

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
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