

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 10:30am  
Video Conference

There were present:

Tom Papa, Chair  
Marland Buckner  
Edie Cabaniss  
David Goode  
John O'Connor  
Jay Olander  
Charlie Whitaker  
Monroe Harris Jr., Ex-Officio  
Jim Klaus, Ex-Officio  
Lilo Ukrop, Ex-Officio

Absent:

Bob Mooney  
Pam Royal  
Ting Xu

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges  
Kay Baker  
Candy Banks  
Stephen Bonadies  
Caprice Bragg  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Tom Gutenberger  
Jan Hatchette  
Steve Pancham, McDonough Bolyard Peck  
Hossein Sadid  
Michael R. Taylor  
Jim Yatzeck, McDonough Bolyard Peck

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Papa welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order at 10:38am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Papa acknowledged that there were no public comments, but welcomed those members of the public that requested to view the meeting.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Charles Whitaker to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 5, 2020 meeting of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

#### IV. UPDATE ON STATE FUNDING OF BUILDING PROJECT

Mr. Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer then provided an update on the status of the capital request. Mr. Nyerges stated that despite the financial uncertainty due to COVID-19, all capital requests approved in 2019 remain approved according to Secretary Lane. \$125 million has been approved for the building expansion with a one to one match of private dollars. This request will be divided into two amounts. \$112 million for hard and soft costs. Then \$13 million for furniture, fixtures, and equipment in two years.

Mr. Papa then asked Mr. Nyerges if the General Assembly had made in budget changes since entering into their special session. Mr. Nyerges replied that they had not and that nothing of note would be heard until the session ended.

#### V. PUBLIC AGENCY REMINDERS

Ms. Caprice Bragg, Chief Strategy Officer and Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Government and Board Relations, provided some brief reminders on behalf of Ms. Cynthia Norwood. Ms. Bragg reminded everyone that it is critical to keep all aspects of a closed session including materials confidential. She also reminded everyone that due to the public nature of the Board of Trustees any situation where there are more than two trustees present represents a public meeting.

#### VI. REVIEW OF RFP, TIMELINE, AND EVALUATION

At 10:45am the meeting went into closed session with the following motion.

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Marland Buckner that the Building Committee go into closed session to discuss the RFP. The relevant exemption is Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. Motion carried.

At 11:55am, by motion proposed, seconded, and carried, the meeting resumed in open session.

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Papa and seconded by Mr. Charles Whitaker that the Committee 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.

## VII. NEXT STEPS

Mr. Michael Taylor, Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Art and Education reviewed the next steps that the committee should take. He noted from the closed session discussion that the committee would work with Ms. Cynthia Norwood to review the RFP to tighten up certain areas and provide her perspectives on Section 6. He said that there would also be a discussion among leadership about the process of reviewing score cards. They would also review and possibly extend the timeline. Mr. Nyerges reminded the committee that the timeline is meant as a guide and that they should never sacrifice quality for speed.

**Motion:** proposed by Mr. Tom Papa and seconded by Mr. Monroe Harris, Jr. that the committee move to approve the release of the Request for Proposal with the suggested additions. The motion carried.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Papa noted that this was a wonderful meeting for the committee, and that he is very pleased with the individuals that make up this team. He stated that he knew that at the end of the day these efforts will result in a beautiful building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Administrative and Project Coordinator to the Director's Office

MOTION: Tom Papa

MEETING: Building Committee

SECOND: Marland Buckner

DATE: September 16, 2020

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Art & Collections 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 & Collections 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 & Collections Committee.

**VOTE**

AYES: Papa / Buckner / Cabaniss / Goode / O'Connor / Olander / Whitaker

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Mooney / Royal