

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 1:45pm
Smurfit Westrock Art Education Center

There were present:

Jil Harris, Co-Chair
Betty Neal Crutcher, Co-Chair
Anne Noland Edwards
Emily Franklin
Ann Goettman
Marianne Littel
Anne Smith

Absent:

Gil Bland
Loran Brueggen
Rooz Dadabhoy
Marcia Gilliam
Kirsti Goodwin
Bill Keyes
Amanda Qreitem
Rupa Tak
Michel Zajur

By Invitation:

Jeffrey Allison
Kay Baker
Maura Bisceglia
Kelly Bisogno
David Cary
Celeste Fetta
Cherry Gardner
Jan Hatchette
Roxana Jordan
Maggie McGurn
Sarah Rasich
Marie Royce
Michael Taylor
MaryMoss Walker

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order at 1:46pm.

II. TOUR OF SMURFIT WESTROCK ART EDUCATION CENTER

Celeste Fetta, Joan P. Brock Director of Education and Assistant Deputy Director for Education, Statewide and the Library, led the committee on a tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' facilities related to educational programming. She reported that in fiscal year 2025 through the end of May, the Education Department offered over 2,800 programs serving more than 212,000 people. Highlights of the tour included learning about the Library's archives and research programs, the Art Education Center, and initial renovation plans for the Interactive Gallery. Fetta shared that group visits and tours for adults and students for the year exceeded 1,600 (includes over 150 *Frida: Beyond the Myth* exhibition tours) with 31,500 participants. The tour concluded with VMFA Distance Learning staff, Sarah Rasich and Maggie McGurn, providing an overview of the program

III. STATEWIDE UPDATES

Jeffrey Allison, Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and Paul Mellon Collection Educator, provided an overview of VMFA's statewide program along with a brief history of its partnership program. He reported that VMFA has nearly 1,600 statewide partners and 24 at the museum level. Allison noted that the statewide professional consultations program continues to grow, and that VMFA is working with the Pamunkey Reservation to build a new museum. He concluded his report by sharing that VMFA is on target to exceed FY24's statewide attendance.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Jil Harris and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Education Committee meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

Celeste Fetta thanked Dr. Betty Neal Crutcher, Education Committee Co-Chair who will complete her second and final term with the VMFA Board of Trustees, for her support and leadership. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved by the committee at 2:47pm.

Recorded by: Kay Baker
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