

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Noon  
Claiborne Robertson Room

There were present:

Charlie Whitaker, Chair  
Marland Buckner  
Edie Cabaniss  
David Goode  
Pamela Royal  
Monroe Harris, Trustee President, Ex-officio

Absent:

None

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director and Chief Executive Officer  
Jame Anderson, SmithGroup  
Kay Baker  
Candy Banks  
Stephen Bonadies  
Caprice Bragg  
Stephanie Cooperstein  
Tom Gutenberger  
Jan Hatchette  
Curt Manchester, Office of the Attorney General  
Bob Mooney  
Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General  
John O'Connor  
Jay Olander, Foundation President  
Hossein Sadid  
Dayton Schroeter, SmithGroup  
Michael Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charlie Whitaker called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion:** Proposed by Mr. Whitaker and seconded by Mr. Marland Buckner to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 and August 26, 2021 meetings of the Building Committee as distributed. Motion carried.

III. PROJECT UPDATES AND PROGRAM VALIDATION

Dr. Michael Taylor, Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Art and Education, reported that

SmithGroup has been working since July 8, 2021 on the Program Validation phase meeting with internal VMFA stakeholders to determine their needs in the expansion project. Dr. Taylor introduced SmithGroup representatives Ms. Jame Anderson, Principal-in-Charge, and Mr. Dayton Schroeter, Lead Designer. Ms. Anderson provided an overview of the Program Validation discussions, as well as associated data snapshots. Mr. Schroeter described the opportunities and future considerations associated with the project. They concluded their presentation by outlining next steps, which include community engagement and site planning.

#### IV. EXPANSION CASHFLOW PROJECTIONS

Chief Executive Officer Hossein Sadid provided an update on the museum expansion and renovation business plan which outlines the project's funding sources. Mr. Sadid reported that of the \$190 million budget, \$125 million will be provided by the Commonwealth while \$65 million will come from fundraising. He noted that various finance options are being considered at present.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

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