

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Draft Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 16 March 2016, 8:30am
Norfolk Waterside Marriott, James Room

There were present:

Satya Rangarajan, Co-chair
Susan Goode
Michael J. Schewel
William A. Royall, Jr., Ex-officio

By invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director
Laura Keller
Hossein Sadid

Absent:

Thomas F. Farrell II, Co-chair
Richard B. Gilliam
Jil Womack Harris
Kenneth Johnson, Sr.
Steven A. Markel
Dr. Paul S. Monroe
Judy Niemyer
Stanley J. Olander

I. CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES APPROVAL

Chair Satya Rangarajan called the meeting to order at 8:41am and welcomed the committee members.

Motion: proposed by Mr. Royall and seconded by Ms. Goode that the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting of the Operations Committee be approved as distributed.
Motion approved.

II. CAPITAL PROJECTS

Director Alex Nyerges provided an update on behalf of Stephen Bonadies, Chief Conservator & Deputy Director for Collections and Facilities Management. He announced that additional funding for the renovation and expansion of the Robinson House looks likely. The source of funding would be a bond issue from the Commonwealth.

Mr. Nyerges reported that construction has begun on the Fabergé galleries and the West Wing kitchen. The galleries will triple in size, using part of the vaulted hall, and part of an existing kitchen. The kitchen will be renovated simultaneously for more efficient use of the remaining space. Construction will be complete in August, when the collection returns from Beijing, China.

III. MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Mr. Nyerges reviewed several ongoing maintenance reserve projects, including the replacement of the Pauley Center roof, the mailroom ceiling repair, the replacement of the original windows at the 1936 entrance, the conservation of the Herter chairs, and the installation of a new elevator in the studio school building.

IV. PUBLIC SPACES

Lastly, Mr. Nyerges announced that the museum will install *Chloe*, a dramatic new sculpture by Jaume Plensa, in the early fall. The artist will complete the work this summer.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There was a brief discussion of Wi-fi access in the museum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Recorded by: Laura Keller
Assistant to the Secretary of the Museum