

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Art and Collections Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 8:15am
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Meg Gottwald, Chair
Tom Papa, Vice Chair
Edie Cabaniss
Anne Edwards
Janet Geldzahler
Martha Glasser *videoconference; personal due to travel*
David Goode
Sara O'Keefe *videoconference; personal due to scheduling*
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Michele Petersen *videoconference; health*
Monroe Harris, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

Cindy Conner
Hubert Phipps
Pam Reynolds

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer
Kay Baker
Stephen Bonadies
Caprice Bragg
Stephanie Cooperstein
Sylvain Cordier
Debbie Linn
Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Meg Gottwald called the meeting to order at 8:16am.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion: Proposed by Mr. David Goode and seconded by Ms. Anne Edwards to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Art and Collections Committee meeting as distributed.
Motion carried.

III. SAUNDERS COLLECTION EXHIBITION

Dr. Sylvain Cordier, Paul Mellon Curator and the Head of the Department of European Art,

presented plans for the display of the Jordan and Thomas A. Saunders III Collection within the museum's European galleries. The collection will be arranged in various categories including: A Cabinet of Curiosities, Political Landscapes and Wondrous Places, Gods and Heroes of the Baroque, Chinoiserie, and A Grand Tour among others.

IV. TREATMENT OF JAUME PLENSA'S *CHLOE*

Assistant Chief Conservator Debbie Linn provided an overview of the measures taken to repair *Chloe*, an outdoor sculpture by Jaume Plensa, noting that the polyurethane coating has eroded since the piece's installation in 2017. Ms. Linn described the process of testing methods of removing and replacing the coating. She concluded her report by outlining the steps for execution of the repair, which began on September 14, 2021.

V. OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11am.

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