

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Art Acquisitions Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 3:00pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Chair
Janet Geldzahler, Vice Chair
Betty Neal Crutcher
Jil Harris
Sarah O'Keefe
Tom Papa
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Brian Ball
Cindy Conner
Ken Dye
Christina Shin

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Alexis Assam
Kay Baker
Dayal Baxani
Caprice Bragg
Loran Brueggen
David Cary
Valerie Cassel Oliver
Alisa Chiles
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Theresa Cunningham
Katie Domurat
Birch Douglass
Sarah Eckhardt
Aiesha Halstead
Melinda Hardy
Courtney Hargrove
Andrew Harris
Jan Hachette
Siera Hyte
Roxana Jordan
Sarah Kennel
Leo Mazow
Christopher Oliver
Susan Rawles
John Henry Rice
Marie Royce
Anne Smith
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Matt Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Betty Crutcher and seconded by Sara O’Keefe to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 Art Acquisitions Sub-committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PURCHASE, GIFT, AND LOAN CONSIDERATIONS

At 3:02pm, the meeting went into closed session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded 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 5:07pm, the meeting resumed in open session with the following motion:

Motion: Proposed by Cooper and seconded by Crutcher 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 Tom 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, Cooper proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Geldzahler seconded the motion which was approved by the committee at 5:09pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
Project Coordinator, Office of the Director

MOTION: Matt Cooper

MEETING: Art Acquisitions Sub-committee

SECOND: Betty Crutcher

DATE: June 17, 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: Cooper / Crutcher / Geldzahler / Harris / O'Keefe / Papa

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Ball / Conner / Dye / Shin