

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Executive and Governance Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 28, 2025, 2:00pm  
Virtual via Zoom

There were present:

Lynette Allston, President  
Matt Cooper  
Betty Crutcher  
Ken Dye  
Jil Harris  
Pam Royal

Absent:

Brian Ball  
Melinda Hardy

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Caprice Bragg  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Tom Gutenberger  
Andrew Harris  
Jan Hatchette  
Deb Love, Office of the Attorney General  
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee President Lynette Allston called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

II. VMFA CODE OF ETHICS

Caprice Bragg, Executive Deputy Director and Chief Administrative Officer, reported that as part of the American Alliance of Museums' (AAM) routine reaccreditation process, a self-study was completed in November of 2024. Since then, the self-study documents have been reviewed by AAM. VMFA was asked to update two items; the emergency preparedness plan and the museum's code of ethics, which was last approved by the Board of Trustees in 1999. Since the due date for the revised document is prior to the next quarterly full board meeting and the Executive and Governance Committee can act on behalf of the full board in such matters, Bragg requested that the committee review and consider approving the suggested changes to VMFA's Ethical Standards. The bulk of the updates reflect the process of deaccessioning as outlined in VMFA's Collection Management Policy that the board approved in December 2023.

**Motion:** Proposed by Dr. Pam Royal and seconded by Mr. Matt Cooper that the Ethical Standards be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

III. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 2:09pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Executive Administrator, Government and Board Relations

