

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Draft Minutes of the Trustee Education Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 2:00pm  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Jil Harris, Chair  
Betty Crutcher, Vice Chair  
Lynette Allston  
Carol Ann Bischoff  
Joan Brock *via videoconference; medical*  
Anne Edwards  
Suzy Szasz Palmer  
Monroe Harris, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Gil Bland  
Ken Dye  
Satya Rangarajan  
Rupa Tak

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Jeffrey Allison  
Kay Baker  
Candy Banks  
Maura Bisceglia  
Caprice Bragg  
Cammy Carleton, Council President  
Matt Cooper  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Celeste Fetta Neff  
Mary Frediani, Foundation Liaison  
Cherry Gardner  
Carolyn Garner, Foundation Liaison  
Tom Gutenberger  
Jan Hatchette  
Jeff Humber  
Jim Klaus, Foundation Co-President  
Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General  
Mimi Ryland, Incoming Council President  
Michael Taylor  
Lilo Ukrop, Foundation Co-President  
Ashlin Wilbanks

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jil Harris called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Ms. Anne Edwards and seconded by Dr. Betty Crutcher to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 Trustee Education Committee meeting as distributed.  
Motion carried.

III. EDUCATION UPDATES

Director of Education Celeste Fetta Neff presented an overview of the museum's Teen Stylin' program, in which students in grades six through twelve design a garment inspired by a work in VMFA's permanent collection. She shared photos of the winning designs in various categories, one of which was on display at the meeting. Ms. Neff then discussed *The Dirty South* Virtual Speaker Series and Summer Film series, noting that these programs, in conjunction with the special exhibition, will utilize film and bi-weekly virtual conversations between scholars, curators, and visual and musical artists to explore poetry, visual and sonic culture, contemporary southern hip-hop, and legacies of traditional southern aesthetics.

IV. VMFA ON THE ROAD/STATEWIDE UPDATES

Mr. Jeffrey Allison, Manager of Statewide Programs and Exhibitions and the Paul Mellon Collection Educator, noted recent *VMFA on the Road* residencies in Church Hill, Fairfax, and Onancock on the Eastern Shore. He reported that the Artmobile will hold a residency at Natural Bridge and work with the museum's Distance Learning Program, noting the opportunity to connect the *Virginia Arcadia: The Natural Bridge in American Art* exhibition with the current *VMFA on the Road* exhibition, *A View from Home: Landscapes of Virginia*. Mr. Allison then announced new statewide partners: IX Art Park, the Historical Society Eastern Shore Virginia, and the Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art. He also discussed current statewide museum level and educational exhibitions which include *Carl Chiarenza* at Piedmont Arts, *Ansel Adams: Composition in Nature* at the Taubman Museum of Art, *A New Mosaic: African American Art from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts* at the Science Museum of Virginia, and *What's So Radical About Impressionism* at the Historical Society Eastern Shore Virginia.

V. OTHER BUSINESS /ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Harris adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Cooperstein  
Executive Administrator to the Chief Strategy Officer and  
Deputy Director for Strategic Planning, Government and Board Relations