex-officio

Absent:

Jim Cheng
Matt Cooper

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup
Kay Baker
Caprice Bragg
Loran Brueggen
Edie Cabaniss
Stephanie Cooperstein
Betty Crutcher
Courtney Freeman
Jan Hatchette
Tim Hill
Marianne Littel
Colleen Milewski
Bob Mooney
Casey Nye
Jay Olander
Amanda Qreitem
Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup
Christina Shin
Michael Taylor
Brett Thompson, Gilbane Construction Company
Charlie Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Brian Ball called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Mr. Ball and seconded by Ms. Janet Geldzahler to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Alex Nyerges, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) Director and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the architects from SmithGroup have completed the schematic design phase of the project. The design has been shared with the Art and Architectural Review Board and is under review by the Division of Engineering and Building within the Commonwealth's Department of Planning and Budget. He noted that the design takes into account several items which could impact the expansion process, including the firewall, underground duct bank, and façade. Mr. Nyerges also noted that renovation of the Leslie Cheek Theater will begin in January 2024 and is scheduled for completion by August 2024.

V. SCHEMATIC DESIGNS FOR THE EXPANSION

Ms. Jame Anderson, SmithGroup Principal-in-Charge, provided a review of the schematic design to-date, visually highlighting the items Mr. Nyerges mentioned in his earlier report and reiterating the importance of complying with legislative intent. Mr. Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup Lead Designer, presented a revised schematic design for exterior massing. At the presentation's conclusion, Mr. Schroeter and Ms. Anderson responded to questions from the group.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 4:29pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein
Executive Administrator