

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 12:30pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Brian Ball, Chair
Matt Cooper
Janet Geldzahler
Pamela Royal
Lynette Allston, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Jim Cheng

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup
Kayla Badia
Kay Baker
Dayal Baxani
Caprice Bragg
Edie Cabaniss
David Cary
Stephanie Cooperstein
Thomas Courtney
John Covin
Betty Neal Crutcher
Ken Dye
Ann Goettman
Tom Gutenberger
Melinda Hardy
Andrew Harris
Jil Harris
Jan Hatchette
Tim Hill
Jon Lavis, TDC
Marianne Littel
Deb Love, Office of the Attorney General
Bob Mooney
Whitney Murphy
Susan Nelson, TDC
John O'Connor
Jay Olander
Katie Payne
Maggie Reed, Gilbane
Marie Royce
Anne Smith

Michael Taylor
Brett Thompson, Gilbane
Iya Tsykot
Charlie Whitaker
Chris Wood, SmithGroup

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Brian Ball called the meeting to order at 12:37pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: A motion was made by Ball and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATES

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer, reported that the museum's expansion and renovation design plans are in the working drawings phase. Once complete, they will be sent out to bid for contractors, with groundbreaking projected to begin in mid-2026. He reported that funding analysis for the project continues and that its \$251 million budget has been approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia. He concluded by sharing that the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts expansion plans were recently recognized as a top contender in SmithGroup's recent externally juried architectural design contest.

IV. EXPANSION DESIGN UPDATES

Jame Anderson, SmithGroup Principal in Charge, provided an update on the museum's renovation and expansion project. She reviewed exterior and interior developments and presented preliminary plans for the renovation of the Raysor Center. Anderson next provided recent and pending milestones, including that the preliminary design's technical and budgetary review approval has been received from the Division of Engineering and Buildings and an early enabling work package development that is on track for a late July 2025 submission. After Anderson's update, a brief discussion regarding the construction footprint of the project ensued.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/OTHER BUSINESS

Ball thanked and recognized Lynette Allston for her leadership as Trustee President for the past two years, noting that she will remain on the Board of Trustees as a member. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 1:07pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
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