

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 2:45pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair  
Janet Geldzahler  
Brian Ball  
Cindy Conner, *Virtual (personal)*  
Betty Crutcher  
Ken Dye  
Jil Harris  
Sarah O'Keefe, *Virtual (personal)*  
Michele Petersen  
Lynette Allston, ex-officio

Absent:

Tom Papa

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Alexis Assam  
Kay Baker  
Loran Brueggen  
David Carey  
Valerie Cassel Oliver  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Sylvain Cordier  
Theresa Cunningham  
Madeleine Dugan  
Sarah Eckhardt  
Anne Edwards  
Emily Franklin  
Courtney Freeman  
Ann Goettman  
Aiesha Halstead  
Melinda Hardy  
Jan Hatchette  
Courtney Hargrove  
Li Jian  
Adam Kane, Office of the Attorney General  
Sarah Kennel  
Bill Keyes  
Marianne Littel  
Leo Mazow  
Chris Oliver  
Susan Rawles

Pam Reynolds  
Pam Royal  
Peter Schertz  
Christina Shin  
Anne Smith  
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Matt Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:46pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Ms. Michele Petersen and seconded by Mr. Ken Dye to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 2:47pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Petersen that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting go into closed session to discuss proposed art purchases, gifts, deaccessions, and loans. The relevant exemption is Section 2.2-3711(A)(6 and 10) of the Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

At 4:35pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Dr. Betty Crutcher that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee meeting come out of closed session and to 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 included with these minutes.

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Dr. Crutcher that the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that they approve the purchase, gift, deaccession, and loan considerations as fully described in the meeting packets. Motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved by the committee at 4:36pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Executive Administrator

MOTION: Matt Cooper

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee

SECOND: Michele Petersen

DATE: March 19, 2024

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Art Acquisitions Sub-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 (A) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Art Acquisitions Sub-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 Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee.

**VOTE**

AYES: Ball / Conner / Cooper / Crutcher / Dye / Geldzahler / Harris / O'Keefe / Petersen

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Papa