

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 3:00pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair, *virtual (medical-caregiver)*
Brian Ball
Cindy Conner
Betty Neal Crutcher
Ken Dye
Jil Harris
Sarah O'Keefe
Christina Shin
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Tom Papa

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Alexis Assam
Kay Baker
Dayal Baxani
Caprice Bragg
David Cary
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Theresa Cunningham
Katie Domurat
Birch Douglass
Sarah Eckhardt
Courtney Freeman
Marcia Gilliam
Anne Goettman
Aiesha Halstead
Courtney Hargrove
Andrew Harris
Jan Hatchette
Siera HYTE
Sarah Kennel
Sally Marvin
Leo Mazow
Whitney Murphy
Christopher Oliver
Valerie Cassel Oliver
Amanda Qreitem
Susie Rawles
John Henry Rice
Marie Royce
Anne Smith

Michael Taylor
Iya Tsyrkot

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Matt Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded by Christina Shin to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024 Art Acquisitions Sub-committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 3:03pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded by Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee 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 4:44pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee 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 Cooper and seconded by Sara O’Keefe that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that they approve the art purchases, gifts, deaccessions, and loan considerations as fully described in the meeting packets. Motion carried.

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded by Ken Dye that the Art Acquisitions Sub-committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees that Mr. Alex Nyerges, VMFA Director and Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Michael Taylor, Artistic Director and Chief Curator be authorized to accept gifts of art offered to the museum between December 5 and December 31, 2024.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 4:45pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein,
Executive Administrator

MOTION: Matt Cooper

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-committee

SECOND: Christina Shin

DATE: December 3, 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 / Shin

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Papa