

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 3:00pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

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

Absent:

NA

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Alexis Assam  
Kay Baker  
Dayal Baxani  
Caprice Bragg  
Loran Brueggen  
David Cary  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Sylvain Cordier  
Theresa Cunningham  
Katie Domurat  
Birch Douglass  
Sarah Eckhardt  
Anne Noland Edwards  
Courtney Freeman  
Marcia Gilliam  
Anne Goettman  
Aiesha Halstead  
Margaret Hancock  
Melinda Hardy  
Courtney Hargrove  
Andrew Harris  
Jan Hatchette  
Siera HYTE  
Adrienne Joseph, Foundation Liaison  
Sarah Kennel  
Bill Keyes  
Marianne Littel  
Sally Marvin  
Leo Mazow  
Whitney Murphy

Christopher Oliver  
Valerie Cassel Oliver  
Susie Rawles  
John Henry Rice  
Marie Royce  
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Matt Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Janet Geldzahler and seconded by Tom Papa to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Art Acquisitions Sub-committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 3:01pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

**Motion:** Proposed by Cooper and seconded by Papa 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 4:35pm, 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 Papa 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.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/ ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn 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: Tom Papa

DATE: March 18, 2025

**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 / Papa / Shin

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None